

Design/Implementation Block Grant (Year 2 Pilot) (Formerly called “Clean Water Block Grant”)

Program Summary

- Total Funding of \$1,500,000
 - Design/Implementation Budget = \$1,275,000
 - Program Delivery = Up to \$225,000 (15%) (includes SWCRPC Grant Administration cost)
- 50% of Implementation Budget must be used to support projects in excess of \$20,000
- 50% of Implementation Budget must be used to support projects less than \$20,000
- All projects must be completed and closed out prior to December 31, 2021
- Match Requirements: No match requirement for projects in non-MS4 communities (Stormwater projects in MS4 communities require 50% match).
- The first round of funding will be announced during early fall of 2019.

Project Eligibility

- The following project sectors/phases are eligible for funding:
 - Forestry: Final Design, Implementation
 - Lake Shoreland: Preliminary Design, Final Design, Implementation
 - Rivers-Floodplain & Stream Restoration: Preliminary Design, Final Design, Implementation
 - Stormwater: Preliminary Design, Final Design, Implementation
 - Note that project sectors/phases not explicitly listed above are not eligible for funding. Examples of ineligible projects include dam removal projects, road drainage projects, planning/assessment, educational outreach, riparian buffers that are not part of a larger restoration project, easements, and acquisitions. Streambank stabilization and stream crossing replacements are eligible for funding but are of lower priority.
- The following entities are eligible to be direct recipients of funding:
 - Vermont Municipalities
 - Regional Planning Commissions
 - Natural Resources Conservation Districts
 - Non-profit Associations
 - Citizen Groups
 - State Agencies
 - Public Education Institutions
 - Public Hospitals
- An eligible project must have a primary purpose of improving water quality by reducing nutrient and/or sediment pollution.
- Eligible projects must be listed in the Watershed Projects Database (WPD).
- Projects must be identified as a priority in an assessment or plan, such as a river corridor plan or stormwater master plan.