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MEMORANDUM

TO: Municipalities

**FROM: Jennifer M.V. Fitch, PE
Commissioner**

DATE: March 06, 2024

SUBJECT: MERP Mini Grant Application Deadline

The application period for MERP Mini Grants will be closing on May 31, 2024.

Mini Grants of \$4,000 are intended to fund municipal efforts for capacity building and active participation in energy resilience initiatives, specific to MERP and beyond. Municipalities may conduct community education and outreach regarding Vermont's climate policies and incentives to cut energy costs, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and improve energy resilience in municipally owned buildings. These grants can also be used to identify potential candidate buildings for MERP's free Energy Resilience Assessments and Implementation Grants of up to \$500,000.

As program administrator, BGS encourages RPCs to work with towns to apply for these grants well in advance of the deadline so that the municipalities may benefit from the information and momentum the grants are intended to create, and leverage both toward their implementation grant research and applications.

