



ADDISON COUNTY

Economic Development Corporation
Great starts here.



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Dear Member,

Please take a moment and enjoy our Late Fall/Early Winter 2021 Newsletter. In this update you'll find information on grants we've been able to secure for local businesses, an introduction to new staff members, a link to the recording of our 2021 Annual Meeting, plus member updates, news, resources and more.

Enjoy,
ACEDC

From the Desk of the Executive Director

ACEDC often partners regionally and on the state and federal levels to advance economic and community development in Addison County.

On the federal level, we are partnering with Senator Leahy and the US Department of Labor on a workforce development grant involving the Hannaford Career Center. We are also partnering with USDA/Rural Development on a feasibility study for EcoGlobal, LLC and the USDA/Rural Development Intermediary Relending program recently recapitalized our Revolving Loan Fund. We are also working on several US EDA grant applications to bring more resources to the region.

At the state level, we are partnering with the Agency of Commerce on the Capital Investment Program to fund several transitional projects in the region. We also recently partnered with the Vermont Department of Buildings and Services “[Building Community](#)” program to bring \$35,000 more in funding to the region to help grow two regional businesses.

Read more about these grants in this newsletter, along with our highlighted partner: the [Addison County Regional Planning Commission](#). We are working with ACRPC on an EDA-funded Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), an initiative requiring your input that will provide an [Economic Development Strategy for the region](#) that will be incorporated into ACRPC’s Regional Plan and become ACEDC’s Economic Strategy. We also worked on and submitted an application the EPA for brownfield remediation funding. If funded, we will be looking to identify development and redevelopment projects that re hindered by contamination. Finally, we are working with ACRPC on the annual [Regional Priority Project list](#). This list is shared with state and federal funding agencies to indicate to them the projects that are priorities for our region as they make funding decisions.

ACEDC News Updates

ACEDC Wins \$35,000 in Economic Development Grants for Two Addison County Businesses

Governor Scott and Jennifer M.V. Fitch, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS), have notified the Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) that they were awarded \$35,000 for Addison County businesses through the [Building Communities Grant Program](#) for projects in Bristol and Monkton.

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ACEDC & Fred Kenney Recognized by Addison County Chamber of Commerce



Fred Kenney, executive director of the Addison County Economic Development Corporation, received the Addison County Chamber of Commerce Community Achievement Award for his ACEDC's work to help dozens of businesses process aid and grant submissions.

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ACEDC Welcomes New Staff Members



We are pleased to announce the addition of two new members of the ACEDC staff: Project and Grant Manager Dana Hanley and Office Manager Barbara Richardson.

Dana Hanley is a community development professional and former Community Development Director for the Town of Essex, VT. Her background also includes administering Act 250, the state land use law, for the Vermont Natural Resources Board in Addison and Chittenden Counties, as well as serving as the Planning and Zoning Director for the Town of Shelburne, VT.

Dana is a past president of the Vermont Planners Association, has served on the Vermont Land Trust board, and is currently on the board of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. In 2009, she was named Outstanding Professional Planner by the Vermont Planners Association and the 2009 Professional Planner by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Barbara Richardson is a past Executive Administrative Assistant of the Rutland Housing Authority and Office Manager for the Northeast Organic Farming Association. She has served as an editor and grants coordinator at the National Gardening Association and spent nine years in various roles at Gardener's Supply Company.

Barbara is a past board member of the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, now known as Hunger Free Vermont.

"ACEDC and Addison County will benefit from Dana and Barbara's experience and expertise," said Fred Kenney, ACEDC Executive Director. "Our new staff structure will allow us to better serve the region to advance economic and community development."

2021 ACEDC Annual Meeting

The Addison County Economic Development Corporation 2021 Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Friday, November, 12, 2021 from 7:30-9:30am.



Our speaker this year was Mathew Barewicz, Chief, Economic & Labor Market Information Division, Vermont Department of Labor, on the factors impacting the labor shortage.

2021 ACEDC ANNUAL MEETING

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Our Members in the News

[VBM recognizes Vermont's Rising Stars Class of 2021](#)

[Four broadcasters, canine co-host, to be inducted into VAB Hall of Fame](#)

[Ho, ho, no: For maker of wooden toys, the struggle ahead of Christmas isn't finding supplies, but finding workers](#)

Agricola Meats Successfully Completes Kickstarter Campaign for Equipment to Expand Production



[Watch the Agricola Farm & Monti Verdi Video on the ACEDC YouTube Channel](#)

Alessandra Rellini and Stefano Pinna, ACEDC members and owners of Agricola Farm and Agricola Meats ([Monti Verdi Salumi](#)), have been hard at work caring for their land and animals, processing and curing their meat, AND raising much-needed funds to purchase equipment that will enable them to expand their product offerings and production at their facility in Middlebury.

Their successful [Kickstarter campaign](#) raised over \$33K in two weeks. These funds will be used as matching funds for a Vermont Working Lands Initiative grant and will allow Agricola

to offer a wider variety of cured meats, including coppa, guanciale, prosciuttini, pancetta, and lonzino.

Alessandra and Stefano are quick to acknowledge the help they've received from the Addison County Economic Development Corporation, including advice and expertise that have allowed them to grow their business. "I know we would not have done it without them," says Relleni. "It's definitely shocking how many small business resources are available, but the point is, do you know all of them and do you have a connection? When you get to the point that you don't know what to do, that's the time when you probably should reach out to the Addison County Economic Development Corporation because they can give you great advice."

Business Resources

Community Events

[Teen Time at the Makery](#)

[Establishing a 401K Plan for Your Small Business or Non-Profit](#)

[Construction Business Bootcamp](#)

[Lunch & Learn: Exploring Employee Ownership - Center for Women & Enterprise Vermont](#)

[Vermont Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit](#)

Employment Opportunities

[Visit our website for more listings](#)

[Training for Vermonters Impacted by COVID-19 - Helping Vermonters Get Back to Work](#)

[LiveGreenVT: Program Manager](#)

[Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County: Public Engagement & Communications Services](#)

[Tri-Valley Transit: Administrative Assistant](#)

[Middlebury Area Land Trust: Community Engagement Coordinator](#)

[Northland Job Corps](#)

[Collins Aerospace](#)

[Agri-Mark/Cabot Creamery](#)

Grant Opportunities

VHCB Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program Water Quality Grants

[Visit our website for more grant information](#)

Highlighted Partner



The [Addison County Regional Planning Commission](#) serves the 21 towns of the Addison Region and provides assistance on a range of community development activities and issues. ACRPC provides leadership and technical expertise to encourage cooperative planning within and among the region's communities and area-wide interests.

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