

# VTrans



## Town Highway Grants Programs



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# Purpose of Briefing

Provide an overview of the **town highway grant programs** available to municipalities under 19 V.S.A. § 306

- **Town Highway Structures**
- **Class 2 Town Highway Roadway**
- **State Aid for Nonfederal Disasters**  
(still referred to as Town Highway Emergency)
- **State Aid for Federal Disasters**  
(Federal Highway Emergency Relief)

# Town Highway Structures

- State grants for preserving, maintaining, repairing, or replacing bridges, culverts (36-inch diameter and larger), and retaining walls on Class 1, 2, or 3 town highways.
- Maximum state grant is \$175,000 per project.
- Local share 20% of total cost  
or,
- Local share 10% of total cost if:
  - Adopted latest State-approved codes & standards
  - Completed a network inventory
  - Submitted annual codes & standards certification of compliance
- VTrans district personnel work closely with towns to assist in the application process and to select projects.

# Town Highway Structures



# Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program

- State grants for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of paved or unpaved Class 2 town highways.
- Maximum state grant is \$175,000 per project.
- Local share 30% of total cost  
or,
- Local share 20% of total cost if:
  - Adopted latest State-approved codes & standards
  - Completed a network inventory
  - Submitted annual codes & standards certification of compliance
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# Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program



# State Aid for Non-federal Disasters

(also known as Town Highway Emergency)

- Annual appropriation for emergency aid in repairing, building, or reconstructing Class 1, 2, or 3 town highways and for repairing or replacing drainage structures including bridges on Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 town highways damaged by natural or man-made disasters.
- Sec. of Transportation shall determine that disaster is of such magnitude that state aid is both reasonable and necessary to preserve the public good.
- Disaster shall not qualify for assistance from FEMA or from FHWA ER programs.
- Towns eligible for the greater of either:
  - 90% of repair/replacement costs
  - or
  - The eligible repair/replacement costs, minus an amount equal to 10% of the overall total highway budget minus the town's winter maintenance budget.

# State Aid for Non-federal Disasters

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# State Aid for Federal Disasters

- Grants for the repair or reconstruction of town highways eligible for funding under the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief program.
- To be eligible, the town highway must be either:
  - Functionally classified as a **rural major collector or higher** or
  - Functionally classified as an **urban collector or higher**, within a designated federal-aid urban area
- **Emergency Work:** 100% federal funds (if done within first 180 days). Any emergency work done after the 180-day mark will be at the permanent work funding split.
- **Permanent Work:** 81.08% federal, 8.92% State, 10% local

# State Aid for Federal Disasters



# Additional Information

- Additional information on these town highway grants programs can be found:
  - *The Orange Book, A Handbook for Local Officials* - <http://tinyurl.com/VTOrangeBook>
  - 19 V.S.A. § 306 and 309b