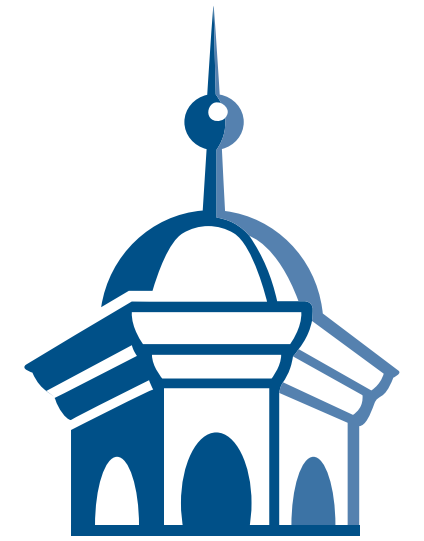


May 17, 2021



ARPA Workshop for Local Officials

Hosted By the Northern Vermont Economic Development District
Featuring: Vermont League of Cities and Towns
State of Vermont Agency of Administration




Doug Farnham
Chief of Operations
Vermont Agency of Administration

How will the State distribute Non-Entitlement Funding?

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - American Rescue Plan

- States \$195.3 Billion
- Counties \$65.1 Billion
- Metro Cities \$45.6 Billion
- Non-Entitlement Units of Government \$19.5 Billion
- Plus Tribal Governments and Territories

Vermont's Share



• State of Vermont	\$1,049,287,303
• Counties	\$121,202,550
• Metro Cities	\$20,721,902
• Non-Entitlement Units of Government	\$58,788,245
TOTAL ARPA STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS:	\$1,250,000,000

Non-Entitlement Units of Government

(Everyone in Vermont Except Burlington and South Burlington)

- Treasury is expected to issue allocations for non-entitlement units this week
- Vermont Agency of Administration (AOA) will issue final allocation including county funding on VLCT's webpage
- Towns will need to request (certify) funding from AOA through web portal

Unanswered Questions...

- What will our allocation be?
- When will the supplemental NEU guidance come out?
- How will this funding complement the State Local Fiscal Recovery Funding and the Capital Project Fund?
- Can we pool funding at a regional level?



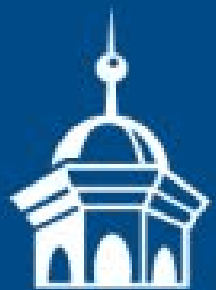
Ted Brady
Executive Director
Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Overview of State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funding.

Be Patient, Be Strategic & Be Deliberate

Treasury is interpreting the requirement that costs be incurred by December 31, 2024 to only require that recipients have “obligated” the funds by such date. The period of performance will run until December 31, 2026, which will provide recipients a reasonable amount of time to complete projects funded with Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Planning Framework for Maximum Impact and Best Use of Municipal ARPA Funds



Vermont League
of Cities & Towns

1. PRIORITIZE GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Convene all Stakeholders & Build Consensus
- Follow Allowable Uses Under ARPA
- Meet all Accounting & Reporting Rules
- Comply w/ all Local & State Laws/Ordinances
- Ensure Transparency Throughout
- Do Not Create Future Budget Deficits

2. LEVERAGE YOUR ARPA AID

- Use a Thoughtful Strategic Planning Process
- Leverage w/ ARPA, FEMA & Other \$ Fed Sources
- Coordinate w/ Other State & Local Programs
- Collaborate w/ Community Partners & Orgs
- Use Existing Delivery Systems for Efficiency
- Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Learn from Others

3. INVEST IN BEST USES FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Invest in Urgent Health and Economic Needs
- Prioritize Short-Term Investments w/ Lasting Benefits
- ID and Address Pre-COVID Inhibitors to Growth
- Move Quickly to Stimulate a Faster Recovery
- Measure Progress Throughout to Inform Ongoing Plans

Treasury Guidance / What You CAN Spend \$ On

- To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. In addition, Congress clarified two types of uses which do not fall within these four categories

Treasury Guidance / What You CAN Spend \$ On

- Administration
- Presumed eligible uses if you are using the money in qualified low-income census tracts
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Revenue replacement (you must use the replaced revenue on government services and infrastructure)

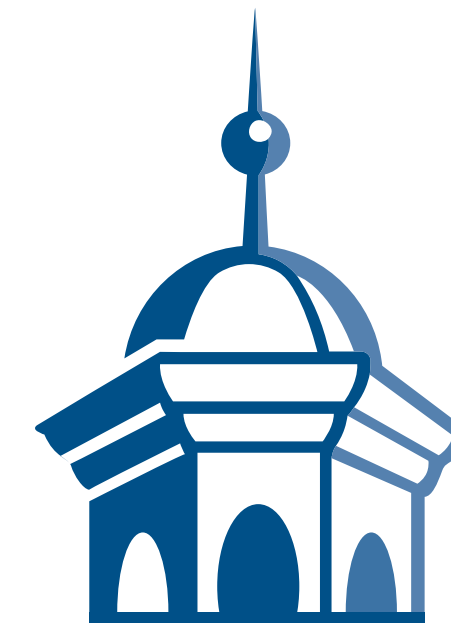
Treasury Guidance / What You **CAN NOT** Spend The Money On

- Federal Match
- Premium Pay
- Pensions
- Infrastructure Not Directly Addressed in ARPA
- Rainy Day Funds, Financial Reserves, and Outstanding Debt

What Does Your Town Need To Do?

- ✓ Register for DUNS # if you don't have one
- ✓ Set up separate fund in accounting system
- ✓ Review policies: Purchasing/procurement; Internal financial controls
- ✓ Prepare for state certification process
- ✓ Contact Independent Auditor - possible single audit

Karen Horn
Director of Advocacy
VLCT



How will VLCT help your community spend
and report on the funding?



VLCT ARPA Coordination and Assistance Program

- Guidance and Project Eligibility Analysis
- Webinars, Targeted Training, Best Practices
- Answer Questions (arpa@vlct.org)
- Assist in Reporting, Transparency, Tracking Use of Funds
- Financial and Accounting Assistance
- Resource Portal, FAQs - vlct.org/ARPA

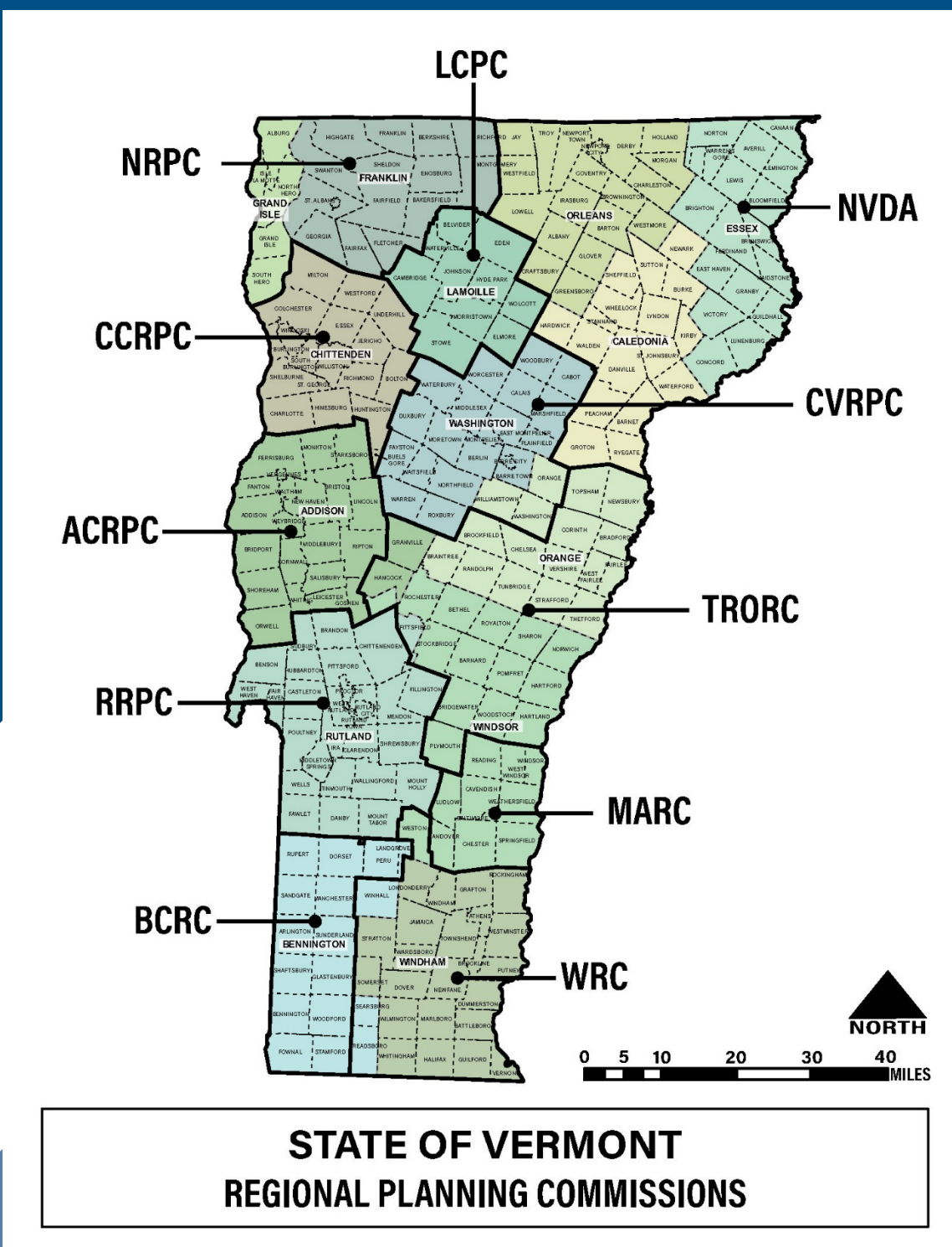


VLCT ARPA Coordination and Assistance Program

Quick Facts...

- National Environment and Policy Act (NEPA) does not apply to ARPA itself (no federal environmental assessments required). May apply because of project you are doing.
- Annual Project and Expenditure Reporting Requirement for NEUs each October 31 (starting in 2021)
- Most Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) applies, including Cost Principles and Single Audit Requirements.

Regional Planning Commission Assistance



- Identify needs and top priorities for designing and building projects that are consistent with existing State, regional and local plans.
- Respond to inquiries on eligibility to facilitate local discussions among stakeholders on specific projects.
- Provide other assistance as needed from local communities in coordination with VLCT.
- Work with VLCT, regional development corporations, and private consultants working with municipalities to ensure needs of local communities are met, especially related to project development and management.

For more information on the State of Vermont's 11 Regional Planning Commissions visit:

<https://www.vapda.org/>

Key Resources

- [Guidance on final allocations for metropolitan cities and estimated allocations for non-entitlement units | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)
- [Interim Final Rule | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)
- [Six Considerations to Leverage ARPA Funds for Economic Mobility](#)
- FAQ—[Treasury FAQ for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund](#)
- Tool—[UPDATED Estimated Local Allocations in the American Rescue Plan](#)
- FAQ—[ARPA Local Relief Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide](#)

Have questions?

Contact Us

arpa@vlct.org

[Vlct.org/ARPA](https://vlct.org/ARPA)

