

Written Testimony

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Representative Pouech: What is the percentage of towns in the state that have adopted codes and standards?

Towns Adopted Codes and Standards:

District 1 – All adopted except - Woodford

District 2 – 100% Adopted

District 3 – 100% Adopted

District 4 – 100% Adopted

District 5 – 100% Adopted

District 6 – All Adopted except – Morristown, Barre City

District 7 – 100% Adopted

District 8 – All Adopted except – Belvidere, Waterville

District 9 – 100% Adopted

Representative Pouech: How many towns apply versus receive a TH Emergency Grant? (Please see attached)

Chair Walker: What happens to the money not allocated in the TH Emergency Funds? Spending authority not utilized in a fiscal year is not automatically rolled to the next year. If spending authority was given in TF, this equates to TF being considered to meet the Agency's mandated reversion figure at closeout. This consideration and ultimate determination is made by the AOT budget committee, explained further below.

Where did you pull from when the need was higher than what had been the appropriation? The Agency requested additional spending authority using the process prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 511 (excess receipt requests).

Vice Chair Corcoran: Based on the black book almost 600,000 dollars was reverted from the class 2 and structures program last FY. If the need for this program is as high as shown based on applications, why was money taken out of this program? The Agency was mandated to find a reversion figure of \$12.5M at FY2024 closeout. Reversions were identified by the AOT budget committee, which consists of the Secretary, Directors, and CFO. All reversions taken were challenging and considered against all other agency needs. In the specific case of Town Highway funds available to roll into the next fiscal year, the budget committee felt comfortable funding town requests on a first come, first-serve basis in the next fiscal year given that the Agency distributed all 4 quarters of the Town Highway Aid Program funds for FY2025 in August 2024.