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# VTrans Municipal Mitigation Program

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# Municipal Mitigation Program

Assist and provide towns with funding to enhance the resilience of municipal roads while protecting water quality in Vermont, compliance with Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) and alignment with the goals of the Clean Water act.

## Better Roads

- Grant funding
  - CW funds and T-Funds
- Technical Assistance
  - Better Roads Manual

## Grants-in-Aid

- Grant funding
  - CW funds
- Technical Assistance
  - MRGP Compliance

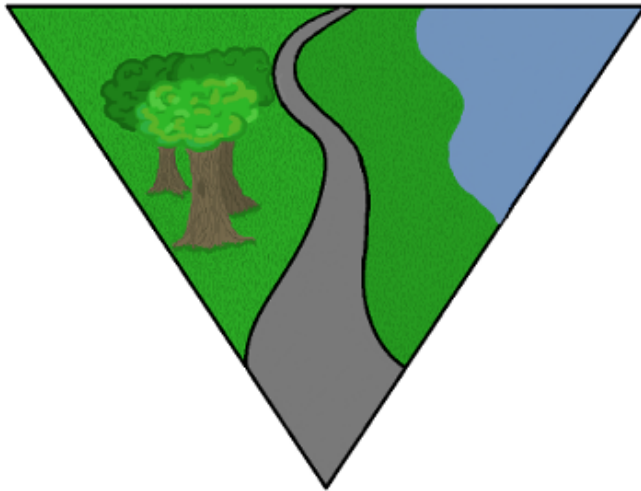
## Municipal Highway & Stormwater Mitigation

- Grant funding
  - FHWA funds
- Engineered projects

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## *Vermont Better Roads Manual*

*Clean Water You Can Afford*



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# Better Roads

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### Grant Program

- Historically combination of Clean Water and Transportation Funds
  - CW funds = MRGP Compliance (includes \$'s for Road Erosion Inventories)
  - T-funds = In stream culvert replacements
- Competitive application - Annual solicitation, typically announced in the fall
- \$20k - \$60k, 20% local match required, often in-kind
- Option to complete with municipal staff or use local contracting procedures

### Technical Assistance

- Maintain BR Manual – best management practices related to erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while protecting and enhancing water quality around the State.
- Technical assistance from VTrans MA staff – SFY24 = 1019 hours





South Burlington



Bloomfield



Bennington



Bridport





# Grants-in-Aid

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## Grant Program

- Clean Water funded
  - All funds directed towards municipal compliance with MRGP
  - Implementation grants
- Formula based awards, all interested municipalities receive funding - Annual solicitation, typically announced in the early spring
- Depending on available funding grants range \$5k - \$40k, 20% local match required, often in-kind
- Option to complete with municipal staff or use local contracting procedures

## Technical Assistance

- MRGP compliance - in field site selection, during construction, as well as assistance related to reporting
- Technical assistance from VTrans MA staff – SFY24 = 1019 hours





# Municipal Highway & Stormwater Mitigation

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- Federal Highway funded – intended for larger scale projects
- Requires federal aid project development process – engineered plans and spec, permitting, ROW acquisitions and low bid sealed bid process
- Typical duration, 3-5 years
- Competitive grant application process – annual solicitation typically late fall
- No max/min grant amount, requires 20% local cash match
- Typical projects are stormwater planning and treatment, large culvert replacements and salt sheds







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