

Questions and Answers

1. Can our proposal be structured so that the grant is paying for portions of any of the various components of our complete asset management plan? Like \$5000+ towards each of 4 components of our plan, even if the components themselves (LOS, Asset Inventory/Condition Assessment, Capital prioritization with budget) cost more each? The complete deliverable of an Asset Management Plan would still be submitted with local costs covering the remainder of the funds.

A: This arrangement could work as long as it is clear in the budget and the budget is broken down into the appropriate components. The RFP was specifically written with “open” language to encourage municipalities to seek funding at various stages of asset management development. As a reminder, these projects are competitive and will be scored on the criteria in the RFP.

2. How do I access State Standard Provisions for Contracts and Grants?

Attachment C: State Standard Provisions for Contracts and Grants can be viewed at this link: http://bgs.vermont.gov/sites/bgs/files/pdfs/purchasing/ATTACHMENT_C_July.1.16.pdf

3. Does our Town need to include the Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants in our proposal at this time? Or only if grant money is approved (before its dispersal from State)?

A: Attachment C will be attached to the grant agreement the Town will sign with the State. The Attachment should be reviewed as the Town will be agreeing to comply with the terms and conditions therein by signing.

The Town will need to include an insurance certificate with the grant application, providing evidence that the Town meets the insurance requirements in paragraph 8 of Attachment C.

4. Can components of a municipality’s stormwater system can be included in the scope of the CWI Asset Management grant proposal? Or can the stormwater system alone be eligible for a grant?

A: Yes, they would be eligible for the grant. The Clean Water Initiative want to encourage development of these plans for all CW infrastructure needs and this includes stormwater.

5. Would the updating of our sanitary sewer collection system base maps, inventory of manholes and their conditions – and GPS locations -- and updating data base (probably including software upgrade) of manholes, and purchase of iPads for two service vehicles to hold collection system data be eligible for grant money?

If above is eligible, do I just fill out the application at this point or do I need to include something of more detail? And if something is needed in more detail do I need exact costs or are estimates

sufficient?

A: Yes, that would be an appropriate use of the asset management grant. It'd be under the asset identification and conditions assessment portion. Just fill out the application and submit it. The more information you can provide about the benefit to the town as it relates to future planning needs.