

Clerk's Report for 12/06/23

- **VCBB Check-in:** VCBB answers to some questions below:
 - Is CCCUD responsible for non-CUD towns in Chittenden County: No
 - Can you pay admin costs with construction grant costs: Yes. Section 18b of the [RFP](#) "Draft Capital Projects Fund Program Assurances" (pg. 28) outlines what the funds cannot be used for and makes an exception for grant administration costs.
 - What does "obligated" mean for the purposes of the grant: Still checking
 - If a town is served with fiber by a non-ARPA grant does it lose its ARPA money? No. The ARPA town allocation is more of a formula for determining the amount of money available to the CUD than an "actual" amount that particular town owns; those funds can be moved around as needed.
 - Is the CCCUD allocation \$2.1m or \$1.6m? It's \$2.1m so your number is correct.
- **BEAD Challenge Process:**
 - VCBB is encouraging CUDs to get a Tier D License to be involved in the BEAD challenge process – it may be a requirement to participate in BEAD. We likely don't have the funding to pay for the administrative time this effort would involve (potentially \$300/hr if both MBI and the Clerk have to work on it) and applying for a license would make us the only entity in Chittenden County to serve in this capacity – so potential challenges would be funneled to us (most likely by VCBB) for the whole county, not just the CUD district.
 - CCRPC and/or municipalities can also register for this license and do this work on behalf of their residents. (The State is not an eligible entity.)
- **11/28 VCUDA Meeting:** Ann Janda and Jeff Nevins of MBI attended meeting. Key notes:
 - **Legislative Policy:** Legislative Day is January 31 and Matt Cota has set up some one-on-one meetings with delegations
 - **Finance committee:** Met with Treasurer's office regarding financing. Denise Sullivan gathering information on the financing needs of CUDs
 - **BEAD Volume II:** The anti-collusion clause means CUDs cannot communicate regarding applications during a short quiet period.
- **Annual Audit:** [As per Chapter 082 30 V.S.A. § 3070](#)
 - Once the district becomes operational, the board shall cause an audit of the financial condition of the district to be performed annually by an independent professional accounting firm. (Added 2015, No. 41, § 20, eff. June 1, 2015.)
- **Terms of CCCUD Board Reps per CCCUD's Bylaws:**
 - Governing Board: The member Municipality delegates who make up the Board shall each be appointed by their Legislative Bodies to serve for one year, from one annual meeting to the next, or until his or her successor is duly appointed.

Respectfully submitted by

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CCCUD Clerk