

In response to the question from testimony (2/5/26): **Do we have any sense of how the towns are funded from other states? How do we know if we are doing a good job in comparison to other states?**

Vermont - Town Highway Aid program (Class 1, 2, and 3 highways) - \$30M and the Town Highway Class 2 Roadway - \$8.6M

New Hampshire - [Highway Block Grant Aid](#) is state funds that is distributed to all 234 towns based on a formula that considers population and local roadway mileage. It is distributed in quarterly payments to towns and is available for maintenance, preservation, construction and reconstruction of local roadways and bridges, and/or the equipment necessary to maintain the same. Approximately \$35M is distributed annually.

Vermont - Town Highway Structures - \$7.2M

New Hampshire - [State Bridge Aid](#) is state funding that is also made available to towns that have red listed bridges to help them rehab/reconstruct those bridges. It used to be a first come/first served program. In recent years NH has focused more on red list as a gatekeeper criteria and then other factors including conditions of specific bridge components, traffic volumes/population served, safety critical roadway, detour lengths as other criteria to prioritize the need. Then NH invites communities into the program if their bridge is at the top of the list. Current funding is about \$6.8M per year in state funds with a required local match of 29% for about an \$8.5M annual program.

**Comparison of programs: VT=\$45.8M    NH=\$43.5M**

Similar Programs that are State and Federal funded:

Vermont - **Municipal Assistance Section (MAS)** refer to the updated "Show Me the Money Guide,"

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/sites/aot/files/Show%20Me%20the%20Money%20Guide%20-Jan%202026.pdf>

Through MAS the following grant programs:

- Bike/Pedestrian Grant Program (annually, primarily federally funded, small component of state funding)
- Transportation Alternatives (annually, federally funded)
- Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program (annually, federally funded, solicited in conjunction with TA)
- Better Roads (state funded, combination of T-funds and Clean Water funds, annually)
- Grants-in-Aid (state funded, Clean Water funds, annually)
- Municipal Park & Ride (state funds, annually)

New Hampshire - also have a number of programs that are federally funded (the same as Vermont would receive) such as TAP, CMAQ, HSIP and various STBG pots of funds that NH make available to towns. TAP and CMAQ have their own competitive application processes every four years. STBG funds are often used on local bridges to supplement the State Bridge Aid funds received. Other projects are typically prioritized and selected through the State's Ten Year Capital Planning process.

More information on the programs in general can be found here: [Municipalities \(Community Assistance\) | Department of Transportation](#)