# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN VTRANS MUNICIPAL ROADS GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM DUE: June 24th, 2022

TO: Vermont Municipal Officia	ls
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FROM: Ross Gouin – VTrans Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program Manager

**RE:** Letter of Intent to Participate in a Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program:

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) invites your municipality to participate in the Municipal Roads Grantsin-Aid Program for State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY23). This program provides funding for municipalities to implement best management practices (BMPs) in compliance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP).<sup>1</sup>

VTrans anticipates receiving funding to support BMP implementation under this program and intends to provide grant funds to participating Vermont municipalities that agree to the terms (see attached participation Letter of Intent). Your municipality must return the signed letter **by June 24th**, **2022** to be eligible (page 3 of this invitation letter).

VTrans will offer funding to participating municipalities to implement BMPs on hydrologically connected road segments that currently do not meet standards.<sup>2</sup> A municipality's funding award depends upon:

- Awards are contingent upon Municipalities being compliant with MRGP requirements at the time of award.
- The number of hydrologically connected roads, sorted into five-mile increments.; and
- The number of participating municipalities. Additional funds may become available should some municipalities decide not to participate. Refer to the attached VTrans Base Offer for your municipality to see the amount of funding you are eligible to receive.

Grants-in-Aid awards will be made available through VTrans. Municipalities will submit reimbursement requests for work completed directly to VTrans and VTrans will reimburse up to 80% of the municipality's documented construction expenses, including in-kind support, for BMPs on hydrologically connected roads. At the discretion of each grantee, administration in support of these BMP's will also be an eligible expense, up to 10% of the total award, with a maximum not to exceed \$1500 per award.

### Participating municipalities agree to:

- Prior to construction of the BMPs, receive Construction Authorization from VTrans to verify the appropriate location of the connected road segment and BMP(s) to meet MRGP standards.
- Construct the eligible BMPs on hydrologically connected roads to bring road segments into full compliance with MRGP standards.
- Complete the project by September 30, 2023.
- Submit all Performance Reports and Request reimbursement no later than 12/30/2023 (90 days from end of grant period).
- Document project costs using VTrans Invoicing Format and provide a minimum of 20% local match (cash or inkind) for BMP construction. Invoicing form will be available here: <u>https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Grant-in-aid-Program</u>
- Match for BMP construction can include in-kind contributions such as transportation, municipally-owned road equipment, crew labor, municipal staff time and other costs directly related to the BMP construction project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MRGP available at: <u>http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hydrologically connected roads are those that drain directly into surface waters (streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and wetlands) as defined by the MRGP.



• Complete a post construction assessment of each road segment repaired and provide the post construction assessment to DEC using the MRGP portal/app and certify during the request for reimbursement, that the repaired road segments are fully compliant with MRGP.

#### **Eligible BMPs according to the MRGP Standards:**

- Grass and stone-lined drainage ditches and stone check-dams;
- Turnouts, cross culverts, and other disconnection and infiltration practices;
- Lowering of high road shoulders;
- Installation or replacement of drainage culverts and driveway culverts on non-perennial streams within right of way and installation of culvert headwalls and outlet stabilization;
- Stabilizing conveyance zones;
- Addressing gully erosion on Class 4 roads; and
- Addition of gravel to meet roadway/travel lane standards.
- Stabilizing catch basin outlets.

## Do not move forward with construction of any project until written authorization is received from VTrans. No work completed prior to an executed grant agreement will be eligible for reimbursement.

If you have any questions about the VTrans Municipal Grants-in-Aid Program, please contact Ross Gouin at 802-595-2381 or via email at <u>ross.gouin@vermont.gov</u>. For questions about the Municipal Roads General Permit please refer to the DEC website:

http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ross Jouin

Ross Gouin VTrans Grants in Aid Program Manager

#### SFY 2023 Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program Initial Offer Based 100% Participation Based on estimated hydrologically connected municipal road miles, subject to available funding

Municipality Name	State Estimate: Connected Road-Mile by Rang		20% Local Match (Cash or In-ki	
Addison	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Albany	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Alburgh	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Andover	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Arlington	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Athens	<10-15	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$13,750
Bakersfield	<30-35	\$29,000.00	\$7,250.00	\$36,250
Baltimore	<03-05	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$11,250
Barnard	<40-45	\$37,500.00	\$9,375.00	\$46,875
Barnet	<35-40	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$41,875
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Barre City		\$37,500.00	\$9,375.00	\$46,875
Barre Town	<40-45	\$37,500.00	\$9,375.00	\$46,875
Barton Town	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Barton Village	<05-10	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500
Belvidere	<05-10	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500
Bennington	<50-55	\$46,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$57,500
Benson	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Berkshire	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Berlin	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Bethel	<45-50	\$42,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$52,500
Bloomfield	<03-05	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$11,250
Bolton	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Bradford Town	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
		\$29,000.00		
Braintree	<30-35		\$7,250.00	\$36,250
Brandon	<30-35	\$29,000.00	\$7,250.00	\$36,250
Brattleboro	<55-60	\$48,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$60,000
Bridgewater	<30-35	\$29,000.00	\$7,250.00	\$36,250
Bridport	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Brighton	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Bristol Town	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Brookfield	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Brookline	<10-15	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$13,750
Brownington	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Burke	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Burlington	<50-55	\$46,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$57,500
Cabot	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Calais	<35-40	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$41,875
Cambridge	<35-40	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$41,875
Canaan	<10-15	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$13,750
Castleton	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Cavendish	<30-35	\$29,000.00	\$7,250.00	\$36,250
Charleston	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Charlotte	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Chelsea	<35-40	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$41,875
Chester	<50-55	\$46,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$57,500
Chittenden	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Clarendon	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Colchester	<35-40	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$41,875
Concord	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Corinth	<45-50	\$42,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$52,500
Cornwall	<05-10	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500
Coventry	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Craftsbury	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Danby	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Danville	<40-45	\$37,500.00	\$9,375.00	\$46,875
Derby Line Village	<00-03	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,000
Derby Town	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Dorset	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Dover	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Dummerston	<30-35	\$29,000.00	\$7,250.00	\$36,250
Duxbury	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
East Haven	<05-10	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500
East Montpelier	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Eden	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Elmore	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
osburg Falls Village	<03-05	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$11,250
Enosburg Town	<40-45	\$37,500.00	\$9,375.00	\$46,875
sex Junction Village	<05-10	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500
Essex Town	<65-70	\$52,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$65,000
Fair Haven	<15-20	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$18,750
Fairfax	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Fairfield	<45-50	\$42,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$52,500
Fairlee	<10-15	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$13,750
Fayston	<20-25	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000
Ferrisburgh	<35-40	\$33,500.00	\$8,375.00	\$41,875
Fletcher	<25-30	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$31,250
Franklin	<25-30	\$15,000.00	\$8,250.00	\$31,250