

**Table One: DEC Clean Water Grant Programs Supported by Ecosystem Restoration Grants – Current Model (2018)**

| Program                                    | Areas of Focus   | Information on Funding Source, Grant Administration, Contract Size  | Match Structure  |
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| <b>Ecosystem Restoration Grants</b>        | To support:<br>(a) development & implementation of projects identified in tactical basin plans & listed in Projects Database and<br>(b) stormwater utility planning (per Act 64; supported with Clean Water Funds) | -Funding sources: Capital funds, Clean Water Fund;<br>-Competitive process using rolling application process (using periodic deadlines to periodically batch proposals for review);<br>-No specified grant size | -Stormwater abatement projects in MS4 Municipalities: <sup>1</sup> 50% minimum;<br>-Stormwater implementation projects: 20% minimum preferred using incentives (cash, in-kind); <sup>2</sup><br>-Stormwater master planning, utility planning and natural resources restoration projects: 20% minimum preferred using incentives (cash, in-kind) |
| <b>Municipal Road Grant-in-Aid Project</b> | To provide funds to municipalities via project partner organization to implement road-related best management practices (BMPs)   | -Funding sources: Capital funds, Clean Water Fund (to support technical assistance);<br>-Uses a disbursement formula based on connected road-miles  | 20% (cash, in-kind)  |
| <b>Clean Water Block Grant</b>             | To support projects identified in tactical basin plans & listed in DEC Projects Database as high priority. Block grants categories include: (a) Multi-Sector; (b) River Corridor Easements                         | -Funding source: Capital funds;<br>-Maximum block grant size: \$1.5 million   | -Stormwater abatement projects in MS4 Municipalities: 50% minimum;<br>-Stormwater implementation projects: 20% minimum preferred using incentives (cash, in-kind);<br>-natural resources restoration projects: 20% minimum preferred using incentives (cash, in-kind)  |
| <b>Partnership Grants</b>                  | To support partnerships via:<br>Category A: work crew support of implementation projects;<br>Category B: technical capacity assistance (e.g., “Train the Trainer” workshops)                                       | -Funding source: Clean Water Fund<br>-Competitive process using an annual grant deadline  | 20% minimum preferred (cash, in-kind)  |

<sup>1</sup> For information regarding the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, see: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/ms4-permit>

<sup>2</sup> “Incentives” refer to DEC’s grant review process, which involves awarding more points to those project proposals that offer greater match