

Keep abreast of funding opportunities



Towns can fund water quality improvements, vegetation planning, and community place-making initiatives with grant funding.

Below is a list of key grants that may be available to municipalities, particularly if they have a roadside vegetation plan already in place. To stay current on grant opportunities connected to clean water and stormwater, subscribe to the [Clean Water Grant Opportunities newsletter](#).¹

1. Subscription form for the Vermont Clean Water Grant Opportunities newsletter, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, bit.ly/VT_CleanWaterGrants.

Relevant grants to support municipalities' roadside vegetation management, road erosion control, and water quality initiatives

VERMONT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES		
GRANT PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	LEARN MORE
Caring for Canopy	Supports the development of sustainable urban and community forestry programs at the local level. Grants are currently focused on emerald ash borer municipal planning.	vtcommunityforestry.org/programs/financial-assistance
Vermont Watershed Grant	Supports water-related projects that protect or restore fish and wildlife habitats, protect or restore water quality and shorelines, reduce phosphorus loading and/or sedimentation, enhance recreational use and enjoyment, identify and protect historic and cultural resources, educate people about watershed resources, or monitor fish and wildlife populations and/or water quality.	vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/apply-for-a-grant/watershed-grant
Clean Water Initiative Program Grant Opportunities	Supports clean water improvement projects, administered by statewide partner(s), including stormwater management and natural resources restoration projects.	dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants/opportunities
Municipal Roads Grants in Aid	Administered by Regional Planning Commissions, funds support implementation of best management practices on municipal roads to meet requirements of the Municipal Roads General Permit.	vapda.org/gia

VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION		
GRANT PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	LEARN MORE
Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation	Supports environmental mitigation activities, including stormwater and water pollution prevention, management, and control related to highway construction or highway runoff.	vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program
Better Roads	Funds municipal roadway improvements that benefit water quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventories of roadway erosion and/or stormwater management issues and capital budget planning (Category A) • Correction of road-related erosion and/or construction of stormwater management projects (Category B) • Correction of streambank and/or slope-related problems (Category C) • Roadway structures and culvert upgrades (Category D) 	vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads
Transportation Alternatives Program	Supports environmental mitigation activities such as stormwater and water pollution prevention, management, and control related to highway construction or highway runoff	vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt
VERMONT AGENCY OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		
GRANT PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	LEARN MORE
Municipal Planning Grant	Encourages and supports planning and revitalization for local municipalities in Vermont. Since 1998, the MPG program has provided over \$12 million to 234 cities and towns across Vermont to help breathe new life into communities, plan for future growth and development, and improve the quality of life.	accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/municipal-planning-grant
Downtown Transportation Fund	Funds transportation-related capital improvements within or serving a designated downtown district. Past projects include parking facilities, pedestrian and streetscape improvements, and utility relocation. New this year: the DTF has clean water funds to support green stormwater infrastructure improvements in coordination with the transportation project.	accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/downtown-transportation-fund
Better Connections	A partnership between ACCD and AOT, this grant supports and guides local investments in transportation options through a wide array of planning activities, including downtown and village center master plans, corridor plans, and innovative guidelines and bylaws. For a complete list of current and past projects, visit the program's story map .	vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/projects-programs/better-connections
OTHER GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS		
GRANT PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	LEARN MORE
Vermont Community Foundation	The scope of grants managed by the Vermont Community Foundation varies by location. See its website for current available grants.	vermontcf.org/NonprofitsGrants/AvailableGrants.aspx