

Municipal Special Purpose Districts - Vermont							
District Type	Purpose	May Use Property Tax	May Use Eminent Domain	Governance	May Cross Municipal Lines	Lender/Partner Attractiveness	Public Grant Eligible
Municipalities (cities towns villages)	General purpose governments	Yes	Yes	Local legislative body	No	Depends upon project	Yes
Union Municipal Districts (24 V.S.A. Ch. 121)	Schools, waste management, recreation, etc.	Exercise any powers capable of exercise by any participating municipalities and necessary for dealing with problems of mutual concern		Board of directors, Prudential committee, etc., depending upon charter	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
Telecommunications Union Municipal District	Telecommunications	No	No	Established in Title 30	Yes	Depends upon project	
Special Assessment Districts	Public improvement benefiting a limited area of a municipality	Assessment apportioned among properties to be benefited	No	Local legislative body	No	Depends upon project	Assume that local legislative body applies
Inter-municipal service agreements (RPC)	Multi-town municipal services	No	No	Specified in bylaws	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
Inter-local contracts	Various municipal services	May exercise any powers consistent with law to carry out purpose of contract		Depends upon contract	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
Consolidated water district	Potable water supply	Uses water rates and property taxes		Depends upon charter or bylaw	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
Consolidated sewer district	Wastewater treatment	Uses sewer rates and property tax		Depends upon charter or bylaw	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
Mass transit authority	Public transit	Apportion to each member municipality	Yes	Board of commissioners: 2 from each town	Yes		
Property assessed clean energy	Energy efficiency or renewable retrofits	No: financed by participating owners	No	Local legislative body (bodies)	Yes	Efficiency Vermont is partner	Property owners' incentives
District Fire Mutual Aid	Fire Protection	Within limits of available funds	No	Depends On Bylaws	Yes	Depends on Project	Yes
Fire District	Water supply, fire protection, sewage, parks, sidewalks, various other purposes	Yes	Yes	Prudential committee	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
Central Vermont Public Safety Authority	Public safety	Assessment to member towns	Yes	Two members/ town + 3 at-large members	Yes	Depends upon project	Yes
REDI	Economic development	No	No	Governing board of 4-8 appointed by local legislative bodies	Yes	Yes	Yes