

Sunset Advisory Commission
2022 Board and Commission Questionnaire
Local Investment Advisory Committee

The Sunset Advisory Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

Please answer the following questions about the specific board or commission under review. If asked to testify before the Sunset Advisory Commission, please plan to provide concise recommendations regarding the continued operation of the board or commission under review and any revisions to its powers, duties, or membership.

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.

The committee meets when called by the Treasurer. This is typically when there is a request for financing to consider.

The committee's meeting record including agendas and minutes can be found here:
<https://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/content/local-investment-advisory-committee>

2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.

Beth Pearce, Chair, State Treasurer

Maura Collins, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency

Dave Corliss, Director, Account Management, Efficiency Vermont Designee

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Operating Officer, Vermont Economic Development Authority Designee

Michael Gaughan, Executive Director, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank

Tom Little, Vice President and General Counsel, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation Designee

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.

Pursuant to Act 199 of 2014, Act 51 of 2015, and Act 157 of 2016, the Local Investment Advisory Committee (LIAC), is tasked with increasing economic development in Vermont and creating jobs by committing up to 10 percent of the state's average available cash balance to local investments. These financing projects redirect funds that were invested

primarily in out-of-state government agency securities and money market accounts at large financial institutions, to local investments.

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?

Yes, the committee is still needed to approve local investments under the current statute. Additionally, there are outstanding credit facilities that the committee monitors. A chart of the current credit facilities is attached.

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?

Please see the Board's meeting record here: <https://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/content/local-investment-advisory-committee>

Additionally, please find an annual synopsis of the committee's activities in the Treasurer's Annual Reports. Historical reports can be found at the link below – LIAC is in the last section.

<https://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/content/reports/annual-reports>

6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?

In the 2022 legislative session, the Treasurer's Office proposed to the Senate Finance Committee that the legislature expand the membership of the committee to bring diversity in perspective and proposals for this financing. At the same time the committee moved this year to do an analysis as to the market conditions associated with LIAC dollars. The Treasurer's Office withdrew the request for 2022 due to the legislative timeline.

7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?

The committee's functions do not overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission.

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?

Yes.

9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?

The LIAC is staffed by Treasurer's Office staff and does not receive a separate appropriation for its administration. Committee members serve in their organizational capacities and do not receive a per diem.

10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?

Yes, the committee has annual reporting requirements to the legislature and those are met with the submission of the Treasurer's Office's Annual Report submitted before January 15th each year. Annual Reports can be found here:

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LEGISLATIVE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Figure 22: Summary of Credit Facilities

Vermont State Treasurer's Office Summary of Credit Facilities and Local Investment Initiatives Status as of December 31, 2021								
Authorizing Legislation and Agency	Statutory Description	Amount Authorized	Remaining Capacity	Outstanding Balance	Issue Date	Original Amount	Maturity Date	Rate
Act No. 62 of 2019:	Investment	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000		
1. Vermont Community Loan Fund				\$1,500,000	7/22/2021	\$1,500,000	7/22/2024	1.50%
Act No. 87 of 2013, Sec. 8, as amended by Act No. 199 of 2014, Sec. 22:	Credit Facility	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000		
2. Vermont Economic Development Authority (Note VEDA-003)				\$10,000,000	2/1/2015	\$10,000,000	1/31/2025 ⁽²⁾	2.43% ⁽³⁾
Act No. 87 of 2013 Sec. 8a:	Credit Facility	\$6,500,000	\$3,959,134	\$2,540,866		\$5,550,000		
3. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-001)				\$0	10/22/2013	\$250,000	10/15/2023	2.00%
4. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-002)				\$0	5/19/2014	\$250,000	4/15/2024	2.27%
5. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-003)				\$0	10/15/2014	\$250,000	10/15/2024	2.35%
6. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-004)				\$0	1/26/2015	\$250,000	1/15/2025	2.00%
7. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-005)				\$97,081	10/15/2015	\$250,000	7/15/2025	2.00%
8. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-006)				\$158,154	11/30/2015	\$250,000	10/15/2025	2.26%
9. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-007)				\$170,787	10/27/2016	\$250,000	10/15/2026	2.00%
10. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-008)				\$172,064	12/27/2016	\$250,000	10/15/2026	2.63%
11. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-009)				\$179,572	7/21/2017	\$250,000	7/15/2027	2.49%
12. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-010)				\$199,012	7/17/2019	\$250,000	7/15/2029	2.48%
13. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note A-011)				\$204,196	10/24/2019	\$250,000	10/15/2029	2.21%
14. Vermont Housing Finance Agency (Note VHFA-001)				\$1,360,000	2/18/2014	\$2,800,000	2/15/2024	2.76%
Act No. 199 of 2014, Sec. 23	Credit Facility	\$8,200,000	\$5,157,396	\$3,042,604		\$7,750,000		
15. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note B-001)				\$246,254	9/2/2015	\$400,000	7/15/2025	2.10%
16. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note B-002)				\$167,846	6/20/2016	\$250,000	7/15/2026	2.00%
17. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note B-003)				\$170,787	9/6/2016	\$250,000	10/15/2026	2.00%
18. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note B-004)				\$174,608	1/11/2017	\$250,000	1/15/2027	2.52%
19. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note B-005)				\$283,288	2/17/2017	\$400,000	4/15/2027	2.45%
20. Champlain Housing Trust (Note A-001)				\$1,000,000	3/31/2016	\$1,000,000	3/31/2026	2.48%
21. Champlain Housing Trust (Note A-002)				\$321,547	2/28/2017	\$321,547	3/31/2027	3.02%
22. Champlain Housing Trust (Note A-003)				\$50,000	5/7/2018	\$50,000	6/30/2028	3.42%
23. Champlain Housing Trust (Note A-004)				\$59,315	6/18/2018	\$59,315	6/30/2028	3.58%
24. Champlain Housing Trust (Note A-005)				\$49,119	6/18/2018	\$49,297	6/30/2028	3.58%
25. Champlain Housing Trust (Note A-006)				\$519,841	7/30/2018	\$519,841	6/30/2028	3.50%
26. VSAC- higher education loan cost reduction				\$0	6/8/2016	\$4,000,000	6/15/2021	2.00%
Act No. 178 of 2014, Sec. 41 ⁽⁴⁾	Credit Facility	\$8,000,000	\$5,891,613	\$2,108,387		\$ 2,404,202		
27. 32 Cherry St. Exhaust Air Heat Recovery (SERF 001)				\$311,170	1/31/2015	\$ 524,172	6/30/2026	2.00%
28. 108 Cherry St. Lighting & Controls (SERF 002)				\$534,156	2/15/2017	\$ 534,156	6/30/2030	2.00%
29. 52 Cherry St. Energy Upgrade (SERF 003)				\$136,744	9/24/2018	\$ 147,211	6/30/2029	2.00%
30. Springfield State Office Building (SERF 004)				\$278,792	8/14/2017	\$ 278,792	6/30/2025	2.00%
31. Derby Public Safety Facility Energy Retrofit (SERF 005)				\$127,348	9/28/2017	\$ 127,348	6/30/2027	2.00%
32. Historic Sites Lighting Retrofits, Chimney Point & Mt. Independence (SERF 006)				\$0	3/26/2018	\$ 43,452	6/30/2024	2.00%
33. Mahady Courthouse (SERF 007)				\$217,249	12/17/2018	\$ 224,961	6/30/2026	3.00%
34. Williston Info Center (SERF 008)				\$43,241	12/10/2018	\$ 45,536	6/30/2027	2.60%
35. Caledonia Court (SERF 009)				\$174,613	8/15/2018	\$ 183,287	6/30/2024	2.75%
36. Asa Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland (SERF 011)				\$285,075	1/8/2019	\$ 295,288	6/30/2027	2.75%
37. Rutland Parking Garage & Barre Courthouse Lighting (SERF-014)				\$396,525	7/2/2019	\$ 396,525	6/30/2026	2.00%
38. Southern State Correctional Facility (SERF 015)				\$456,143	3/11/2021	\$ 456,143	6/30/2027	2.00%
39. Asa Bloomer Emergency Lights (SERF017)				\$27,440	10/25/2021	\$ 27,440	12/30/2026	
Act No. 11 of 2018 (SERF Supplemental Funding)	Appropriation	\$ 500,000	\$ 138,850	\$ 361,150		\$ 100,732		
40. Williston Info Center (SERF 008)				\$ 28,866	12/10/2018	\$ 28,866	-	-
41. Asa Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland (SERF 011)				\$ 28,366	1/8/2019	\$ 28,366	-	-
42. Rutland Parking Garage & Barre Courthouse Lighting (SERF-014)				\$ 43,500	7/2/2019	\$ 43,500	-	-
43. Southern State Correctional Facility (SERF 015)				\$ 220,657	3/11/2021	\$ 220,657	-	-
44. Asa Bloomer Emergency Lights (SERF017)				\$ 39,761	10/25/2021	\$ 39,761	-	-
Act No. 188 of 2018	Appropriation	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,551,340	\$ 448,660		\$ 500,000		
45. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note C-001)				\$ 210,011	12/5/2019	\$ 250,000	1/15/2030	2.14%
46. NeighborWorks of Western Vermont (Note C-002)				\$ 238,649	2/5/2021	\$ 250,000	4/15/2031	2.00%
TOTALS:		\$39,700,000	\$19,698,333	\$20,001,667		\$27,804,935		
Notes:								
1. Subject to annual review and renewal.								
2. Subject to a "put" provision enabling the Treasurer's Office to demand full or partial repayment within 60 days if the State's unrestricted cash balance falls below \$75,000,000.								
3. VEDA rate was reduced to 1.00% for the period of 5/1/2020 - 1/31/2022								
4. Establishes an Energy Revolving Fund under 29 V.S.A. § 168(c)								