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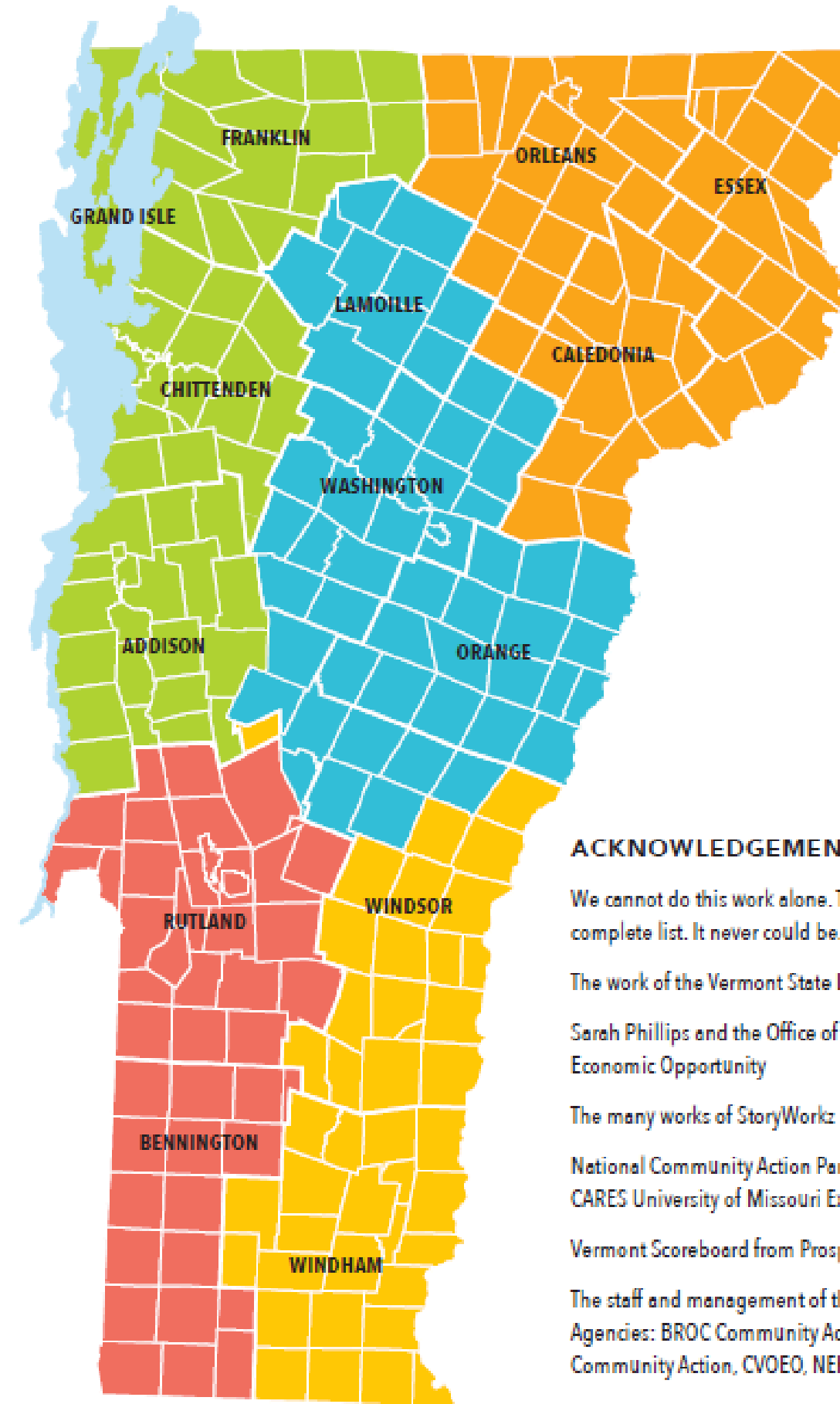
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Doubling down on FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES

VCAP's Legislative Request

VCAP is seeking **\$1.65M** in base funding in FY26 for the MBDP, VITA Tax and Financial Coaching programs.



MBDP: Requesting \$581,000 for FY26, a \$87,000 increase from FY25

VITA: Requesting \$548,000 for FY26, a \$148,000 increase from FY25

FINANCIAL COACHING: Requesting \$528,000 for FY26, a \$358,000 increase from FY25



VITA TAX

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program helps families or individuals who make \$67,000 or less file.

IRS Certified and Trained volunteers and paid staff help Vermonters file during normal tax season. VITA helps Vermonters each year claim their refunds and credits and help put dollars back into our communities.

In 2024, **\$4,741,180** in tax refunds were returned to the Vermont economy through the VITA Program which includes **\$2,679,418** in tax credits.

VITA REQUEST	
FY25	FY26
\$400,000	\$548,000
INCREASE FY25 to FY26	\$148,000

This includes an increase from ~0.75 FTE to 1.0 FTE per agency, +\$20,000 to CVOEO for statewide administration



VITA TAX

FY 24 Community Action VITA By the Numbers

118 Volunteers averaging 73 hours/volunteer

5032 returns filed in 2024

1067 Earned Income Tax Credits received averaging **\$1112.00**

502 returns with Child Tax Credit averaging **\$1414.00**

454 Small Business/Schedule C Tax returns filed

\$4,741,180 in tax refunds and credits back into the community

“My tax preparer passed away and my friend told me about your tax services. I have been paying \$450 a year to file my simple taxes (social security and a small pension) and my homestead/property tax credit. I’m so excited to get my appointment!”

Sandra P, Barre



VITA TAX

Community Action VITA Stats

15 Sites within 5 Community Action Agencies

118 Volunteers averaging 73 hours/volunteer

5032 returns filed in 2024

454 Small Business/Schedule C Tax returns filed

\$4,741,180 in tax refunds and credits back into the community (\$942/return)

AARP VITA Stats

65 Sites throughout the state of VT

214 Volunteers averaging 50 hours/volunteer

7100 returns filed in 2024

449 Small Business/Schedule C Tax returns filed

\$5,038,154 in tax refunds and credits back into the community (\$710/return)



VITA TAX

Language supports for non-English Speakers and Hearing Impaired People

CVOEO:

- Phone Based service Through Certified Languages International (CLI)
- CVOEO's Office of Racial Equity and Community Inclusion (ORECI) program using New American Ambassadors
- Association of Africans Living in VT (AALV)
- U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
- VT Center for Independent Living and Vancro Integrated Interpreting services (ASL)

Capstone:

- Partner with local Afghan community in Montpelier and a local translator
- Over the Phone Interpreter (OPI) through the IRS

NEKCA, BROCC, SEVCA:

- OPI