

**VTrans Fall 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant Application**

Thoroughly read the ***Vermont Transportation Alternatives Fall 2022 Application Guide***

before you begin your application. It includes important program information and step-by-step instructions. Pay particular attention to the application process requirements. **Applications are due in hand or by e-mail by December 14, 2022.** Please e-mail the completed application to: [Scott.robertson@vermont.gov](mailto:Scott.Robertson@state.vt.us)

Pearl Street Sidewalk Extension

(Project Name/Title)

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**$** 52,960.00

Amount of **Federal Funds requested** (no more than 80% of the project cost estimate).

$13,240.00

Amount of Local Match. Example:

Federal Award = $300,000 (*80% of total*)

Local Match = $75,000 (*20% of total*)

Total Project Cost = $375,000 (*100% of the total*)

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| County: Franklin County  Town/Village/City: Enosburg Falls  Specific location, street, or road: Pearl Street  Regional Planning Commission: Northwest Regional Planning Commission  If a linear project, what is the length in feet? 476 feet  Is the project on or intersecting to a State maintained highway?  Yes  No   * *Note:* *If yes, be sure to include documentation that you have notified the VTrans District Transportation Administrator of the intent to apply for TA funding and have provided them*   *with a brief (one paragraph) description of the proposed project.*  Project type being applied for:  **Scoping**  **Design/Construction**  The municipality understands that a typical construction project utilizing Transportation Alternatives Program funds will take roughly three years (min.) in the Design and ROW phases prior to going to construction (as pointed out in the TA Program Application Guide)? Yes  No    Does this project have a previously completed scoping or feasibility study? Yes  No  **Note:**  Attach a map(s) of the project area and clearly show the limits of the project as well as surrounding benefits from the proposed improvement. If the project is within or adjacent to a designated downtown, village or growth center, clearly indicate the relationship of the proposed project to the boundary of the designated area. Color photos of the area are also recommended.  **Fiscal Information:**  Accounting System Automated  Manual  Combination  SAM Unique Identifier # KQBDTP3BQ5K6  Fiscal Year End Month December | |
| **Property Ownership:**  If the proposed project is on private property that will need to be acquired by the Municipality through purchase, easement, or eminent domain (includes temporary construction rights) in accordance with the “Uniform Act”, then the municipality is committed to exercising its right of ***eminent domain*** to acquire the rights to construct the project if necessary. Yes  No | |
| **Funding:**  Does this project already have existing funding? If so, please describe. Yes  No  The match for this project will come out of our Sidewalk Appropriation Fund, but we do not have the full amount of funds for this project.  Will you accept an award less than you applied for? Yes  No   * If yes, please indicate whether local funds will be used to make up the shortfall, or if the project scope will be reduced. If the project scope is to be reduced, describe what part of the project (please be specific) you would accept partial funding for.   Any funds we do not receive will come out of our sidewalk appropriation fund or be added to our FY23 General Fund Budget and the income will be generated through our tax rate. | |
| **A support letter from the governing body of the applicant municipality or organization** and an acknowledgement and source of the local match and commitment to future maintenance responsibility for construction projects is required (must be dated within 1 year of the application). Is a letter of support attached?  Yes  No | |
| **Regional Planning Commission Letter of Support:**  In order to apply, the project must have a letter of support from the regional planning commission. Is a letter of support attached?  Yes  No | |
| **Application Scoring Criteria:**     1. **Please give a brief description of the project (be sure to indicate the primary facility type being**   **applied for and be concise). (10 points max.)**  This project will be adding 476 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk to Pearl Street in Enosburg Falls. This will extend the existing sidewalk from Church Street to connect with the Park and Ride also located on Pearl Street. The Town of Enosburgh has recently purchased the old Armory property on Pearl Street and intends to utilize some of this space for their Recreation Department, increasing the volume of pedestrians visiting this location. This sidewalk will allow for easier parking and accessibility to not only the Town Clerks office but also our Village’s downtown. | |
| 1. **What is the feasibility of this project? Feasibility (or Scoping) study applications will not be scored on this criterion. Also, please describe the extent of project development completed to date.**   **(10 points max.)**  The addition of this sidewalk is very feasible for the Village of Enosburg Falls. This section of sidewalk will be a small addition to the already existing network of sidewalks within the Village limits. The Village strongly feels this sidewalk will thrive due to its location and ability to make the Village and outlying businesses even more accessible to community members. The addition of this sidewalk will also increase usage of the Park and Ride, allowing more individuals to have easier access our downtown parks and shops.  To date, the Village of Enosburg Falls has consulted with an engineering firm to get an overview of the work required and has drafted a preliminary budget for this project. We have also measured the length of the needed sidewalk and assessed any site work that will need to be done to properly install this sidewalk. | |
| 1. **Does this project address a need identified in a local or regional planning document? If so, please describe. (5 points max.)**   This project ties perfectly with the goals and policies outlined in the 2017 Northwest Regional Plan. Recently, Enosburg Falls has been designated a Safe Routes to School and is trying to promote a healthier lifestyle for not only our students, but for all community members, which also ties back to the 2017 Regional Plan to “incorporate healthy community design through land development patterns, transportation options and site design that enable residents to lead physically active lives.” As Bethany Remmers, Assistant Director to NRCP outlines in her letter of support, this project also aligns with the 2017 Northwest Regional Plan goals and policies to “ensure all of the region’s residents have access to safe and affordable transportation options regardless of age, physical ability or economic status”. | |
| 1. **Does this project benefit a State Designated Center per the link below (i.e., downtowns, villages, or neighborhood growth centers recognized by the Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development? (10 Points Max.)**   [**http://maps.vermont.gov/ACCD/PlanningAtlas/index.html?viewer=PlanningAtlas**](http://maps.vermont.gov/ACCD/PlanningAtlas/index.html?viewer=PlanningAtlas)  Yes, this project benefits Enosburg Falls, which is a State Designated Center as of 2006. | |
| 1. **Provide a project cost estimate below (project costs below include both federal dollars and local dollars). Projects will be scored based on whether the cost appears realistic for the size and scope of the project. For scoping studies, use PE and Local Project Management lines only.**   **Note:** If you are applying for additional funds for an existing project, show the amount being requested for this grant in the PE, ROW, Construction, Construction Engineering, and Municipal Project Management rows below. Also, be clear regarding total project cost and other funding amounts and sources in the additional funding comments box below. **(10 points max.)** | |
| Preliminary Engineering (PE)  *(Engineering, Surveying, Permitting) $* 7,500.00 | |
| Right-of-way / Acquisition (ROW)  *(appraisals, land acquisition and legal fees) $*0.00 | |
| Construction  *(construction costs with reasonable contingency) $* 51,200.00 | |
| Construction Engineering  *(cost to provide inspection during construction) $*7,500.00 | |
| *Municipal Project Management Costs*  *(minimum of 10% of total PE, ROW and Construction*  *Phases). $*0.00 | |
| ***Total Project Cost $*** 66,200.00 | |
| **Addition Funding Comments: (ex. Total and additional funding for existing projects)**  Click here to enter text. | |
| 1. **Select the eligibility category below (A, B, C or D) that best fits your project and answer the corresponding questions for that category (choose only one category). 10 bonus points will be awarded to projects that are primarily Bicycle or Pedestrian facilities.** | |
| **A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities (includes Safe Routes for Non-Drivers and Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors.**  Will the project contribute to a system of pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?  **(10 points max.)**  This project will connect to the Village of Enosburg Falls existing sidewalks. By extending this sidewalk community members and visitors will have easier access to parking and a safer route to explore all that the Village of Enosburg Falls has to offer. By adding this sidewalk, it will eliminate the need to cross a busy highway that is near an intersection.  Will the project provide access to likely generators of pedestrian and/or bicyclist activity? **(10 points max.)**  Our intent of this sidewalk extension is that it will provide people with another parking outlet at the Park and Ride and encourage community members and visitors to park and walk through the Village of Enosburg Falls. Our hope is that it will also promote an easier access to the Town of Enosburg’s office along with recreation events, therefore encouraging better communication and attendance to events hosted by both parties.  Will the project address a known, documented safety concern? **(10 points max.)**  Without the construction of this sidewalk, pedestrian traffic would be required to either walk along the side of a very busy road or attempt to cross a busy road near an even busier intersection that sees a significant amount of tractor trailer traffic. This sidewalk will allow people to comfortably access the Town’s Office and to utilize an existing Park and Ride, which is also a bus stop. The Board of Trustees for the Village of Enosburg Falls has spent a significant amount of time reviewing pedestrian safety and taking necessary measures to promote the safety and encourage active lifestyles by adding in new crosswalks, more signage and installing flashing crosswalk signs and feels this sidewalk extension will continue to promote and support their efforts. | |
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| **B. Community Improvement Activities:**  Explain how the project improves the economic wellbeing of the community and/or provide a benefit to state tourism? **(10 points max.)**  Click here to enter text.  Describe the anticipated impact to the public; degree of visibility, public exposure and/or public use. **(10 points max.)**  Click here to enter text.  Answer only one of the following based on the type of project:   1. Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas as related to scenic or historic sites. *To what extent will the project provide a view of a highly unique and scenic area?* **(10 points max.)**     Click here to enter text.   1. Preservation or rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities. *Describe the historic significance of the historic transportation facility and the importance of the facility to the state.* **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.   1. Archeological planning and research related to impacts from a transportation project. *Describe the associated transportation project and benefit of the proposed activities.* **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.   1. Vegetation management in transportation rights of way to improve roadway safety, prevent invasive species, and provide erosion control. *Describe the extent of the current problem and the impact on the site and surrounding area.* **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.    **C. Environmental Mitigation Activity Related to Stormwater and Highways**   * 1. Please describe how this application provides environmental mitigation relating to stormwater and highways. **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.   * 1. What information or data is provided to substantiate the current stormwater problem and associated environmental impacts? **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.   * 1. What substantiating data or information is provided to show that the proposed application is an effective and maintainable solution to the problem? **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.  **D. Environmental Mitigation Activity Related to Wildlife**  i. Please describe how this application will reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or will restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats. **(10 points max.)**  Click here to enter text.   * + 1. What information or data is provided to substantiate the current problem and associated environmental impacts? **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text.   * + 1. What substantiating data or information is provided to show that the proposed application is an effective and manageable solution to the problem? **(10 points max.)**   Click here to enter text. | |