

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Title: Annual Report on Unspent Capital Funds - FY2020 and Older

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Authorizing Law #: 32 VSA, Chapter 9 **Section #: 701a(d)**

Executive Summary

This report fulfills the requirement for the Department of Environmental Conservation to report on the current fund balances of each project with unexpended funds authorized by a capital construction act enacted two or more years prior to the current legislative session. This report includes the status of fourteen appropriations for capital assets consisting of department-owned dams, municipal pollution control facilities, superfund sites, and ecosystem restoration projects.

Key Takeaways

- Current aggregate unexpended balance: \$7.76M
- Current aggregate encumbered balance: \$7.34M
- Pending amount to encumber: \$0.42M

Discussion

Attached to this report are two tables. The first table identifies each appropriation, obligated amounts, and estimated expenditure of the unspent balances. The second table is a list of obligated capital funds for active ecosystem restoration projects.

Ecosystem Restoration & Municipal Roads Projects - FY20 and Older Capital Funds

DeptID	Project Number	Project Description	Grantee/Contractor	Amount	End Date for Expensing
6140991605	2017-ERP-R-03	Berm Removal and Easement Acquisition in the Cold River Watershec	Rutland County Natural Resources	\$ 21,350.00	10/10/2021
Total Amount Encumbered				\$ 21,350.00	

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6140991705	2018-ERP-M-2-02	Cold River Berm Removal	Rutland County Natural Resources	\$ 28,170.24	10/10/2021
6140991705	2018-ERP-D-1-01	NMC - Main Pond	ST Albans Town Treasurer	\$ 20,835.00	1/31/2021
6140991705	2017-ERP-R-10	River Corridor Easements - VLT	Vermont Land Trust Inc	\$ 14,947.34	1/31/2021
6140991705	2018-ERP-M-1-11	Coolidge SF - forest highway crossing upgrade	Vermont State Forests Parks & Recreation	\$ 7,625.00	1/31/2021
6140991705	2017-CWF-M-17	Instream culvert removal	Vermont State Forests Parks & Recreation	\$ 4,060.00	1/31/2021
6140991705	2019-CWF-IMP-03	SWCRPC - Design/Implementation Block Grant Project	Southern Windsor County Regional Planning	\$ 291,872.96	12/31/2021
Total Amount Encumbered				\$ 367,510.54	

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6140991805	37992	Lake Carmi - Aeration Project	EverBlue Lakes	\$ 144,359.33	3/15/2021
6140991805	2019-CWIP-FPR-02	2019 FPR Water Quality Assistance Program (Skidder Bridge)	Vermont State Forests Parks & Recreation	\$ 50,000.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-M-3-11	Meadowridge Stormwater Improvements - Phase 2	Williston Town Treasurer	\$ 77,801.88	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-CWF-S-3-13	Lake Elmore Watershed Assessment	Lamoille County Natural Resources	\$ 50,000.00	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-M-3-16	Route 107 - FWD Floodplain Restoration - Bethel	Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department	\$ 121,802.00	7/1/2021
6140991805	2017-ERP-M-16	Jay State Forest Restoration	Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$ 37,360.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-2-03	Helen Ave Cul De Sac	South Burlington City Treasurer	\$ 19,171.79	1/31/2021
6140991805	2017-ERP-2-09	Enhancing the Water Quality Benefit of Cover Crops	University of Vermont	\$ 8,554.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-RCE-VLT-02	VLT - Briggs and Clifford	Vermont Land Trust Inc	\$ 10,051.11	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-2-07	Dunklee Pond Dam Removal / Wetland Restoration	Vermont River Conservancy	\$ 10,614.55	1/31/2021
6140991805	Wetland Incentives	Wetland Incentive Project	Entity Pending	\$ 89,402.50	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-M-1-10	Williston Commons Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements	Williston Town Treasurer	\$ 34,503.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-3-10	Upper & Lower Eaton Dam Removal Project	White River Partnership	\$ 6,021.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-3-03	Moretown Elementary School Stormwater Final Design	Central Vermont Regional Planning	\$ 39,395.00	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-M-3-24	Roaring Branch Floodplain Restoration / Woodford-Packard property, Benningtor	Vermont River Conservancy	\$ 37,876.00	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-3-10	Upper & Lower Eaton Dam Removal Project	White River Partnership	\$ 60,207.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-S-3-25	Richmond Schools Stormwater Final Designs	Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 78,418.00	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-RCE-2-01	Bilodeau RCE – Third Branch of the White River in Bethel Project	White River Partnership	\$ 40,145.00	7/1/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-3-02	Town of Concord - SW Final Design Folsom Ave.	Essex County Natural Resources	\$ 24,367.78	7/1/2021
6140991805	Lake Carmi Project	Lake Carmi - Aeration Project (project performance follow up/engineering)	Entity Pending	\$ 315,000.00	3/15/2021
6140991805	2019-ERP-D-3-18	Wildcat Road Wetland Restoration	Rutland Regional Planning Commission	\$ 24,192.94	7/1/2021
6140991805	2017-ERP-R-04	Kissel River Corridor Easement Donation	Vermont River Conservancy	\$ 13,000.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2016-ERP-2-11	One Taylor Street	Montpelier City Treasurer	\$ 225,559.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2016-ERP-2-12	Taylor Street Reconstruction	Montpelier City Treasurer	\$ 170,000.00	1/31/2021
6140991805	2016-ERP-1-27	Stormwater and Phosphorus Reduction Master Planning and Priority Project Planning	Burlington City Treasurer	\$ 40,000.00	7/31/2021
6140991805	2019-CWF-IMP-03	SWCRPC - Design/Implementation Block Grant Project	Southern Windsor County Regional Planning	\$ 70,742.42	12/31/2021
Total Amount Encumbered				\$ 1,798,544.30	

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6140991807	2019-ERP-RCE-2-02	Parent P&B - River Corridor Easement Block Grant	Vermont Land Trust Inc	\$ 259,584.50	1/31/2021
6140991807	2019-RCE-WRP-01	WRP - Richards - River Corridor Easement Block Grant	White River Partnership	\$ 43,804.00	1/31/2021
6140991807	2019-ERP-WB-02	Woody Buffer Block Grant - Subgrants to Watershed Groups - Important Riparian Buffer Projects	Watersheds United Vermont Inc	\$ 18,092.07	1/31/2021
6140991807	2019-ERP-WB-01	Woody Buffer Block Grant - Trees for Streams (TFS)	Natural Resources Conservation Council	\$ 5,611.39	1/31/2021
6140991807	2019-ERP-IMP-01	Watershed Group Support for Design/Implementation of Water Quality Improvement Projects	Watersheds United Vermont Inc	\$ 486,840.25	12/31/2021
6140991807	2019-ERP-IMP-02	NRCC Clean Water Projects Design and Implementation Grant	Natural Resources Conservation Council	\$ 526,786.29	12/31/2021
6140991807	2019-ERP-RCE-2-03	Nuzzo & Green River Meadows Projects - River Corridor Easement Block Grant	Vermont River Conservancy	\$ 16,974.75	10/10/2021
Total Amount Encumbered				\$ 1,357,693.25	

DEC Capital Funds Balance at 1/15/2021 - Capital Funds Authorized 2 or More Years Prior to Current (2021) Legislative Session

Report Date

1/15/2021

Unexpended Balances at 1/11/2021

Project Description	Session Year	Act	Appropriation Section	DEPT ID	Unexpended Balance 1/11/2021	Obligated Unspent 1/11/2021	Pending Obligation	Expend 1/11/21 - 6/30/21	Expend 7/1/21 - 12/31/21	Expend 1/1/22 - 6/30/22	Expend 7/1/22 - 12/31/22	Remaining Balance 1/1/2023	Notes
Muni Poll Ctrl Feasibility 15	2015	26	11	6140991509	33,983.82	33,983.82	0.00	33,983.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Remaining Match to NBRC Grant - Burke and Wolcott WW Study
EcoSystem Restore	2015	26	11	6140991605	21,350.00	21,350.00	0.00	0.00	21,350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1 Project Encumbered (see ERP Grants sheet for detail)
Dam Safety, Hydro Proj	2015	26	11	6140991606	15,021.10	15,021.10	0.00	15,021.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	DEC-Owned Dams - Various
Dam Safety & Hydrology Proj	2017	84	10	6140991702	58,233.23	58,233.23	0.00	58,233.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	DEC-Owned Dams - Waterbury Dam
EcoSystem Restore&Prot	2017	84	11	6140991705	367,510.54	367,510.54	0.00	47,467.34	320,043.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	6 Projects Encumbered (see ERP Grants sheet for detail); upon closeout any remaining funds will be obligated to Southern Windsor RPC
Pollution Control - New Projs	2017	84	11	6140991707	179,700.04	179,700.04	0.00	124,206.95	55,493.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	Springfield CSO and Various Municipal WW Studies
Dam Safety & Hydrology Proj	2017	84	10	6140991802	174,325.93	3,628.32	170,697.61	0.00	155,105.93	19,220.00	0.00	0.00	DEC-Owned Dams - Crystal Lake Dam Rehab
Fed Superfund&Lead Hazard	2018	190	7	6140991803	44,542.71	0.00	44,542.71	44,542.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Completion of remaining 10% obligation for the Elizabeth Mine NPL site
Std EcoSystem Restore&Prot	2018	190	8	6140991805	1,798,544.30	1,798,544.30	0.00	1,104,400.78	694,143.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	26 Projects Encumbered (see ERP Grants sheet for detail); \$50,000 of currently obligated funds and upon closeout any remaining funds will be re-obligated to Southern Windsor RPC
Multi-Sector Clean Water Block	2018	190	8	6140991807	1,357,693.25	1,357,693.25	0.00	327,091.96	1,030,601.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	7 Projects Encumbered (see ERP Grants sheet for detail)
Munic. Pollution Control-New	2018	190	8	6140991809	2,670,486.84	2,670,486.50	0.34	2,270,486.84	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Muni PC Grants - S. Burlington, Rutland, Montpelier
Dam Safety & Hydrology Proj	2019	42	10	6140991902	148,147.00	0.00	148,147.00	45,000.00	80,147.00	23,000.00	0.00	0.00	DEC-Owned Dams - Various
Fed Superfund&Lead Hazard	2019	42	10	6140991903	58,975.00	0.00	58,975.00	0.00	58,975.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Part of remaining 10% obligation for the Elizabeth Mine NPL site
Pollution Control	2019	42	11	6140991905	835,232.00	835,232.00	0.00	90,000.00	284,996.00	428,996.00	31,240.00	0.00	Rutland PC Grant, Montgomery and Greensboro WW Studies
Total					7,763,745.76	7,341,383.10	422,362.66	4,160,434.73	3,100,855.03	471,216.00	31,240.00	0.00	