

Culvert & Bridge Funding Opportunities for Vermont Towns

Grant Program	Good For	Funding Details	Important Info
VTrans Town Highway Structures Program	Maintenance and construction of bridges, culverts, retaining walls and other structures on Class 1, 2 and 3 Town Highways.	\$200,000 20% match, reduced to 10% if town has adopted VTrans minimum highway codes and standards and have an up-to-date network (culvert) inventory. For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway	Only culverts 36" and larger are eligible.
VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Program	Preservation, resurfacing or reconstruction of any Class 2 town highway and replacement of culverts.	\$175,000 30% match, reduced to 20% if town has adopted VTrans minimum highway codes and standards and conducted a highway infrastructure study (culvert inventory) in past 3 years. For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway	Only culverts 36" or smaller are eligible.
VTrans Grants in Aid Program	Replace drainage culverts with erosion issues on hydrologically connected segments.	\$5,000-\$35,000 depending on town road miles 20% match (cash or in-kind). For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Grant-in-aid-Program	No stream culverts. Drainage culverts only. Focus is on water quality.
VTrans Better Roads Category B	Replace drainage culverts with erosion issues on hydrologically connected segments.	\$20,000 20% match (cash or in-kind) For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads	No stream culverts. Drainage culverts only. Focus is on water quality.
VTrans Better Roads Category D	Replace bridges and culverts.	\$60,000 20% match (cash or in-kind). For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/better-roads	Culverts must be greater than 36". Focus is on water quality, hazard mitigation and structural deficiency.
VTrans Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program	Large scale, engineered, environmental mitigation projects.	\$250,000 minimum. \$1.5 million total available Statewide. 20% cash match. For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/Municipal-Highway-and-Stormwater-Mitigation-Program	Must have clear water quality benefit. Work is contracted out.

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VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program Category F	Improve storm water management related to runoff and improve or restore habitat connectivity including terrestrial or aquatic wildlife crossings.	\$300,000 20% match. ½ of match must be cash. For more information: https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/transport-alt	Project must demonstrate clear storm water infiltration or wildlife mortality problem.
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program	Funding for recovery from Federally declared disaster (i.e Irene in 2011). Funding for large variety of projects related to hazard mitigation and reconstruction.	Award maximum is set by FEMA 12 months after Federal disaster. 25% match. For more information: https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation	Past or expected damages required to complete cost benefit analysis. Town must have Hazard Mitigation Plan.
FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program	Projects that reduce risks of natural hazards and can show a significant long term impact.	\$1 billion available nationally. State share changes year to year. No local limit. 25% match. 10% for ‘small and impoverished’ communities. For more information: https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities#	Past or expected damages required to complete cost benefit analysis. Town must have Hazard Mitigation Plan.
FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance	Funds a variety of projects that reduce flood risk for National Flood Insurance Program insured properties.	Fluctuates Year to Year. 25% local match. 10% for ‘small and impoverished communities.’ For more information: https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods	Town must be member in good standing of National Flood Insurance Program. Town must have Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Department of Environmental Conservation Design and Implementation Block Grant	Support the design and implementation of clean water projects including the engineering design and implementation of rivers, lake shore land, storm water, and forestry projects.	No limit. \$1,172,000 available total in 2021. No local match required however local funds will strengthen proposal. For more information: https://dec.vermont.gov/water-investment/cwi/grants/opportunities	Culvert projects must first try for VTrans funding before being eligible and must meet criteria in Appendix B (see more information).