



## **Federal Funding House Committee on Appropriations**

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**Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) provide staff support and technical assistance to towns and the State.**



In the absence of county government, RPCs play a critical role in connecting communities with federal and state programs and dollars as well as a forum for towns to discuss and provide services jointly.

**RPCs are political subdivisions of the State of Vermont, uniquely positioned to provide broad services to every Vermont municipality.**



**TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING**



**LAND USE  
PLANNING**



**AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE IN  
ALL AREAS**



**WATER  
QUALITY**



**HAZARD MITIGATION &  
PREPAREDNESS**



**HOUSING**



**BROWNFIELD  
ASSESSMENT &  
REMEDiation**

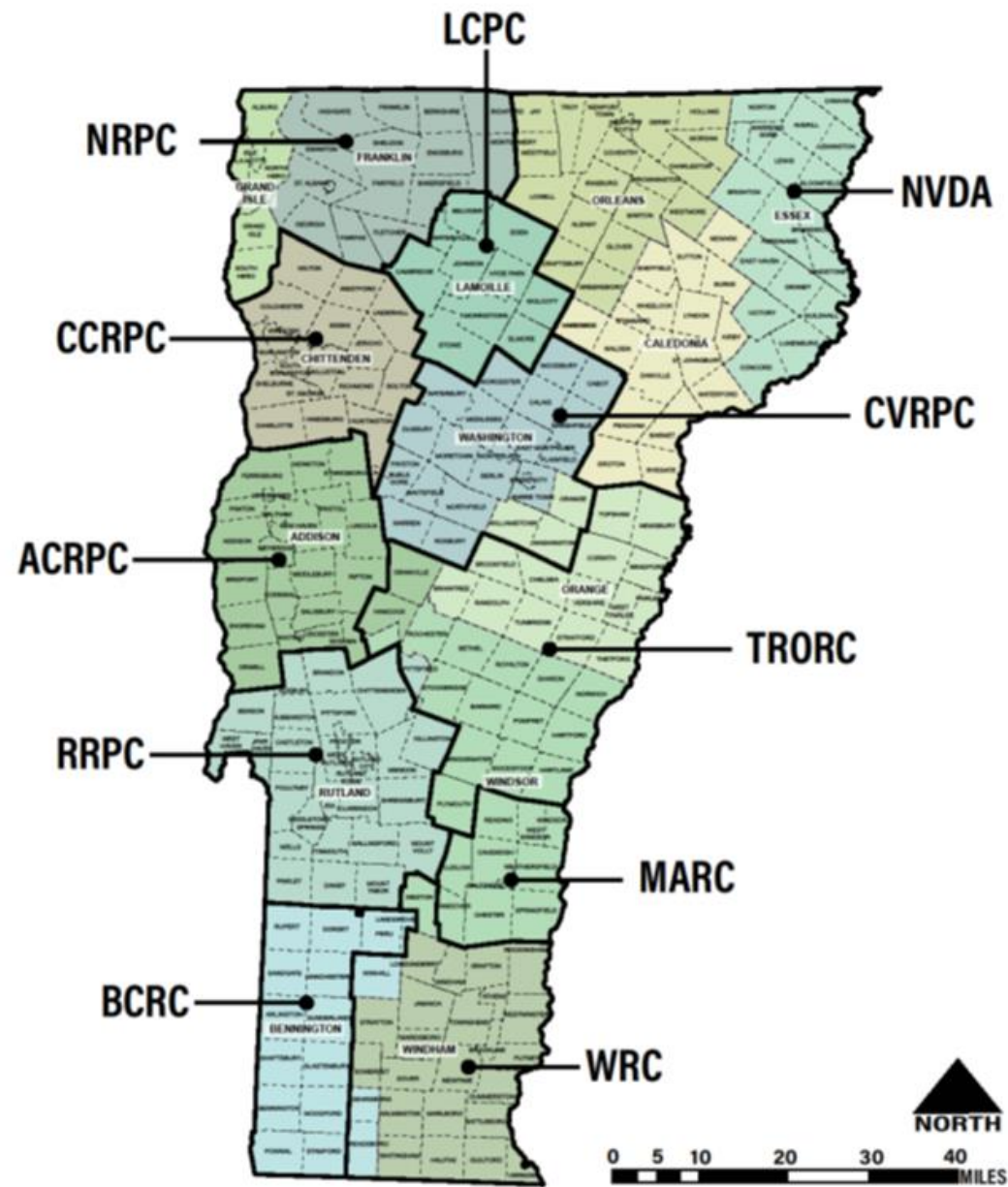


**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**



**ENERGY  
PLANNING**





STATE OF VERMONT  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

## Quick Facts / FY24 Highlights



Vermont has **11** RPCs and **135** staff serving all 282 Vermont's towns (237), cities (10), villages (35), plus gores.



In FY24, **113** communities received grant writing assistance from their RPCs, reducing the burden on limited town staff & providing funding for locally needed projects.



Visit [VAPDA.org](https://VAPDA.org) for more information about each RPC in VT



# Governance



**Towns appoint representatives to each RPC Board. RPCs work for member towns.**



**RPC Boards approve budgets and set policy and program priorities, including regional plans.**



**Executive Committees of each RPC board are responsible for the oversight of the Executive Director.**



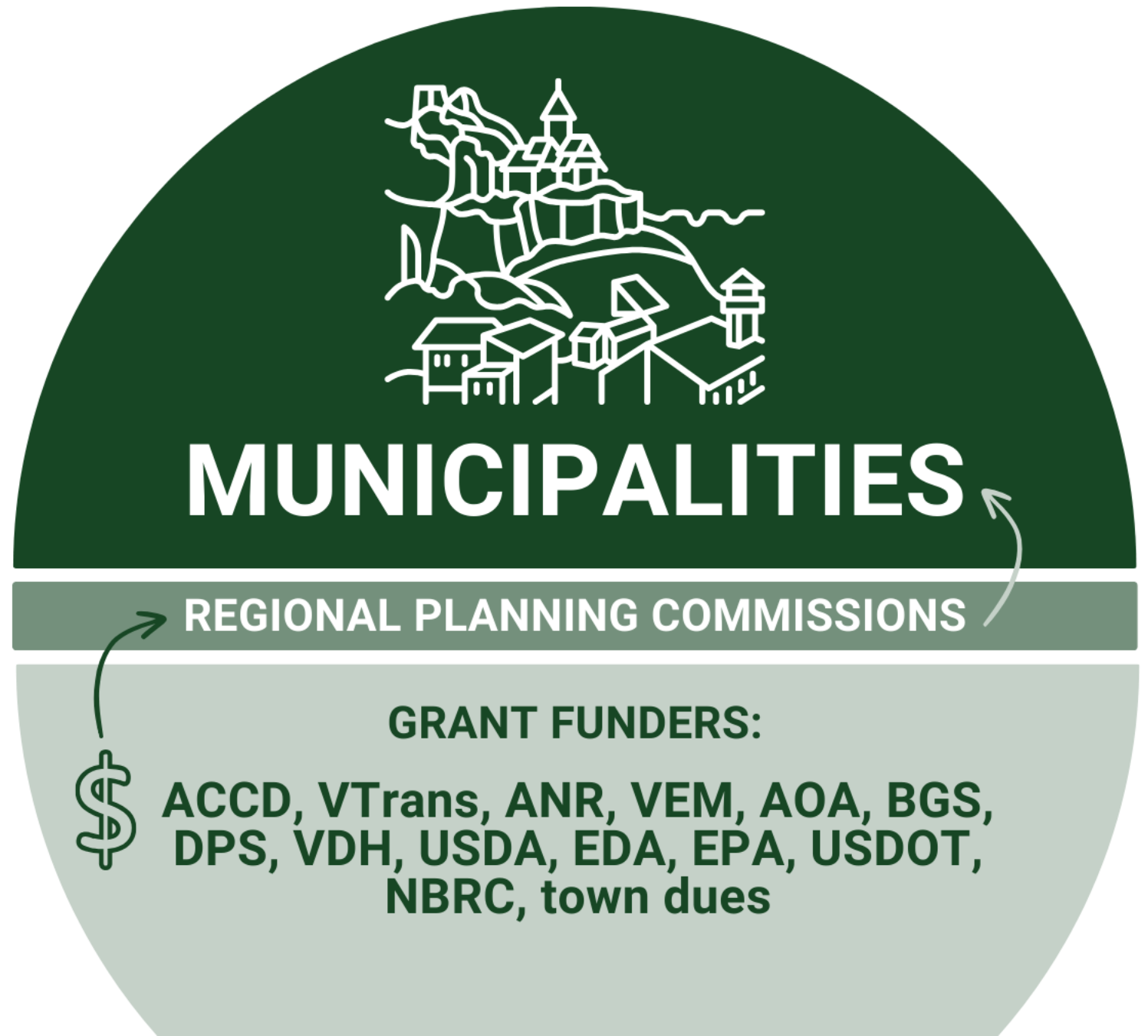
**Each RPC has committees to assist the RPC Board. Typical are Transportation, Permit/Regulatory, Regional Plan, Clean Water, Brownfield, etc.**

# Funding



RPCs have no general tax revenue. All revenue comes from state and federal grants with limited town dues.

RPCs operate as public sector consulting staff for member towns and state agencies – every hour of work gets billed to specific performance agreements.



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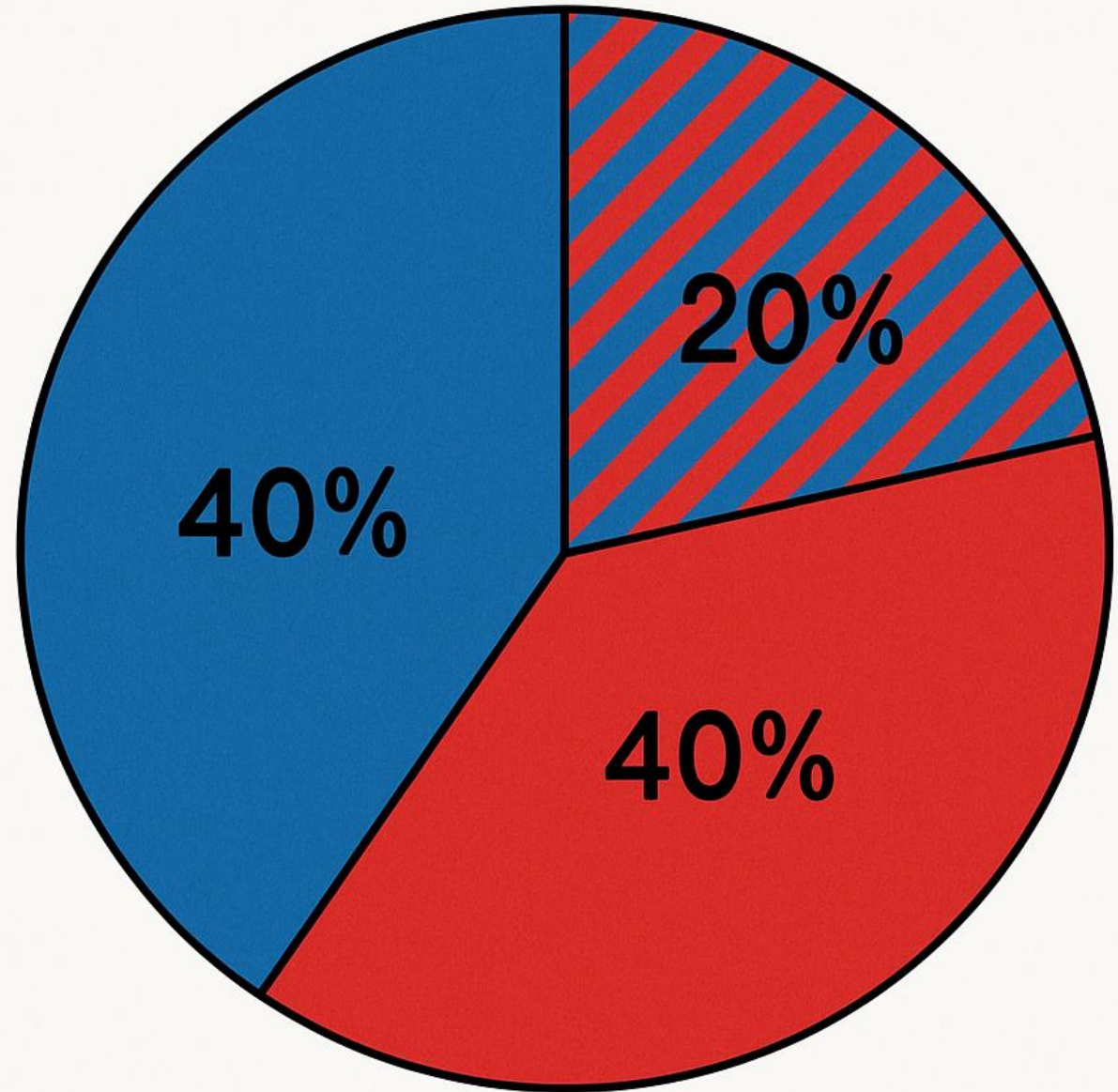
**GRANT FUNDERS:**

**ACCD, VTrans, ANR, VEM, AOA, BGS,  
DPS, VDH, USDA, EDA, EPA, USDOT,  
NBRC, town dues**



## RPC Federal funding

- Individual RPCs' budgets are between 40-60% federally sourced
- Remaining 40-60% is state and local



# List of federal funding programs of concern

## **Of Concern:**

- Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG)
- Partnership for Strategic Urban Forestry Investment in Disadvantaged Communities
- EPA Brownfields Site Assessment and Clean-Up
- Northern Border Regional Commission
- Economic Development Administration

## **Specific Terminations or Pauses:**

- EPA Government to Government Grant- NRPC
- Healthy Equity- All RPCs, pass through from VT Dept. of Health
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants- Several RPCs





**Thank you!**

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