

**IMPACTS of Trump Admin actions on VT Conservation Districts, VACD, and NRCC  
February 2025**

Recipient	Funder	Grant Name or Purpose	Federal Funding Source	Estimate \$ at Stake	Status	Notes/Questions
VACD	NRCS	Local Conservation in Action Program	IRA	745,126	On Hold	"Farm Bill Support" / "Locally Led" This includes \$171,957 of IRA funds invoiced through 12/31/2024.
VACD	DEC	RCCP Technical Assistance	IRA	300,000	On Hold	Contract signed. Notified it's on hold. DEC's \$10.5 m new RCCP program is entirely IRA funds.
VACD	LCBP	VAWQP Coordination	BIL	120,000	On Hold	Agreement not signed yet. Notified it's on hold, then notified new agreements are going forward.
VACD	GMNF	Envirothon	BIL?	5,000	On Hold	Agreement not signed yet. Notified it's on hold.
Essex County NRCD	USFWS	Fish Passage Culvert Replacement	BIL	1,193,875	Uncertain	New culvert at no cost to Town of Lunenburg, 2 replaced structures in Brighton & Ferdinand. ~\$200k match from State (NRCC Enhancement Grant) allocated for same project. Currently ECNRCD has paid out \$65k to TU from completed structure but has not been able to be reimbursed by USFWS
Franklin County NRCD	LCBP	Trout Brook Reservoir Dam Removal	BIL	116,987	Uncertain	I also had received notification for \$300k more for this project with LCBP but hadn't formally submitted a workplan, I've been notified that LCBP/NEIWPC will not be issuing any BIL awards, new contracts on awarded projects, or amendments to existing BIL agreements for the foreseeable future so I am not able to access those funds here. (I did get approval from my BWQC/CWSP this week to get all of the money I need for this project instead from the CWSP so I don't need to worry about the BIL funding, but I thought you'd want to know).
Winooski NRCD	LCBP	Culvert Replacement on Woodchuck Hollow Road, Washington, VT	BIL	300,000	On Hold	This was awarded but had not gone to contract yet, we were informed that it would not go to contract until NEIWPC was certain of its funding situation
Winooski NRCD	LCBP	Road Improvements on Enos and Partridge Hill Road, Hinesburg, VT	Unknown	192,000	On Hold	This was awarded but had not gone to contract yet, we were informed that it would not go to contract until NEIWPC was certain of its funding situation
Poultney-Mettowee NRCD	LCBP	Nursery Organizational Support	BIL	20,000	On Hold	We had just started work on this grant, spent about \$2500, Lauren is trying to work with us (which is great).
Poultney-Mettowee NRCD	LCBP	Multiple not BIL or IRA	Unknown	60,000	Uncertain	We have lots of grants with LCBP and are unsure what will happen, but still working on the deliverables. Have about \$60,000 actually spent including payments to contractors on partial tasks that we can't invoice for, yet.
NRCC	LCBP	Trees for Streams	BIL	174,978	Uncertain	Supports riparian buffer plantings. LCBP has confirmed verbally that they are pausing all BIL funding through NEIWPC under EPA, National Parks Service, NOAA. No stop work order is received yet. Letter from NEIWPC: proceed at your own risk.
NRCC	NFWF	Trees for Streams	Unknown	88,275	Uncertain	Supports tree plantings for riparian habitat restoration. No word from funders yet. Hope to know by end of week.
Grand Isle NRCD	LCBP	Organizational Support	Unknown	12,000	Uncertain	Just started work on this grant. We received communication from NEIWPC stating that any money spent will be at our own risk, with no guarantee of reimbursement.
Grand Isle NRCD	LCBP	Education & Outreach	Unknown	2,000	Uncertain	We only have a small portion of this grant left to fulfill but as we haven't finished tasks yet, we haven't invoiced for roughly \$7,000.
Windham NRCD	NFWF	Reducing Nitrogen Loss from CT River Agriculture	Unknown	373,646	Uncertain	For education, outreach, farmer engagement, partner coordination, and research. We were notified that a court order had restored our ability to perform work and incur costs, but have concerns as to whether or not our invoices will actually be paid considering news concerning the administration not complying with court orders concerning a funding freeze at NIH.
Windham NRCD	NFWF	Support for Sensitive Nesting Grassland Bird Species	Unknown	170,000	Uncertain	For outreach, education, technical assistance, and financial assistance for farmers. This grant has been awarded but we do not have an executed agreement yet. NFWF says that we can still plan on moving forward at this time but that things could change at any moment.
Windham NRCD	USFWS	Japanese Stilt Grass Early Detection Rapid Response	Unknown	63,400	Uncertain	We have not received any communication about this grant at present. We are planning to hire seasonal help for the coming summer and are unsure if we will have this funding or not. Grant includes funds that are subgranted to Essex NRCD for invasives work.
Rutland NRCD	LCBP	Organizational Support	Unknown	19,977	Uncertain	Received communication from NEIWPC stating that any money spent will be at our own risk, with no guarantee of reimbursement.
Otter Creek NRCD		Tree for Streams	Unknown	10,000	Uncertain	Partnering with VLT on this one. Planting trees for a buffer planting on a Vermont farm.
White River NRCD	Corps Network	Climate Corps		400,000	Cancelled	NACD is terminating this program effective 3/14 and has cancelled next year's Climate Corps program. White River/Bennington Districts' 24 Farm Force members in VT and the US Virgin Islands will have their positions terminated on this date unless alternative funding can be found. Payment is currently frozen on invoices going back through December, meaning <b>payroll is unable to be met for current program members.</b>
Bennington NRCD	Corps Network	Climate Corps (Partnering with White River NRCD)			Cancelled	Same as above -- Bennington is partnering with White River on the Climate Corps effort.
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,367,264</b>		

<b>Total Cancelled</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>
<b>Total On Hold</b>	<b>\$1,682,126.00</b>
<b>Total Uncertain</b>	<b>\$2,285,138.00</b>