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Agency of Transportation Announces Funding Awards for Municipalities

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) today announced the awards for the Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program for State fiscal year 2023. This program 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). This year, a record number of 237 municipalities are participating.

Grants-in-Aid awards will total approximately \$5.8 million 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.

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 municipal award totals are available on the <u>AOT website</u>.

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