



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD GRANTS FACT SHEET

WHAT

The Department of Transportation Community Access Program is a means for small towns to pave or reconstruct important local roads such as their Main Street, the road to the elevator or schools, etc. Each fiscal year the state Transportation Commission allocates \$1.5 million in state highway funds for the program.

- Each grant may not exceed \$400,000
- The state provides sixty percent of the project costs on a reimbursement basis.
- A minimum of 25% of the funds available for this program will be granted to towns with a population under 1,000.
- State participation is limited to roads totaling one mile or less in length.
- The community is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, and design and construction engineering costs.
- The community is responsible to let the project to bid.

WHO

Town must be less than 5,000 in population in order to be eligible for these grant funds. The application must be submitted by a local government. Applications are ranked by the Office of Local Transportation Programs. The rankings are based on a variety of factors including existing road condition, average daily traffic and truck traffic, location, if the project is to be combined with an infrastructure project such as water/sewer/storm and has other infrastructure funding available such as community development block grant, state revolving loan fund or consolidated water facilities construction fund, the impact on businesses, etc.

WHEN

Grant application notices are sent out in the spring of each year, and applications must be received by August 1st of each year. In October/November of each year the Transportation Commission receives a list of ranked application for approval.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are available through the Office of Local Transportation Programs in the Department of Transportation. For a copy of the policy and application forms call (605) 773-3574, or check out our website at sddot.com under "Forms".