

AGENCY ANNEX D
AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. MISSION

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) helps Vermonters improve their quality of life and build strong communities.

II. AUTHORITY

Title 3 V.S.A. Chapter 47, sections 2402; 2471; 2472; 2476
Title 10 V.S.A.
Title 24 V.S.A.
Title 20 V.S.A. section 34

III. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

State agency and department heads and their staffs develop, plan and train to internal policies and procedures to meet preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery needs as identified in this plan including annexes, appendices, tabs and other supporting documents including the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Training includes not only what may be accomplished within the agency but multi-level, interagency training and exercises to develop and maintain necessary capabilities.

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development is headed by a Secretary appointed by the Governor. The Agency promotes and markets the state through the Department of Tourism and Marketing, headed by a Commissioner. The Agency provides business support and assistance through the Department of Economic Development (DED), headed by a Commissioner. The Agency provides training, technical assistance, regulatory guidance, funding and incentives on a variety of housing, historic preservation, downtown and community planning needs through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) also headed by a Commissioner.

Disasters within the State of Vermont may cause damages to community, business and individual property. They may result in the loss of homes, damages to historic properties, and disruption of economic activity creating the need for emergency or disaster assistance funding.

The Department of Tourism and Marketing (VDTM) will:

1. Coordinate with other Agencies, particularly Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and Agency of Transportation, on information related to the event, response and recovery. Campaigns designed to inform the traveling public of what and how to travel throughout Vermont will be one primary role for VDTM.
2. Provide technical assistance to tourism industries.

The Department of Economic Development (DED) will:

1. Provide technical assistance for business economic recovery.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will:

1. Provide technical assistance for community recovery.
2. Assist the Agency of Human Services and FEMA in the housing recovery needs of survivors and communities.
3. Provide technical assistance in community planning.
4. Provide technical assistance on building and site historic preservation and recovery.

There are three means of providing funding for recovery and rehabilitation efforts in the Department of Housing and Community Development:

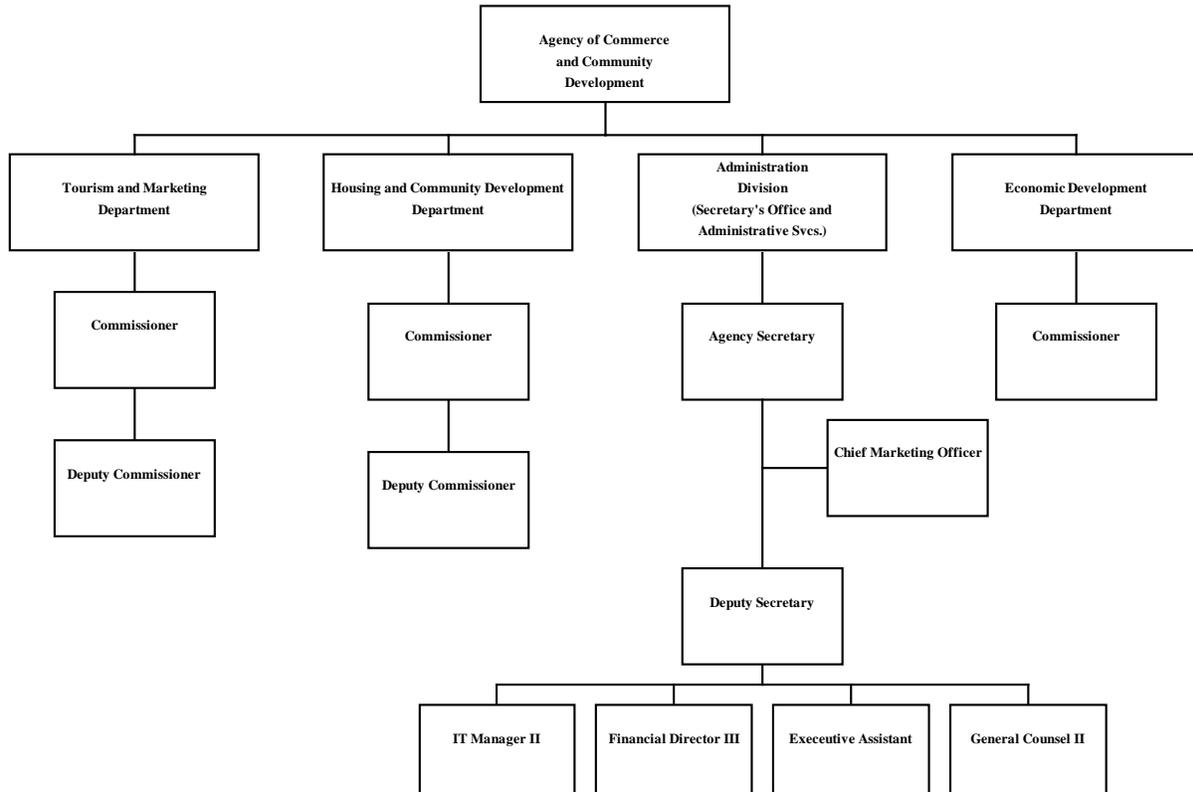
1. Under a Presidentially-declared disaster, state and federal recovery disaster assistance **may** become available to assist communities in the areas of economic recovery, housing and municipal infrastructure. These funds generally flow from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
2. Funds may also be available through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and DHCD will coordinate efforts with DEMHS who is the lead agency for this source of federal funding.
3. Disaster-related projects that meet the federal program requirements can be considered for funding through DHCD's annual CDBG allocation under the national objective of urgent need.

The situation and assumptions in section ii of the Base plan also apply.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The chart at the end of this Subsection outlines the emergency response functions of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

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Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development is a support agency for State Support Function #5 (Emergency Management, Recovery & Mitigation), State Support Function #6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing & Human Services) and State Support Function #14 (Public Information) and assumes the responsibilities as outlined in those annexes. The Agency is also a participating agency in the Recovery and Restoration Multi-Agency Coordination Group as designated in the Disaster Recovery and Restoration Annex.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

This Annex will be implemented with the assigned responsibilities by means of direct coordination from the Commissioner, Department of Public Safety or Director, DEMHS with the Commissioner and/or upon the order of the Governor within the framework of the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP).

VI. ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development is responsible for the overall Agency emergency response.

VII. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

In accordance with the provisions of Title 20, “agency heads will in addition to any deputy authorized pursuant to law, designate by title three emergency interim successors and specify their order of succession. These designations shall, each year, be reviewed and revised, as necessary, to ensure their current status.”

Line of interim succession for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development is as follows:

1. Deputy Secretary;
2. Commissioner, Department Housing and Community Development;
3. Commissioner, Department of Tourism and Marketing;
4. Commissioner, Economic Development
5. Deputy Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development;
6. Deputy Commissioner, Department of Tourism and Marketing.