

Small-scale Bike/Ped Grant Program

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All – Please share with your networks. Thanks.

VTrans is now soliciting applications for small-scale projects through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. The intent of the Small-scale Bike/Ped grant Program is to improve access and safety for people walking and/or bicycling through the construction of simple physical improvements.

Grants are to reimburse construction costs only and will be awarded **in the range of \$5,000 to \$75,000**. The **local share of projects is 50%**. Local match may be cash, in-kind labor, donated materials, or any combination thereof.

Small-scale projects may consist of the following facilities:

- Bicycle lanes (on-road facility delineated with pavement markings and signs)
- Shoulders (generally a minimum of 3-feet wide to accommodate bicyclists)
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian crossing improvements, including median pedestrian refuge islands
- Pedestrian signals
- Improvements that address requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Shared-use paths (designed for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians)

Projects may be combinations of any of the above facilities.

Ideal candidate projects for this round of grants are those that are ready to go to construction in 2021. Making improvements to support walking or bicycling is important to local communities and the investment will support local economies as Vermont emerges from the economic downturn resulting from COVID19 in 2020. Projects that involve right of way acquisition, utility relocation or complex structural elements are not good candidates.

For a copy of the VTrans 2021 Small-scale Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Guide and to access the application materials, visit the VTrans Bike/Ped Program website: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped>. You may also obtain a copy or ask any questions about the program or application process by contacting Jon Kaplan at (802) 498-4742 or email at jon.kaplan@vermont.gov.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format as Adobe .pdf files. Complete applications are **due by 1:00 PM on Friday, February 19, 2021**.

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