

VTrans Funding for Municipal Projects Supporting the Clean Water Investment Report

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Current grant programs that provide funding to municipalities and that contribute to the Clean Water Investment Report are:

- Better Roads
- Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation
- Transportation Alternatives

How are projects selected?

All 3 programs have an annual solicitation for applications. Consultation occurs within all 3 programs with various technical entities within VTrans as well as the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on whether or not there is value to funding project requests. Internally at VTrans this might include our Hydraulics Section, stormwater professionals, etc. At DEC it includes, but is not limited to, staff from the Clean Water Initiative Program, stormwater professionals including from the Municipal Roads Program which manages the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), stream alteration engineers and the Basin Program.

What role does VTrans play in the Clean Water Investment Report?

Annually VTrans collaborates with DEC staff on what data will be sought and in what format it is needed. VTrans then adjusts as appropriate program applications as well as what data is collected and in what format for transmittal to DEC for their work preparing the Clean Water Investment Report.

What will be new for SFY21?

For the Better Roads Program, the application and scoring criteria were revised to better align with the State's Clean Water Act (Act 64) and the recently issued MRGP. In an effort to prioritize funding for projects that are providing significant water quality improvements, applicants now must indicate whether or not the projects they are seeking funding for will be in full compliance with the MRGP - with additional points allocated to projects that will be in full compliance. Also new will be a transfer of the Grants-in-Aid Program to VTrans from DEC.



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