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**Agency of Transportation Invites Municipalities to Participate in the
Better Roads Program for Road Erosion Inventories Grants**

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) is now inviting municipalities to participate in the Better Roads program for Road Erosion Inventory (REI) grants for the 2025 state fiscal year. This program provides funding for municipalities to complete REI reassessments in compliance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP).

AOT has received approximately \$1 million in funding to support REI updates under this program and intends to provide grant funds to eligible Vermont municipalities that agree to the terms in the participation letter of intent. Letters of intent will be accepted from August 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the available funds are exhausted.

AOT will offer funding to eligible municipalities to conduct REIs on hydrologically connected road segments that currently do not meet standards. A municipality's funding award depends on its compliance with MRGP requirements at the time of award, the number of hydrologically connected road segments, and the availability of funds. Grants will be awarded as they are received until available funds are exhausted.

REI grant awards will be made available through AOT. Municipalities will submit reimbursement requests directly to AOT for work completed, and AOT will reimburse up to 80% of the municipality's documented inventory expenses, including in-kind work, for REIs of hydrologically connected road segments in accordance with the MRGP permit dated January 26, 2023.

Participating municipalities must agree to conduct REI re-assessments on hydrologically connected road segments in accordance with the requirements of the current MRGP; complete the REI by October 31, 2027; submit proof of the completed REI and request reimbursement no later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance; document project

costs using AOT's invoicing format; and provide a minimum of 20% local match (cash or in-kind) for eligible work.

More information, including the letter of intent, program announcement, and invoicing form, is available on the AOT website at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads>.

The required local match can include in-kind contributions such as municipal staff time for conducting the REI assessment and reports.

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