

# VHCB Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

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# What is REDI?

- ▶ REDI provides targeted capacity to rural communities and working lands businesses to access funding for community & economic development

- ▶ **How:**

Funding for:

- ▶ Fundraising mapping/ funding identification
  - ▶ Grant writing consulting (review, editing, drafting, etc.)
  - ▶ Technical assistance critical to federal grant application (ex: feasibility study, architectural renderings, mapping, etc.)
- ▶ **Where:** Small, rural communities in VT (under 5,000 population)
  - ▶ REDI complements assistance provided by Regional Development Corporations, Regional Planning Commissions, VHCB Conservation program, and other partners

# Eligibility: Priority Focus Areas

- ▶ Working lands sector development
- ▶ Outdoor recreation
- ▶ Community-based economic development
- ▶ Implementation projects/ Federal funding



Monti Verdi is, of course, “Green Mountains” in Italian and that is the best place to start to understand what goes into our hand-crafted salami. We are both Italians who have brought with us our traditional methods for making authentic Italian salumi (cured meats). We are also both Vermonters who have made a home—and a farm—here in the



# Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Project located in/serving communities under 5,000 people
- ▶ Aligns with REDI priority focus areas
- ▶ Clients: Non-profits, municipalities, community organizations, and working lands businesses
- ▶ Project demonstrates readiness
- ▶ Municipal approval/support
- ▶ *Housing focused projects generally not a fit for REDI. VHCB's Housing Program has resources focused on affordable housing.*

# Project “REDI-ness”

- ▶ Community engagement/planning process completed
- ▶ Project clearly defined, seeking significant grant funding
- ▶ Connected with other relevant support orgs (RDCs, RPCs, etc.) to access resources
- ▶ Municipal support (approval of selectboard, town, etc.)

# REDI Process:

- ▶ Project intro meeting with VHCB REDI staff
  - ▶ Resources/referrals
- ▶ Application & Letter of Support
- ▶ Consultant matching/selection
- ▶ Consultant & client develop Scope of Work
  - ▶ REDI staff review & approve
- ▶ REDI funds the agreed upon Scope of Work
  - ▶ Funding ranges from ~\$1,000 - ~\$7,500
- ▶ Deliverables submitted & evaluation survey

# Contact & Information

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