

West Central Vermont CEDS – Strategy Committee

Friday, November 17, 2023– 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81006040552>

Taylor Newton, CCRPC
Alex Demoly, GBIC
Sam Andersen, GBIC
Adam Lougee, ACRPC
Fred Kenney, ACEDC
Karen Duguay, ACEDC
Cooper Babbitt, CDERR
Devon Neary, RRPC
Christian Meyer, CVRPC
Abbey Jenne, CVEDC

Taylor Newton kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone at about 10:02 a.m.

1. Changes/adjustment to agenda:

Taylor asked for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none proposed, he continued.

2. Minutes – October 20, 2023:

Taylor requested a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. **Devon Neary moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Fred Kenney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

3. Economic Development District (EDD):

Taylor noted that all partners have signed a resolution to form an EDD. CCRPC is working on the application. They hope to have a draft for us to review at our December 15th meeting. **Taylor asked all partners to have their letters of support to CCRPC by our meeting on the 15th.**

Taylor stated the Governor's letter of support is coming.

Taylor noted that EDA is no longer giving EDD's \$70,000 of base funding. We will need to compete for any funding we receive.

Taylor estimated it will take at least two months for us to hear back from EDA on our application.

5. EDA Planning and Technical Assistance grant -

Taylor noted that previously we had discussed applying for an EDA technical assistance and planning grant. **RRPC and CVRPC have volunteered to write the grant application. Everyone should review and help RRPC and CVRPC with suggestions concerning the content of the grant application. Specifically, please suggest tasks to include that will implement the CEDS and a budget necessary to support that work. CCRPC will be the grant applicant and serve as the fiscal agent for the grant.**

We expect to apply for \$300,000 to support CEDS implementation.

We expect the grant will have an 80/20 split for local match. We expect we will need to wait 3-6 months before we hear back on the outcome of the grant application.

Christina and Melissa please discuss eligibility for the FY23 disaster supplemental funding with EDA. (CCRPC and CVRPC are already eligible for the FY21 and FY22 disaster supplemental funds).

Helpful links for the grant application are listed below.

EDA Planning and Technical Assistance Grant: [here](#)

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance grant that just came out [here](#).

Other EDA funding opportunities? [Link to Funding Opportunities](#)

6. Upcoming meetings -

a. Friday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m.

b. January 19th at 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment - Sam moved to adjourn. Devon seconded the motion to adjourn. By unanimous consent, Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Lougee