

VTrans Municipal Mitigation Program

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Three different grant programs:

- 1) **Better Roads** - combination of Transportation and Clean Water funds
- 2) **Municipal Grants-in-Aid (GiA)** – Clean Water funds
- 3) **Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation** – federal funds + ARPA in SFY22

Overall goal of these programs is to assist and provide municipalities with funding to ensure compliance with Municipal Roads General Permit and alignment with the goals of the Clean Water act.



Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program

- Started in SFY18 and run annually
- Historically funded via Federal Highway Funding - \$1.4M per year
- Eligibility - Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.
- Typical projects are stormwater planning and treatment (detention ponds, gravel wetlands, infiltration basins, subsurface detention systems, etc.), upsizing of culverts and salt sheds
- All projects in the competitive grant programs are reviewed and evaluated to ensure a strong nexus to water quality benefits. Along with VTrans technical staff (from Municipal Assistance, Stormwater, Hydraulics, Maintenance and Vermont Local Roads), staff from DEC (from the Clean Water Initiative, Stormwater, Lakes and Ponds and Basin Planning) are included in both recommending selection criteria as well as selecting projects that have strong water quality benefits.

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In SFY22.....

- \$1.4 M in FHWA funding + \$500k ARPA funds
- Received 29 applications representing \$11.2M in project costs, average project = \$485K
- With available funding = 10 municipalities served



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- Working through administrative requirements from Agency of Administration for award of ARPA funding
- Awards: Brookline, Brownington, Enosburgh, Essex Town, Fairlee, Newfane, Pittsfield, Readsboro, St. Albans Town, Vergennes

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program>

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