

Potential Funding Sources for the Gateway Sewer Expansion Project

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\$147,947 Grant awarded from the Northern Border Regional Crossings Grant (NBRC) and US Economic Development Administration

The Town applied for a Northern Border Regional Crossings Grant (NBRC) in the spring. While this project was not selected for the main NBRC grant, the State of Vermont put this project forward for additional consideration through a funding partnership between NBRC and the US Economic Development Administration (EDA), and this project has been approved. The Town has been awarded a grant of \$147,947 for Phase 1 of the Gateway Sewer Expansion project from the State Economic & Infrastructure Development grant.

Capital Investment Grant

Municipalities are not eligible to apply for [The Capital Investment Grant](#) but businesses are. I have also begun a conversation with Kristen Gadbois from this program to explore ways in which this program may aid the Gateway Sewer Expansion project. We are checking to see if the project could be constructed as a private project by one or more of the businesses which would be served and then turned over to the public. We are also looking to see if the Mobile Home Park could use this grant to help with the cost of the Park to connect to the public system.

ARPA Solutions for Mobile Home Parks

These funds may be used to provide wastewater systems to Mobile Home Parks. These programs would have to be applied for by the owner of the Mobile Home Park. More guidance will be provided on this in late 2021. See [this page](#) for more information.

ARPA Funding

I spoke with Ashley Lucht of the Vermont Bond Bank. Ms. Lucht indicated that this project would be eligible for the ARPA funding that is coming directly to the Town. She noted that the ARPA guidelines follow the Federal EPA eligibility guidelines not the state CWSRF guidelines. While this project would not be eligible under the State guidelines it is eligible under the federal guidelines. The Town has formed a Committee to explore how to use the ARPA money and I do not expect that there will be an answer on how the Town wants to spend the money for at least six months.