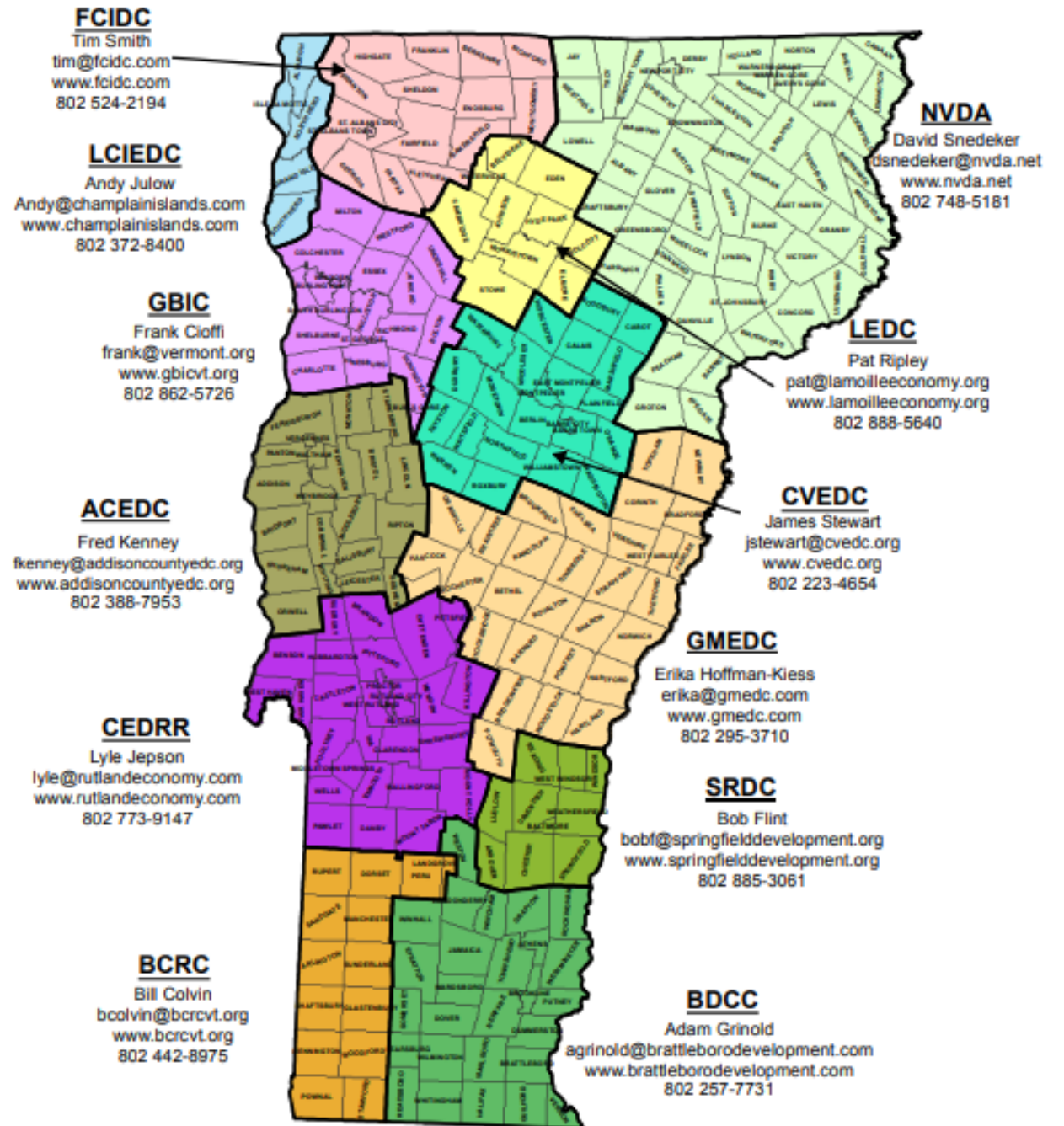




Erika Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

- ▶ One of 12 Regional Development Corporations in Vermont
- ▶ Service area is Orange County and northern Windsor County
- ▶ We work in partnership with the Regional Commission - Two Rivers Ottauquechee
- ▶ Independent, non-profit corporations
- ▶ We receive a grant from state to act as local resource for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and other state programs



What do we do?

Deliver basic business, economic and community development services, such as:

- ▶ Business development and recruitment
- ▶ Direct one-on-one assistance
- ▶ Project development, including relocation and expansion resources
- ▶ Business education and training
- ▶ Business and project consulting, mentoring, and referrals to programs and services
- ▶ Collaboration and coordination with local, regional, state, and federal partners

We foster economic vitality and prosperity, connecting businesses and municipalities to the resources they need to flourish and thrive

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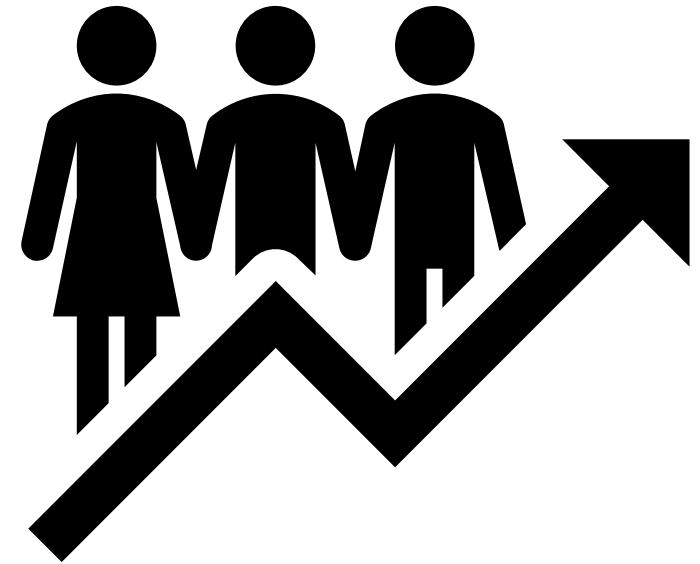
Regional Priority Projects

What?

High priority economic and community development projects that meet certain eligibility requirements.

The Regional Priority Project lists are considered living, dynamic documents.

The lists are used by federal, state, regional and local organizations to understand the funding needs of the region and allow regional economic and community development staff help match federal and state funding announcements to projects.



RPP Process & Schedule:

- Regional solicitation
10 October
- Submissions and updates due
7 November
- Regional scoring and prioritization
November
- Consolidation statewide – Top 10/region
December
- Publication by State
January 2026

Project Eligibility & Scoring Criteria:

- ▶ Purpose and benefit to the region
- ▶ Degree of project readiness
- ▶ Principals have previous experience with similar projects
- ▶ Supports identified community/regional economic/development goals
- ▶ There is a project budget in place, with identified sources/uses and a demonstrated funding gap
- ▶ Project supports job creation and/or retention

Things to remember:

- One time application
- Bi-annual updates
- This is not a grant
- Information forms **due 7 November**