## **Linda Mahns**

**Subject:** BWAC meeting

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Mon 1/25/2021 6:00 PM **End:** Mon 1/25/2021 7:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

Organizer: Linda Mahns

Required Attendees: Micah Hagan; Elijah Massey; Eric Bowker; Ramón Matanzo; Seth Cronin; Annie Cooper;

Darren Schibler

I will post this on the village calendar page and BWAC page. Please let me know if there are other folks you'd like me to include on this Teams meeting invitation.

Here's the agenda:

- Local motion intro
- Committee members
- Grant opportunity
- Town/BWAC collaboration

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TO: Interested Parties

www.vtrans.vermont.gov

FROM: Jon Kaplan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager

DATE: January 12, 2021

RE: 2021 VTrans Small-scale Bicycle and Pedestrian Grants

I am happy to announce that we are 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.

These projects may be bid out or done by local forces. These grants may not be used to match federal funds on a larger project.

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: <a href="http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped">http://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/local-projects/bike-ped</a>. You may also obtain a copy or ask any questions about the program or application process by contacting me by phone at (802) 498-4742 or email at <a href="mailto:jon.kaplan@vermont.gov">jon.kaplan@vermont.gov</a>.

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

I strongly urge you to work with your Regional Planning Commission. These organizations are valuable resources and can help you refine your project. Additionally, VTrans staff are available to consult with you

about potential projects. Contact Jon Kaplan at either (802) 498-4742 or jon.kaplan@vermont.gov for assistance.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation is committed to this program and working with applicants to complete successful projects. This is not a block grant but rather a reimbursement program. Successful applicants will enter into a grant agreement with VTrans that will lay out respective responsibilities as all projects must be developed in accordance with applicable state rules and regulations.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jon Kaplan, P.E.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager

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