

Vermont Community Broadband Board Meeting

Monday, January 9th, 2022 12:00pm – 4:00pm

AGENDA

Meeting is being held virtually.

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Note: there may be executive sessions as needed

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| 12:00 | 1) Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call, & Approval of Agenda |
| 12:05 | 2) Approval of December 12 th Meeting Minutes |
| 12:10 | 3) Congressional Delegation |
| 12:50 | 4) Intro to NTIA Federal Program Officer, Clay Purvis |
| 1:10 | 5) VCBB Staffing Review/Evaluation
Executive Session if necessary (Board & VCBB Staff)
<i>Premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body, or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage (1 V.S.A. § 313(a)1)</i> |
| 1:45 | 6) Board Consideration of Legislative Priorities |
| 2:15 | 7) Annual Report and Report to Legislature (this will be a presentation; a draft copy will be available the morning of the meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VCBB Summary – <i>Christine Hallquist/Rob Fish</i>• VCBB Budget Review – <i>Tracy Collier</i>• CUD Progress Updates – <i>Lucy Rogers</i>• Report to Legislature re: State Assets – <i>Stan Macel</i> |
| 2:45 | 8) PreConstruction Grant Amendments - Maple & NWFX |
| 3:15 | 9) VCUDA Update – <i>Rob Vietzke</i> |
| 3:30 | 10) Staff Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communications & Media – <i>Herryn Herzog</i>• Dashboard Review – <i>Alissa Matthews</i> |
| 3:45 | 11) Public Comment |
| 4:00 | 12) Parking Lot, Confirm Next Regular Meeting 2/13 & Motion to Adjourn |

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Board Packet Executive Summary

January 9, 2023

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Congressional Delegation

Staff has invited representatives from Congressperson Balint, Senator Sanders, and Senator Welch's staff to attend the meeting and be available for questions. Since the ask was prior to the new Congress, we have received tentative answers at this point, with a commitment to finalize this week. As of the preparation of the Board packet, we have not received final commitments.

Introduction of NTIA Federal Program Officer

Clay Purvis, formerly of the Vermont Public Service Department, is now the Federal Program Officer for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for Vermont and New Hampshire. Clay will discuss his role and answer questions.

VCBB Staffing Review/Evaluation

Stan Macel has accepted a job with the Vermont Office of Financial Regulation and Adam Bornstein has accepted a job as CFO for the Green Climate Fund <https://www.greenclimate.fund/>. We are asking the Board to perform an exit interview in Executive Session without staff present to provide an opportunity for unfiltered feedback of leadership and the roles.

Board Consideration of Legislative Priorities

VCUDA is finalizing their concerns over the next few days. The Board should vote whether to accept these priorities as legislative changes proposed by the VCBB and whether to include in our annual report to the legislature. VCUDA will finalize the proposals on Friday.

Staff will also update the Board on the FCC challenge process and ask the Board's thoughts on asking the Legislature to pass a resolution itemizing concerns with the challenge process and the FCC Maps.

Annual Report to the Legislature

ACT 71 requires the VCBB to submit an annual report to the Legislature on January 15.

"Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before January 15 of each year, the Board shall submit a report of its activities pursuant to this chapter for the preceding year to the Senate Committees on

Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy, the House Committee on Energy and Technology, and the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee. The report shall include an operating and financial statement covering the Board's operations during the year, including a summary of all grant awards and contracts and agreements entered by the Board. In addition, the report shall include a description of the progress each start-up communications union district has made in achieving long-term financial sustainability that is not dependent upon public funding, an update on its efforts to secure additional federal funds for broadband deployment, and progress made towards meeting the State's goal of ensuring every E-911 location has access to broadband capable of delivering a minimum of 100 Mbps symmetrical service as required in subdivision 202c(b)(10) of this title."

Staff will summarize the contents of the report to the Board. The Draft copy of the report will be available to the Board and the Administration on the morning of the Board meeting on January 9.

Pre-construction Grant Amendments for Maple Broadband and Northwest Fiberworx

Maple Broadband has requested an amendment to their existing Pre-construction grant. The amendment would increase the amount by \$1,277,883. The amendment will cover the cost of detailed network design, make-ready, and staff salaries. Staff recommends the Board approve the amendment request.

Northwest Fiberworx has requested an amendment to their existing Pre-Construction Grant. The amendment would increase the amount of the award by \$616,790.69. The increase would cover the costs related to mapping, business plan enhancement, and detailed design. Staff recommends the Board approve the amendment request. In addition, Staff approved as allowed under the Materials Policy, a grant increase of \$295,449.86 for materials purchased via the deal to prepurchase fiber. No Board Action is Required.

Notifications:

Lamoille FiberNet submitted an amendment request to cover the cost of the fiber prepurchase. Staff approved an amendment for \$313,135. This is all of Lamoille's allocation from the \$4M Implementation/Materials Supplemental and \$31,483 transferred from Construction. No Board Action is Required.

Per the PreConstruction RFP and discussions with **Southern Vermont CUD**, Staff reallocated \$500,000 of SoVermont's \$654,742 in PreConstruction for other uses. At this point, the other use is making available upon approval of a grant application up to \$300,000 to the new **Chittenden County CUD**. The amount available may increase as new towns join. No Board Action is Required.

Vermont Community Broadband Board Draft Meeting Minutes
Meetings are being held virtually.
December 12, 2022

I. Call To Order – 12:03pm

Roll call completed by Patty Richards

Patty Richards, Chair (Remote)
Laura Sibilia (Remote)
Brian Otley (Remote)
Holly Groschner (Absent)
Dan Nelson (Remote)
Christine Hallquist - Staff (Remote)
Robert Fish – Staff (Absent)
Alissa Matthews – Staff (Remote)
Stan Macel – Staff (Remote)
Herryn Herzog – Staff (Remote)
Lucy Rogers – Staff (Remote)
Tracy Collier - Staff (Remote)
Kristin Brynga – PSD Staff (Remote)
Adam Bornstein – Staff (Remote)

Patty Richards made a motion to approve the agenda with suggested change of moving IV to between item IX and X, seconded by Dan Nelson, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of the November 28th Draft Minutes

The Board discussed the November 28, 2022, draft Board Meeting minutes. Patty Richards made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Laura Sibilia and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. VCBB Pre-purchase of Materials Policy Update

Christine Hallquist shared that in order to avoid the supply chain delays, the CUDs have requested to have the ability to pre-order materials for the next phase of the construction using the approved allocation with prior VCBB staff approval. The pre-purchases will be shared in the weekly report. It was determined through discussion that this authority has been granted by the board previously and the practice is allowable. A request was made to add pre-construction grant information to dashboard. Alissa shared this is planned to be available to the board in January.

IV. NBRC Shared Services Capacity Grant

Lucy Rogers, Rob Vietzke, and Ellie de Villiers shared the proposal, highlighting the grant funding opportunity:

Rob Vietzke and Lucy Rogers shared that there are funds available through an existing grant agreement (1.25 million current competitive grant and 1.25 million additional allocation) to be used over 2022 and 2023. The VCBB staff seek board approval to move from a competitive grant to a directed grant. These funds would be used to support capacity through positions (Expand Coordination including, CFO, Communications, and Make-Ready Support) at VCBB and

VCUDA. This would allow CUDs to have shared resources allowing for efficiency and keep funds available for infrastructure. Funding would be limited to the two-year period, and it would be the responsibility of VCUDA to fund the positions after that.

- Laura Sibia questioned why that position would be housed at VCUDA as opposed to VCBB. Rob Vietzke shared that VCUDA needs this role to maintain internal controls for audits and grant compliance. Christine Hallquist reiterated that the positions could be shared by the CUDs and not duplicated. Laura Sibia agreed that the capacity is needed but remains concerned that VCBB will become overly focused on regulatory matters.
- Christine Hallquist reminded the board of the complexities of the funding requirements.
- Laura Sibia commented that VCBB was intended to be more development than regulatory.
- Brian Otley questioned the ability to streamline the process for determining how to align and assign new positions to VCBB and/or VCUDA and wonders if it would be possible to map this out in advance.
- Patty Richards reminded the board that when the funding is exhausted the CUDs will need to absorb the costs of positions.

Patty Richards made the motion to approve the VCBB staff request to pursue 2.5 million from the NBRC for the general support outlined in the board packet. Dan Nelson Seconded and the board unanimously approved.

V. FCC Broadband Map Challenge Strategy

Herryn Herzog presented the strategy for the FCC broadband map challenge included in the board packet.

- Christine Hallquist shared that speed tests are not required for challenges.
- Patty Richards was appreciative of the outreach methodology using multiple modalities.
- Laura Sibia asked the how the CUDs are involved. Christine Hallquist shared that VCBB is taking the lead and aggregating the information.
- Patty Richards encouraged everyone to check their address and submit a challenge if warranted.

VI. Mission of the VCBB Policy Discussion

Patty Richards shared the proposed mission/purpose statement below.

It is the purpose of the VCBB and Vermont Community Broadband Fund to support policies and programs designed to accelerate community efforts that advance the State's goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable, and fixed broadband. The VCBB was created to coordinate, facilitate, support, and accelerate the development and implementation of universal community broadband solutions.

Patty moved that the board adopt the mission/purpose statement as shown above. **No second was heard;** however, the board approved unanimously.

- Rob Vietzke shared the CUDs were ok with not including the language “for eligible entities.”

- Laura Sibilila pointed out that the mission/purpose statement works, and the law can be referenced when questions arise.
- It was agreed that universal service is part of the VCBB role by supporting and accelerating the community broadband buildouts.

VII. VCBB Data and Overbuild Policy

A redline copy of the Data and Overbuild Policy was circulated to the Board with changes to the wording on the first page of the policy to include “through acceleration of community broadband solutions” language. Notable policy updates are the removal of the 20% threshold and alignment with the NTIA requirements for overbuild. Holly Groschner was also consulted prior to the meeting and is comfortable with the policy being put to a vote as she is with the option to amend in the future.

- Patty Richards moved to approve the draft version of the VCBB Data and Overbuild Policy dated 12-12-2022 with redlines to include reference to community broadband on the first page with the option to revisit the policy. Laura Sibilila seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Christine Hallquist also shared the challenges of the current process for drafting policies. She indicated that she will work directly with the Board and Stan Macel to draft all future policies in an effort to minimize the back and forth experienced in past efforts that have created policy delays.

VIII. Staff Updates

- General Updates
 - Please see the weekly reports for the general updates.
 - Digital equity plan is in process including building an advisory team. This will be required to receive the BEAD infrastructure grant.
 - Laura Sibilila asked how the CUDs will be included and Christine assured the board that CUDs will be part of the team.
- Dashboard Review
 - Alissa Matthews shared the VCBB Hub webpage where the dashboards, map apps, data layers, and training materials for the CUDs are posted publicly. The Hub webpage address was emailed to the Board: <https://explore-vcbb.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Press Coverage
 - Herryng Herzog presented a summary of media coverage since the last board meeting that can be found in the board packet.
 - Call to Vermonters generated some press including Consumer Reports, VTDigger, WCAX, VT Business Magazine, and Bennington Banner.
- Upcoming Construction Grant Applications
 - Lucy Rogers gave an update on construction grants.

- Lamoille Fiber Net has a construction grant submission in process and is looking forward to getting guidance on how to use map data.
- VCBB has been meeting with Otter Creek CUD and is a few months out from submitting a pre-application.
- VCBB has a meeting scheduled with Northwest this week.
- Grant Agreement Status and Monitoring Activities
 - Kristin Brynga shared that the Southern VT grant agreement should go out for signatures by early next week.
 - Monthly program reports have been submitted and reviewed without any immediate concerns.
 - Uniform Guidance training went well and more trainings are planned for after the new year.

IX. VCUDA Update

Rob Vietzke provided an update for VCUDA:

- Legislative items have been drafted for this session. Everyone agreed that VCBB and VCUDA should be aligned.
 - Seeking the opportunity for CUDs to obtain certificate of good standing from the Secretary of State to allow CUDs to apply for additional funding.
 - Merger policies to allow CUDs to combine.
 - To allow municipal employees to have access to the municipal retirement system.
- Shared Data Policy work has been a collaborative process with VCBB, and they feel good about where the policy is now.
- Accurate FCC mapping is very important to CUDs for address and fiber discrepancies.
 - **Timeline** is a concern for successful challenges.
- Make-ready staff is an important strategy to reduce unequal practice among pole owners and make sure that efficiencies are identified as we learn more about this.

X. Public Comment

There were public comments provided by:

- Leslie Caldwell – Mansfield Community Fiber and Stowe Cable Systems
 - Overbuild and Data Policy – Their service area has access to 25/3 including the towns Underhill, Cambridge, Fletcher, Fairfax and Waterville. It is important that policy focuses on underserved communities to limit overbuild in areas that are already served using accurate and up-to-date map data.

XI. Parking Lot

Christine Hallquist reviewed the items in the parking lot, which include:

- VCBB's approach to mapping and strategy for challenging the FCC - presented the challenge process background information Nov. 28th and will finalize strategy for December meeting. - ***Closed and will keep the board updated in future board meetings.***
- Invite the Federal Delegation to future Board Meeting. There is a tentative plan to have them attend January meeting.
- Workshop for the CUDs on Uniform Guidance is scheduled for December 7th. ***Completed.***
- Subsequent overbuild policy discussed Nov. 14th, continued discussion December 12th. ***Approved 12/12/2022.***
- Data policy presented Nov. 28th, will be revisited December 12th. ***Approved 12/12/2022.***
- Development of a mission statement. Patty will lead this task, and it will be presented at a future meeting. - Approved 12/12/22. - ***Completed/Approved 12/12/2022.***

XII. Confirm Date and Proposed Agenda for Next Regular Meeting & Motion to Adjourn

Patty Richards confirmed the next meeting will be January 9th noon-4:00pm. Patty made a motion to adjourn. Dan Nelson seconded, the motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.



December 29, 2022

Christine Hallquist, Executive Director
Vermont Community Broadband Board
112 State Street Montpelier, VT 05620-2601
vcbb@vermont.gov

Re: Broadband Preconstruction grant amendment - Transmittal

Dear Christine:

Maple Broadband hereby requests the balance of our Preconstruction grant allocation in the amount of \$1,227,883:

Description	Amount
Maple Broadband's Preconstruction allocation	\$4,202,083
Maple Broadband's Preconstruction awards to date	\$2,974,200
Allocation remaining	\$1,227,883

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom are in support of this request by Maple Broadband.

The following Transmittal Summary lists the documents being submitted in support of our Preconstruction grant amendment request.

Document	File Name	Description
1	Maple Broadband 02240-FY22-A71PreC-01 Amendment #3 Transmittal 12292022.pdf	This document
2	Maple Broadband 02240-FY22-A71PreC-01 Amendment #3 12292022.pdf	Narrative description of proposed use of funds and updated budget

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

Steve Huffaker
Chair
Chair@maplebroadband.net

Maple Broadband Members

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Maple Broadband 02240-FY22-A71PreC-01 Amendment #3

December 29, 2022

Proposed Use of Funds

The majority of the remainder of the Preconstruction allocation will be spent on detailed network design, make ready, and staff salaries.

We propose combining Detailed Network Design and Phase 1a make-ready categories into a single category called Design & Make-Ready, and combining Detailed network design contingency and Contingency into a single category called Contingency.

Budget

Category	Accounts	New Budget	Current Budget ¹	Change
Design & Make-Ready	Detailed Network Design	\$2,746,883	\$1,801,000	\$745,883
	Phase 1a make-ready		\$200,000	
Administration	Staff salaries and benefits, minute taking service, 0360 licenses, QuickBooks subscription, VCUDA dues, bank service fees, etc	\$500,000	\$28,000	\$472,000
Professional Services	Bookkeeping, Auditing, Legal, GIS services, etc	\$175,000	\$175,000	None
Insurance	General Liability including umbrella, public officials' liability, workers' compensation	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Marketing Services	Marketing firm services, printing,	\$390,000	\$390,000	None

¹ Amendment #2 to 02240-FY22-Act71PreC-01

Category	Accounts	New Budget	Current Budget ¹	Change
	advertising, digital promotion			
Contingency	Detailed design contingency	\$365,200	\$360,200	None
	Contingency		\$5,000	
Total		\$4,202,083	\$2,974,200	



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Dear Vermont Community Broadband Board,

On behalf of the Northwest Vermont Communications Union District, I would like to present a proposed addition to the Broadband Preconstruction Grant already received. 2022 was a year of both challenges and victories. Every year is different, and 2022 brought much progress, despite a big mid-year setback (i.e., an unsuccessful partnership with LFCUD and Google Fiber). We continued to move forward, believing that our model retains much merit, and we seek to begin construction in 2023.

This request includes:

- Fiber materials were procured as a part of the VCUDA cohort purchase of 2022.
- VETRO Fibermap – Fiber management software renewal
- NRTC – Financial modeling and business plan enhancement
- NRTC – Design services

I appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sean R. Kio

Executive Director
Northwest Vermont Communications Union District



Additional Requests

1. Materials purchase (VCUDA)
 - a. See attached VCBB Pre-Construction Grant Program Form
 - b. See attached invoice
2. VETRO Fibermap Renewal
 - a. VETRO Fibermap has become a vital resource for data aggregation and planning. With how we structured our initial grant request we did not account for the 2023 renewal. As we begin our construction phase the software will provide NWFX with a fiber management system.
 - b. See attached invoice
3. NRTC - Financial modeling and business plan enhancement
 - a. Following the unsuccessful partnership with LFCUD and Google Fiber required us to retool our financial modeling and business plan. NRTC additionally created some additional business materials; RFI, rate schedules, and other items to get back on track. As a result, NWFX is currently in initial discussions with 5 residential providers seeking to license network access.
 - b. See attached invoice
4. NRTC - Design services
 - a. Our initial estimate for the design services were underestimated and before we contracted NRTC. Our request for additional funds is for the invoice amount minus the previous request amount.
 - b. See attached invoice

Task	Budget Request
Materials Purchase	\$ 295,449.86
VETRO Fibermap†	\$ 25,000.00
NRTC - Business Plan Enhancement	\$ 40,000.00
NRTC - Design Services †	\$ 551,790.69

Total Additional Request \$ 912,240.55

†To be added to existing task items

ACT 71 PRECONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAMS

Act 71 PreConstruction Grant Program - Updated 12 27 2022						
	Available	Awarded	Available as of 12/27/22	1/9/23 Proposed Amendments	Award Traditional PreC	Remaining Balance
CVFiber	\$2,804,667	\$2,804,667	\$0		\$2,804,667	\$0
Chittenden Cnty (NEW)	\$300,000		\$300,000		\$0	\$300,000
DVFiber	\$4,122,703	\$4,111,318	\$11,385		\$4,111,318	\$11,385
ECFiber	\$3,218,067	\$2,841,130	\$376,937		\$2,841,130	\$376,937
Lamoille Fibernet	\$2,563,363	\$1,193,885	\$1,369,478		\$1,193,885	\$1,369,478
Maple Broadband	\$4,202,083	\$2,974,200	\$1,227,883	\$1,227,883	\$4,202,083	\$0
NEK Broadband	\$6,670,000	\$6,670,000	\$0		\$6,670,000	\$0
NWFiberWorX	\$3,558,933	\$1,275,028	\$2,283,905	\$616,791	\$1,891,819	\$1,667,114
Otter Creek	\$1,705,442	\$441,000	\$1,264,442		\$441,000	\$1,264,442
Southern Vermont	\$654,742	\$0	\$654,742		\$0	\$654,742
TOTALS	\$29,800,000	\$22,311,228	\$7,488,772	\$1,844,674	\$24,155,902	\$5,644,098

Note: \$200k is being held in reserved if addl towns join a CUD.

PreConstruction Materials Implementation Supplemental Funding						
	Available from Materials Supplement	Awarded out of Materials Supplement	1/9/23 Staff Approved Amendments	Available for \$4M supplement for materials	Added to PreC/Transfer red from Construction	Total Materials Purchase added to PreC grants
CVFiber	\$410,186	\$410,186		\$0	\$5,589,814	\$6,000,000
Chittenden Cnty (NEW)	\$0				\$0	\$0
DVFiber	\$468,141	\$468,141		\$0	\$640,659	\$1,108,800
ECFiber	\$274,170	\$0		\$274,170	\$0	\$0
Lamoille Fibernet	\$281,652		\$281,652	\$0	\$31,483	\$313,135
Maple Broadband	\$418,806	\$418,806		\$0	\$362,478	\$781,284
NEK Broadband	\$1,353,915	\$1,353,915		\$0	\$0	\$1,353,915
NWFiberWorX	\$399,674		\$295,450	\$104,224	\$0	\$295,450
Otter Creek	\$203,605			\$203,605	\$0	\$0
Southern Vermont	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$3,810,149	\$2,651,048	\$577,102	\$581,999	\$6,624,434	\$9,852,584

NOTES:

Any amount for the Pre-Purchase of Specified Lead-Time Materials that exceeds the funds allotted out of the \$4 M supplemental fund is deducted from the Construction Grant Calculation
 SoVT's PreC allocation was reduced by \$500,000 with permission. SoVT's supplemental was reduced by \$189,851
 Chit County was given an allocation of \$300,000. This amount may increase as more towns joined the new CUD.
 \$389,851 was returned to the pool for other uses, include addl Chit if other towns join
 Amounts shown are not what the grantee has spent; only what was awarded or is left to be awarded.

SUMMARY: PreConstruction Grant Awards and Available Funds as of 1/9/23				
	Grant Award	Available Traditional PreC	Available Materials Supplement	AVAILABLE
CVFiber	\$8,804,667	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chittenden Cnty (NEW)	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
DVFiber	\$5,220,118	\$11,385	\$0	\$11,385
ECFiber	\$2,841,130	\$376,937	\$274,170	\$651,107
Lamoille Fibernet	\$1,507,020	\$1,369,478	\$0	\$1,369,478
Maple Broadband*	\$4,983,367	\$0	\$0	\$0
NEK Broadband	\$8,023,915	\$0	\$0	\$0
NWFiberWorX	\$2,187,269	\$1,667,114	\$104,224	\$1,771,338
Otter Creek	\$441,000	\$1,264,442	\$203,605	\$1,468,047
Southern Vermont	\$0	\$654,742	\$0	\$654,742
				\$6,226,097

ACT 71 CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUND CALCULATIONS UPDATED DECEMBER 2022

Universal Service Plan	Roads No Cable/ Fiber	% Roads No Cable/ Fiber*	Total Available (\$211M)	Grants Awarded as of 12 2022	Material Funds Transfer*	Funds Remaining
CVFiber	688.65	9.38%	\$19,789,932	\$12,289,273	\$5,589,814	\$1,910,845
Chittenden County	56.91	0.78%	\$1,635,369		\$0	\$1,635,369
DVFiber	785.95	10.70%	\$22,586,088	\$21,945,429	\$640,659	-\$1
ECFiber	460.30	6.27%	\$13,227,657		\$0	\$13,227,657
Lamoille FiberNet	472.86	6.44%	\$13,588,636		\$31,483	\$13,588,636
Maple Broadband	703.12	9.58%	\$20,205,865	\$17,790,486	\$362,478	\$2,052,901
NEK Broadband	2273.06	30.96%	\$65,321,386	\$20,865,889	\$0	\$44,455,497
Northwest Fiberworx	703.62	9.58%	\$20,219,979		\$0	\$20,219,979
Otter Creek	346.98	4.73%	\$9,971,393		\$0	\$9,971,393
Southern Vermont	318.74	4.34%	\$9,159,571	\$9,009,085	\$0	\$150,486
WCVT Universal Service	310.30	4.24%	\$8,950,426	\$8,348,243	\$0	\$602,183
Other Towns	221.00	3.01%	\$6,351,100		\$0	\$6,351,100
TOTAL	7342.39	100.00%	\$211,000,000	\$90,248,405	\$6,624,434	\$114,166,045

Based on 2021 PSD Service by Road Mileage with no Fiber or Cable

Towns sharing a CUD were adjusted based on the actual share of town or 50/50 split

Total amount based on \$116M from ARPA SFR and \$95M from ARPA Capital Projects

BEAD funding is not included in this chart

**Funds were transferred from Act 71 Construction to Act 71 PreConstruction Awards*

ACT 71 GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT DATES								
Act 71 PreConstruction Grant Program					Act 71 Construction Grant Program			
	Original Agreement	Amendment 1	Amendment 2			Original Agreement	Amendment 1	Amendment 2
CVFiber	10/4/2021	4/13/2022	5/23/2022		CVFiber	7/11/2022		
Chittenden Cnty (NEW)	Not Issued	Not Issued	Not Issued		Chittenden Cnty (NEW)	Not Issued		
DVFiber	10/31/2021	4/21/2022	4/22/2022		DVFiber	7/11/2022		
ECFiber	11/15/2021	4/13/2022	Not Issued		ECFiber	Not Issued		
Lamoille Fibernet	11/15/2021	4/13/2022	Not Issued		Lamoille Fibernet	Not Issued		
Maple Broadband	10/23/2021	4/13/2022	4/22/2022		Maple Broadband	7/15/2022		
NEK Broadband	11/29/2021	4/22/2022	Not Issued		NEK Broadband	4/25/2022	10/3/2022	
NWFiberWorX	11/11/2021	4/13/2022	Not Issued		NWFiberWorX	Not Issued		
Otter Creek	7/11/2022	Not Issued	Not Issued		Otter Creek	Not Issued		
Southern Vermont	Not Issued	Not Issued	Not Issued		Southern Vermont	8/22/2022		
					WCVT	Not Issued		

Staff Update
January 9, 2023, VCBB Board meeting

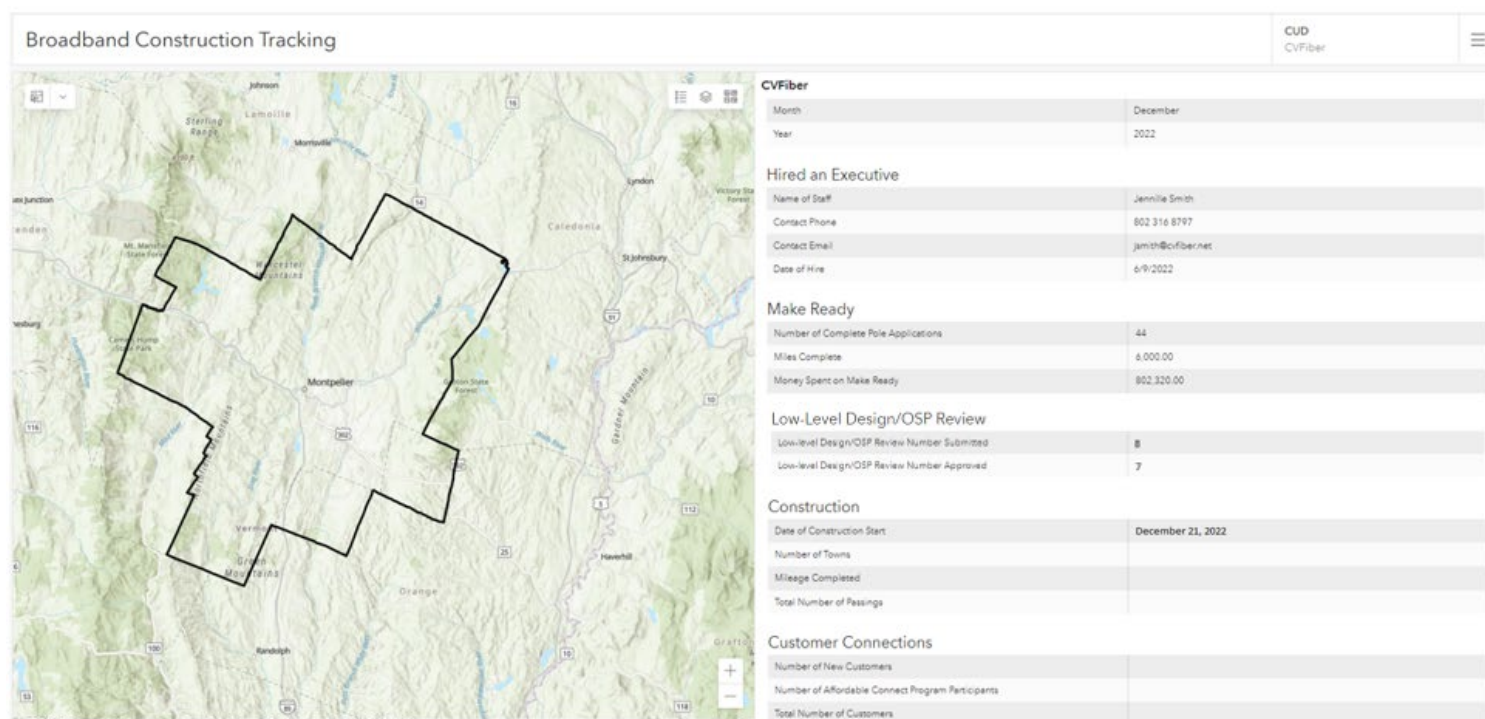
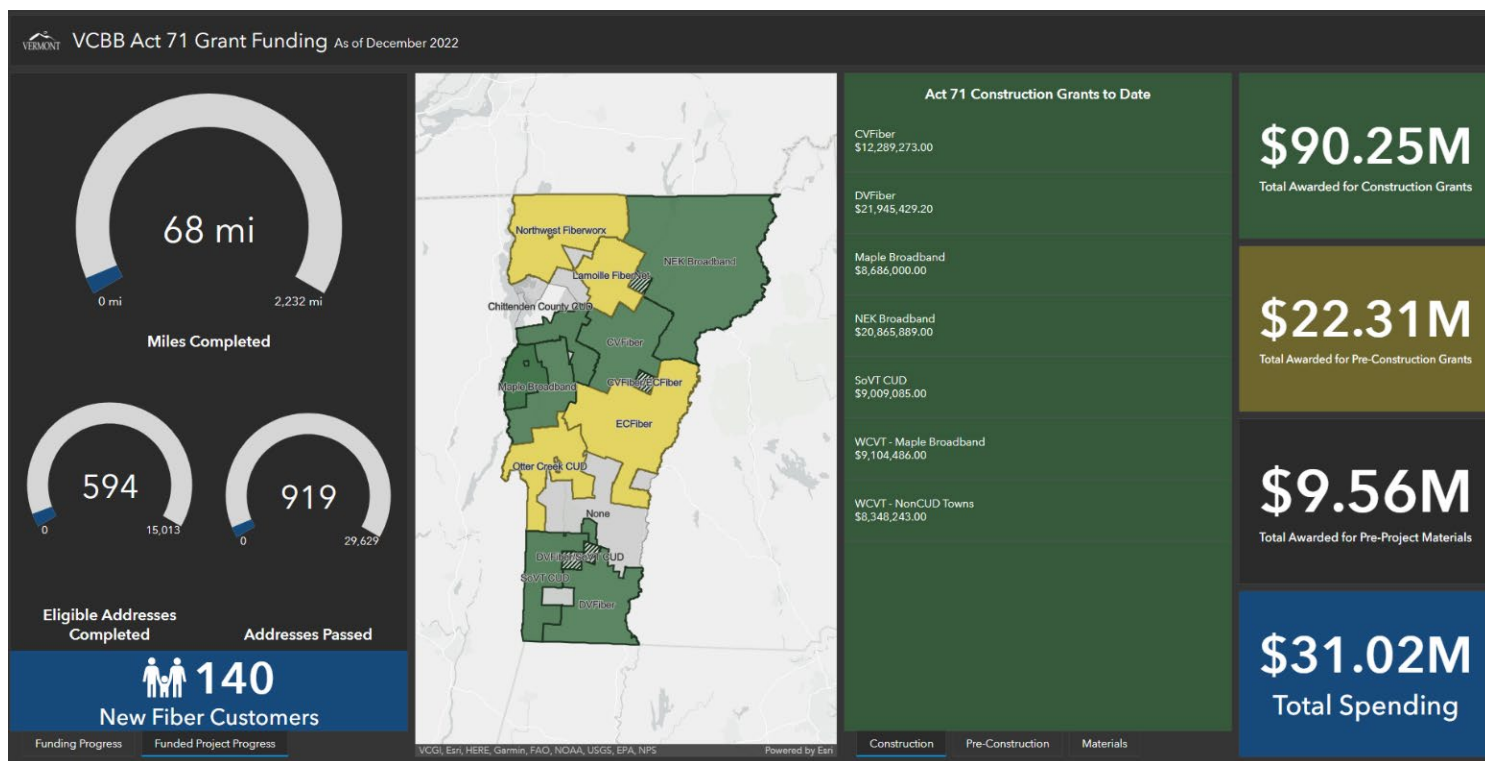
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Communications and Media

- Coverage on our push for individuals to check their addresses and challenge inaccurate information included stories in The Rutland Herald and Times Argus [Vermont will lose money if broadband maps aren't accurate, according to state broadband board | Local News | rutlandherald.com](#), News & Citizen [Broadband board calls for pushback on service map | Local News | vtcng.com](#), WCAX [Vt. Broadband leaders push for extension to challenge FCC coverage map \(wcax.com\)](#), Seven Days [Feds Are Underestimating Vermont's Broadband Problems, Officials Say \(sevendaysvt.com\)](#), and The Mountain Times [Vermonters urged to challenge broadband map data - The Mountain Times](#).
- Staff was featured in a ten-minute segment on Vermont Public's Vermont Edition on December 21, [State calls on Vermonters to help correct federal broadband map | Vermont Public](#). Topics included what we're doing to challenge the FCC Map, why it's important, and how individuals can file challenges.
- Staff was interviewed by AP reporter Kavish Harjai for a national story on the challenges states are facing trying to challenge the FCC Map before the January 13 deadline, [States Contend With Short Timeline to Correct Broadband Map \(usnews.com\)](#). Vermont was mentioned in the article, which was in U.S. News & World Report and ABC News.
- Staff spoke at CVFiber's press conference in Calais on December 21 to mark the start of their construction. The Montpelier Bridge, [CVFiber Rolls Out High-Speed Internet - The Montpelier Bridge](#), and NECN, [With Federal Broadband Grants Pending, Vermonters Urged to Check for FCC Errors \(msn.com\)](#), had stories covering the event.
- The Rutland Herald and Times Argus had an article about Vermont's Congressional Delegation sending a letter to the FCC to ask for more time to challenge its map and to release the \$100 million minimum immediately, [Vt.'s Congressional delegation presses FCC for more time on broadband maps | Local News | timesargus.com](#).
- The Vermont Community Foundation has a story on its website that includes a staff interview, [Rural Connectivity: How charitable giving can increase access to high-speed internet and revitalize Vermont \(vermontcf.org\)](#). It focuses on the ways philanthropy can accelerate the build-out of broadband in Vermont and make it more affordable and accessible for Vermonters. It also details the benefits of broadband for local families and the economic impact on the state.
- Commissioner Tierney was quoted in the commentary piece, "Do You Really Have the Broadband the FCC Thinks You Have," in The Daily Yonder, [Commentary: Do You Really Have the Broadband the FCC Thinks You Have? | The Daily Yonder](#).

Dashboard Updates:

- Staff worked with Stone to continue adding metrics to the various dashboards which are now being pulled into one application. It will include the statewide funding status dashboard, statewide funded-project progress, and more detailed CUD and other grantee progress status updates. It will also incorporate new monthly reporting as construction ramps up.



#	Priority	Item	Date entered	Assigned to	Resolution and date
24	1	Invite to the Federal Delegation to future Board Meeting	8/8/22	CH	Delegation will be invited to the January Board meeting
26	1	Establish policy to address issue of enforceability with any of the partners and the CUDs.	8/22/22	CH	Team will finalize plan and share with Board at a future meeting.
29		Include placeholder for budget update, dashboards, and policy and goals discussion to all Board Meeting Agendas	11/03/22		This will formally be in place starting with the January, 2023 Board meeting.
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22	3	VCBB's approach to mapping and strategy for challenging the FCC.	6/14/22	CH	Presented initial strategy 12/12/22. A Federal Program Officer at the NTIA will be needed to work on this with and that has finally been announced as Clay Purvis from the Public Service Department. He will be invited to January meeting.
28		Finalize subsequent overbuild policy and data policy.	10/31/22		This is addressed in the VCBB Data and Overbuild Policy submitted to the Board for continued discussion at the 12/12/22 meeting.
32		Alignment of VCBB Mission Statement based on Act 71	11/14/22		Patty Richards to lead this 12/12/22.
25	2	Host workshop for the CUDs on Uniform Guidance	8/8/22	CH	Completed December 7th
30		Adjust timing of Board Packet to at least 5 business days before the Board Meeting	11/03/22		Plan to start new schedule in January
33		Create a Communication Procedure Plan for Board	11/14/22		Completed in the November 28 Board meeting.