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Agency of Transportation Invites Municipalities to Participate in Road Grants Program

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) invites municipalities to participate in the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program, which provides funding for municipalities to implement best management practices (BMPs) in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP).

Grants-in-Aid awards will be made available through AOT and will total approximately \$3.6 million dollars in this grant cycle. Municipalities will submit reimbursement requests directly to AOT for work completed, and AOT will reimburse up to 80% of the municipality's documented construction expenses, including in-kind support, for BMPs on hydrologically connected roads.

AOT anticipates receiving funding to support BMP implementation under this program and intends to provide grant funds to participating Vermont municipalities that agree to the terms (see participation Letter of Intent on the AOT website). The municipality must return the signed letter **by May 5, 2023** to be eligible.

Eligible BMPs according to the MRGP Standards:

- Grass and stone-lined drainage ditches and stone check-dams
- Turnouts, cross culverts, and other disconnection and infiltration practices
- Lowering of high road shoulders
- Installation or replacement of drainage culverts and driveway culverts on nonperennial streams within right-of-way and installation of culvert headwalls and outlet stabilization
- Stabilizing conveyance zones
- Addressing gully erosion on Class 4 roads
- Stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Details, documents, and the Initial Funding Offers are available on the AOT website.