

Appendix C Funding Sources

Source ¹	Description	How to Apply/Obtain	Further Information
Surface Transportation Program	Federal transportation funding source that can be used for a variety of transportation projects, including highway preservation and capacity improvements, transit capital improvements, and pedestrian/bicycle improvements.	Regional and statewide program development is done by VTrans, the Regional Planning Commissions, and the Chittenden County MPO under the Transportation Planning Initiative.	VTrans Policy and Planning Division
Transportation Enhancements (TE)	Federal transportation funding source for transportation-related improvements, including sidewalks, curbs, trails, and restoration of historic structures. Estimated \$4 million to be available in 2005 for Vermont.	TE grants are awarded through a competitive process by VTrans.	http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/Enhancements%20Program/EnhancementsHomePage.htm
Recreational Trails	FHWA funding source for development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Estimated \$300,000 to be available in 2005 for Vermont.	Funds are available to municipalities, schools, nonprofit organizations, and intermunicipal districts through a competitive process administered by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation.	http://www.vtfpr.org/recgrant/index.cfm
Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)	FHWA funding source for innovative programs to link transportation and land use. Funding levels in 2006 and subsequent years have not been determined.	Details of the funding allocation procedure in 2006 and subsequent years remain to be determined.	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp/
Vermont Downtown Program	Downtown Transportation Fund provides funding for certain transportation-related projects, including streetscape and pedestrian improvements, in designated downtown areas. \$800,000 annually designated for transportation improvements.	Grants awarded annually by state committee coordinated by DHCA. Requires 50% local match.	http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/DHP/programs/downtown.html
Urban Forestry Grants	Pay for planting of trees in towns and villages. Up to \$65,000 to be provided in 2005.	Division of Forests, Parks, and Recreation	http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org/annbrochure.pdf
Municipal Capital Budget	Common source of funding for minor capital improvement projects.	Town must adopt in annual budget.	

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Transportation Improvement District	Special assessment district where a special tax is levied on property owners who will benefit from specific transportation improvements.	Requires petition signed by certain percentage of property owners in district.	Title 24 VSA Chapter 26A § 2793
Impact Fees	Raise money to fund deficits caused by deterioration of system resulting from increased growth.	Requires adoption of capital budget and local impact fee ordinance.	Permitted by Title 24 VSA Chapter 131
Developer Agreements	Private funds to mitigate development impacts as determined through Act 250 review procedures or other negotiations.	Requires Act 250 hearing or negotiations with developer	
Community Development Block Grants	Federal (HUD) funds to support community redevelopment activities. May include transportation-related projects such as streetscaping, lighting, sidewalk/pedestrian amenities.	Must be applied in neighborhoods meeting certain economic criteria.	Vermont Community Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Affairs http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/VCDP/index.htm
Municipal Planning Grant Program	State program that funds technical assistance for town planning, implementation of plans and ordinances, encouragement of citizen participation and education, and innovative demonstration planning projects.	Eligible applicants are municipalities that have been confirmed by their regional planning commission (including RPC approval of the town's adopted plan).	Vermont Community Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Affairs http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/Planning/MPG.htm

¹ These are examples of current programs; other sources may be available, and programs may change.