

Town of Orange
Grant Committee
June 3 2024
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Lee Cattaneo, Steve Simpson, Emily Ruff
Guest: Michael Raboin

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ms. Ruff.

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff, seconded by Mr. Simpson, the agenda was approved with no revisions. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Cattaneo, the minutes from the November 2023 meeting were approved with no revisions. All were in favor.

Current grants in progress were reviewed.

1. MERP grant – This grant was awarded and is in progress. Sam Lash sent an email in May with next steps to Town Clerk, including providing documentation for town utility bills, building plans, and scheduling the assessments for all three town buildings with the consultants. Action: Mr. Simpson will gather documentation to provide Ms. Lash, and will contact consultant firm to schedule assessments.
2. MPG grant – Due to staff transitions in 2023, it is uncertain the status of this grant. Mr. Cattaneo will contact CVPRC to investigate.
3. Park and Ride grant – This grant must be fully expended by December 31 2024. In 2023, the last update from the Town Clerk was awaiting state permit and Chase and Chase engineering regarding potential well work in order to conduct park and ride work around those projects. Mr. Simpson reported the Selectboard is not pursuing well replacement at this time. Mr. Simpson will review the Park and Ride grant in order for the Selectboard to secure contractors and execute necessary work to take advantage of these grant funds by the deadline.
4. Better Back Roads – This grant was awarded for \$20,000. Mr. Simpson will contact AOT to obtain details on the provisions of this grant, and ensure work is implemented by the Selectboard by the grant deadline.
5. Grants in Aid – This grant was awarded for \$10,000 and must be expended by September 30 2024. Mr. Simpson will contact AOT to obtain details on the provisions of this grant, and ensure work is implemented by the Selectboard by the grant deadline.
6. HSIP – Due to staff transitions in 2023, it is uncertain the status of this grant. Ms. Ruff will contact the state office overseeing this grant to investigate.

Potential grants for future applications were reviewed.

1. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – No current projects were identified that are eligible at this time.
2. Smart Growth – This is a rolling grant with a cap of \$2500 that will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.
3. VTUCF – Orange is not eligible for this grant.
4. PACIF – Mr. Simpson will review priorities for the town with the Selectboard in order to advance an application on this grant. The cap is \$5000 and the application is due in October.
5. FHA Bridge Investment – There is no infrastructure in the town eligible for this grant.
6. Communities Taking Charge – Mr. Cattaneo presented this grant and it was discussed. The

deadline is July 2024. He will contact Keith Cubbon at CVRPC to discuss potential for our town.

7. Diesel Emissions Grant – Mr. Simpson reported on this grant, and had determined none of the town's current fleet was eligible.
8. Riddel Pond Road Culvert was discussed. Mr. Cattaneo will call Keith Cubbon with CVRPC to discuss

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday July 1, 2024, at 7 pm.

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mr. Cattaneo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm with all in favor.