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SFY19 Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant Program

In a commitment to improving the quality of state waters and providing funding to municipalities to assist in their efforts, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) is pleased to announce this funding opportunity.

Grants funded through this program must have a transportation link. The enabling legislation that determines eligibility follows:

Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.

VTrans has identified the following as potentially eligible project types:

- Planning Studies (stormwater inventories, flow restoration plans, phosphorus control planning)
- Salt/Sand Sheds
- Bank Stabilization
- Culvert Replacement/ Re-sizing
- Stream Bank Stabilization
- Detention Ponds
- Check Dams
- Swirl Separators
- Permeable Pavers
- Infiltration Basins
- Gravel Wetlands
- Subsurface Detention Systems
- Bio Filters
- Bio Retention Systems

Eligible applicants for this grant program are municipalities.

The program will have almost \$6 million available to award. For stormwater projects, federal funds can only be used to treat the proportion of the runoff from the highway system. However, \$1 million of the available funding consists of state funds through the capital bill; these funds may be used in conjunction with the federal funds to award 80% of project costs for municipal projects that treat combined stormwater. As an example, if the estimated proportion of the stormwater treated is 50% from the highway system and 50% from other sources (parking lots, roofs, etc.), a grant could be awarded that would consist of 50% federal funds and 50% capital bill funds up to 80% of the total project cost. There is not a program cap on the amount of funding granted to a specific project. However, there is a 20% local match requirement. All projects must be developed in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

All projects shall be developed according to the guidelines published in the *Municipal Assistance Bureau – Local Projects Guidebook for Municipally Managed Projects*. The document and appendices can be found at: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/general-information/guidebook>

The Federal Highway Administration has an excellent web page available with additional information for federal-aid projects: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/>

Some of the requirements highlighted in the above sources include compliance with the following:

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Uniform Act for Right-of-Way acquisition
- Buy America Provisions
- Low bid, sealed bid process for construction – Force Account generally not allowed

This a reimbursement program, municipalities must submit invoices for completed work to be reimbursed appropriately up to the grant amount. All projects must be completed or all expended federal funds will be required to be paid back.

All applications require a letter of support from their Regional Planning Commission (RPC). Projects located in or adjacent to a state maintained right of way must submit a description of the project and/or plans to the District Transportation Administrator (DTA) in that region. A copy of this correspondence to the DTA must be attached to your application.

How to apply:

- Application can be found at: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>
- Applications must be received on or before **July 13, 2018**. A hard copy or electronic submittal via email is acceptable although electronic submittals are preferred.

Informational workshops will be held via Skype Meeting. It is strongly recommended that an official representative of the applicant listen in on one of these workshops to fully understand the requirements associated with federal-aid projects. Applicants may participate in either workshop from any computer connected to the internet using one of the links below. No password or pre-registration is required but it is recommended that you visit the following link prior to the meeting to ensure that your computer is properly equipped for a Skype meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/y93usmda>

- [Session 1: Tuesday, June 26th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm](#)
- [Session 2: Wednesday, June 27th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm](#)

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