A grant program for municipalities that provides funds for planning and erosion control projects that improve water quality and reduce maintenance costs.

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Vermont Better Roads
Grant Recipient Towns & Organizations
1997-2015
The Vermont Better Roads Program (formerly known as the Better Backroads Program) started in 1997 to provide towns with funding and technical assistance to implement cost-effective techniques that reduce erosion on town roads while enhancing water quality. Grant funds are provided by the Agency of Transportation in partnership with the Agency of Natural Resources. There are four categories of grants: A, B, C and D.

**CATEGORY A GRANTS**
Category A grants are for planning and provide funding to conduct a road erosion inventory, prioritize identified projects and develop a budget plan to implement the projects over a period of time.

- Maximum grant award: $8,000
- Required local match: 20%

**CATEGORY B GRANTS**
Category B grants are for construction projects that correct an erosion problem and/or stormwater mitigation retrofit to the road drainage system that will result in improved water quality. Examples of eligible projects in this category are the installation of grass or stone lined ditches, rain gardens that treat road runoff, or drop inlet rehab/replacement.

- Maximum grant award: $20,000
- Required local match: 20%

**CATEGORY C GRANTS**
Category C grants are for construction projects that correct a streambank, lake shore or other slope related erosion problem on town roads.

- Maximum grant award: $40,000
- Required local match: 20%

**CATEGORY D GRANTS**
Category D grants are for structure/ culvert upgrade projects. These grants can be used to replace multiple small culverts or a larger structure.

- Maximum grant award: $40,000
- Required local match: 20%