

**DATE:** January 4, 2022  
**TO:** Members of the Vermont General Assembly  
**FROM:** Katie Buckley, Director, ARPA Assistance and Coordination  
**RE:** VLCT ARPA Assistance and Coordination Program - 2021 Year-End Update

As we bid farewell to 2021 and welcome the 2022 legislative session, providing you with an update on the resounding successes of the ARPA Assistance and Coordination Program is a positive way to kick of the next half of the biennium. Without a lot of narrative, here is what we have accomplished in the first eight months of the program:

- Established the ARPA Assistance and Coordination Program and hired a director to oversee it
- Created a dedicated ARPA email box ([ARPA@vlct.org](mailto:ARPA@vlct.org)) to field inquiries from towns, cities, and villages
- Created a dedicated webpage: <https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information>, loaded with valuable information, resources, and a robust set of FAQs. As the table below shows, it is a popular page:

Grant Period: May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024 (36 months)	VLCT ARPA Assistance and Coordination Program PERFORMANCE MEASURES	36 month Total Goal	Actuals 5/1/21-12/31/2021
	<b>Municipal Inquiries:</b> Answer questions via email, phone, in-person about ARPA	1000	1,792
	<b>Website Visits:</b> Unique Page views/pageviews of VLCT ARPA resources page*	5000	14,131/9,318
	<b>Webinars:</b> Training and informational webinars about the pandemic and ARPA funding	12	9
	<b>Training Participants:</b> # of muni officials trained via webinars & in-person trainings	500	1545
* Numbers presented are <i>only</i> for the specific webpages <a href="https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information">https://www.vlct.org/resources/american-rescue-plan-information</a> . They do not include data for any topic-related webpages.			

- Webinars hosted by VLCT:

VLCT HOSTED ARPA WEBINARS		
Title	Date Offered	Attendance
Intro to CLFRF	5/19/2021	242
Accessing Local Fiscal Recovery Funding	6/16/2021	212
Municipal Budgeting & Finance/ARPA	9/15/2021	113
ARPA: Imagine What Your Money Can Do for Your Community	10/4/2021	201
ARPA: We Have An Idea....Now What?	10/4/2021	193
ARPA: Keep Your Money and Avoid Claw Back	10/4/2021	174
ARPA Roundtable: Using Your ARPA Dollars to Host a Better Hybrid Meeting	10/4/2021	121
Take Time & Think Big - Funders Webinar	10/19/2021	187
ARPA and Broadband: A RoadMap to the Last Mile	12/1/2021	102
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1545</b>

- Events hosted by others with VLCT invited - community television talk shows, press events, statewide conferences, regional information meetings, local public meetings, webinars hosted by others:

<b>ARPA PRESENTATIONS/WEBINARS HOSTED BY OTHERS</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Date</b>
Addison County ARPA Press Event	5/4/2021
Craftsbury Planning Commission "Intro to ARPA"	5/13/2021
VTCMA "Intro to ARPA"	5/14/2021
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston ARPA Webinar	6/16/2021
Community Response & Recovery Corps	7/14/2021
NVEDD - Board Presentation	8/3/2021
Town of Glover and surrounding towns - "Intro to ARPA"	8/23/2021
SVEP Knowledge Bites Lunch-n-Learn	8/31/2021
UB North	9/7/2021
Arkansas Municipal League	9/8/2021
Collaborative Funders Group	9/8/2021
Rural Communities and Climate Resiliency	9/15/2021
NVDA Annual Meeting "Update on ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funding"	9/30/2021
Town of Elmore Selectboard "Intro to ARPA"	10/13/2021
VTCMA Conference - ARPA Update	10/14/2021
NRPC Towns - ARPA 2.0	10/20/2021
Montpelier Happy Hour (BCTV & Blog)	10/22/2021
ARPA Roundtable GNAT	10/26/2021
Town of Franklin ARPA Committee "Intro to ARPA"	10/26/2021
WRC-BCRC SoVT ARPA Presentation	11/3/2021
Town of Westminster ARPA Committee Meeting	11/4/2021
ARPA & Energy Information Session - TRORC	11/10/2021
ARPA & the Creative Sector - Vermont Arts Council	11/15/2021
Town of Westford ARPA Committee Meeting	11/17/2021
Caledonia Co. ARPA Session/St. Johnsbury - NVDA	11/18/2021
Town of Putney TM & SB (w/WRC)	11/23/2021
Town of Wardsboro ARPA Committee	11/30/2021
Town of Bakersfield ARPA Info Session	12/7/2021
Town of Richmond ARPA Committee	12/8/2021

- Additionally:
  - Email blasts on-demand when there is time-sensitive, important information to share
  - Regular biweekly emails that contain important ARPA deadlines, updates, and new resources

- Connection to state funding partners to help advance larger projects
- Serve as a voice with the State of Vermont to help ensure the deployment of their ARPA funds has been well coordinated, timely and effectively communicated
- Worked collaboratively and in coordination with the 11 regional planning commissions (RPCs) and 12 regional development corporations (RDCs) as well as statewide organizations throughout Vermont.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at [kbuckley@vlct.org](mailto:kbuckley@vlct.org) or 802-343-6323.

We look forward to working with you in 2022!