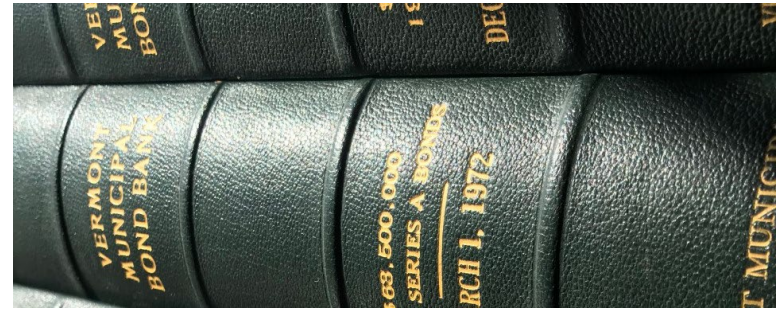




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SMALL SYSTEM CAPACITY & RESILIENCY PROGRAM - TIER 2

SCRP Tier 2 – Round 2 Webinar
September 10, 2025

What is SCRP?

- The Small System Capacity & Resiliency Program is **the result of an ARPA grant** to the Bond Bank from VT DEC.
- The original legislative authorization was to **provide grants to small water systems at risk of failure**. In response to the flooding in 2023, it was expanded to help water and wastewater systems rebuild.
- The **Tier I** program was designed to provide **flood impacted water and wastewater systems** with **partially forgivable loans**, at a 0% interest rate, to bridge FEMA reimbursement or otherwise accelerate rebuilding.
- The **Tier II** program was designed to use repayments from Tier I loans (from FEMA or state reimbursement) for grants to **small water systems** to do necessary repairs that reduce the risk of system failure.
 - Application criteria will be used to identify **systems ranking high in the Vermont Community Index (VCI) and low in affordability**.
 - Application will prioritize **small systems with sound financial planning!**
 - Initial round made \$1 million available. **This round will make another \$1 million available.**
- Grant will also be used to **engage technical assistance providers** to prioritize repairs and ensure long term financial sustainability.
- Guidelines have been informed by stakeholder interviews and meetings.

RPC Technical Assistance Available

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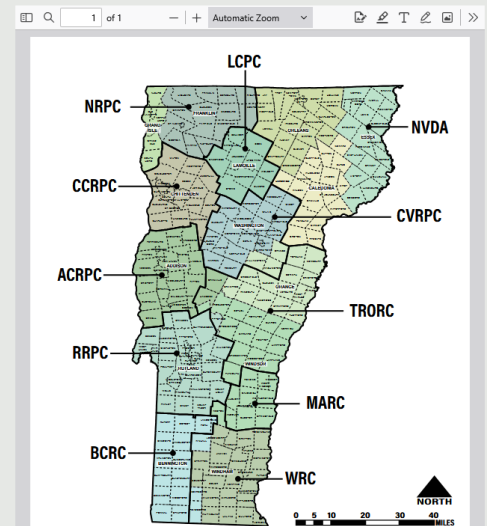
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Tier II Eligibility

Eligibility for the program is limited to public drinking water systems serving 10,000 or fewer (largely residential) customers.

Eligible Activities	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Preliminary engineering evaluations▪ Engineering design and bid specification▪ Permitting▪ Construction for small drinking water systems at risk of failure, serving largely residential users▪ Activities that comport with the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund's eligible project types as outlined in the "DWSRF Handbook."▪ Projects completed since 7/1/2023 as well as projects yet to be completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recipient must be a Vermont governmental unit serving 10,000 or fewer (largely residential) customers with drinking water▪ Requirement for all construction employees working on the project to receive prevailing wage unless otherwise required to comply with Davis-Bacon Act through other funding/financing sources used▪ Preference but not a requirement for domestic content under 2 CFR Part 200; borrower may have requirements under other funding/financing sources▪ Recipient must own and operate projects throughout their useful life

Tier II Terms

Amount	Up to \$250k
Approval / Review	Subject to Bond Bank review; inc. Bond Bank consulting engineer review to verify conformity with DWSRF handbook
Flow of Funds	Requisition requests with invoices reviewed and approved by Bond Bank and/or consulting engineer prior to release
Reporting	Project completion report describing project outcomes and explaining the financial and managerial sustainability plan required. Additional updates (financial, progress, etc.) may also be required upon request of the Bond Bank.

Prioritization & Timeline

Criteria	Description	Weight
System Vulnerability	Ranking on the State of VT Community Index	25%
Household Rate Burden	Combined household cost of total utility rate burden	25%
Commitment to Sustainability	Commitment to sound financial and managerial planning	25%
System Size	Smaller systems will receive greater consideration	25%

- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025** – Applications Due
- **Early December** – Notification of Approvals
- **Early December** – Funding available for requisition

Application

- **Applicant name (gov. unit), contact info, EIN, amount of request**
- **Narrative Questions:**
 - Describe the proposed use of funds.
 - Describe the history, issues, events, etc. that contributed to the current crisis.
 - How will the proposed project resolve the crisis and reduce the risk of failure?
 - Why is the proposed project the best solution?
 - What else do you plan to do to reduce failure risk moving forward? (Describe any plans for improving the sustainability / resiliency of infrastructure, operations, and/or administration practices as appropriate.)
- **Sources and uses (with description of commitments and terms)**

Application

- **Estimated project start and completion dates**
- **Docs for upload:**
 - Docs supporting request amount (contracts, bids, etc.)
 - FY24 Financials – audited if possible
 - YTD or FY25 Financials – audited if possible
 - Financial projections - inc. at least one post-project completion year showing operating expenses, debt service expenses, and revenues sufficient to cover all expenses. (A model is available @ https://www.vtbondbank.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/EnterpriseModelFinancialProjection_FINAL_20240307.xlsx.)
 - Description of plans for realizing projections (inc. changes to rates, number of connections, etc.)
- **Top 5 rate payers w/ revenues from each**
- **Number of customers w/ breakdown by type**
- **Number of households served if different**
- **Average annual household drinking water cost**
- **Number of people whose drinking water will be improved by project**

Program Website

<https://www.vtbondbank.org/resource/small-system-capacity-resiliency-program-round-2-tier-2-grants>

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Small System Capacity & Resiliency Program - Round 2 of Tier 2 Grants

Announcements

The Vermont Bond Bank (VBB) is now accepting applications for Round 2 of the Small System Capacity and Resiliency Program (SCRP) Tier 2 grant program. The intention of the program is to help small public drinking water systems replace infrastructure at risk of failure. SCRCP was created through a State of Vermont ARPA grant in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Please see the attachment below for more information.

Key Dates

Webinar: September 10, 2025 at 1:00pm - [Register Here](#)

Application Due Date: October 29, 2025 by EOD

Funding notification and availability of funds: Early December

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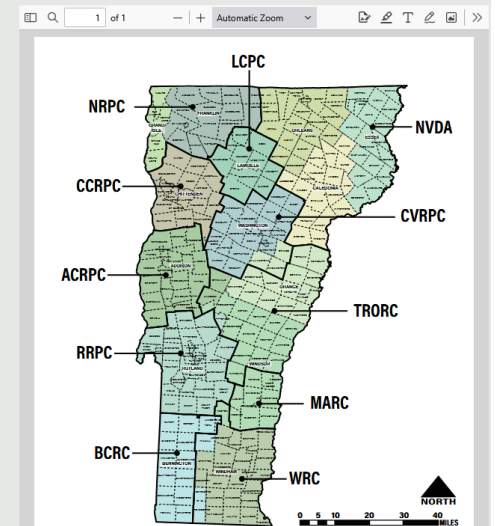
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