



**TOWN OF RICHMOND**  
**RICHMOND TOWN CENTER**  
 203 Bridge Street, P.O. Box 285  
 Richmond, Vermont 05477



To:  
 Keith Osborne  
 Cc:

Pochop, Peter <Peter.Pochop@vermont.gov>

Wed 8/30/2023 10:43 AM

Good afternoon,

Thanks for reaching out for feedback on your application to VTrans for grant funding. I decided to respond via email so you will have this to look back on when applying in the future.

This year there was approximately \$4.2 million in federal funding available for allocation among three project categories (large scale, scoping, and additional funding); the amount of funding requested however totaled over \$16m, far exceeding the availability.

The 2023 Federal Grant Program will award funding to 4 large scale projects, three additional funding requests for existing projects which have cleared ROW, and 8 scoping studies.

Large scale projects are ranked against all other applications received in this category as well as among the other two grant program categories. There were 5 members of the ranking committee, including myself, which affords us a wide range of expertise, experience, and viewpoints.

Your application ranked in the bottom 1/2 of the ranking. The lower scores in your application were in the categories of Equity (broad overview), Multi-modal connection (connection quite far away @ P&R), location outside of a state designated place (though it is adjacent), and potential project complexities/ hurdles such topography, constructing under/in I89 bridge/ROW and the project ends at a location far from the area/residents to be served. There was also a comment that the budget may actually be too low. The MPM procurement answer garnered a lower score in the project management category due to the description of a process which does not appear to conform to our guidelines.

Hope this helps, please reach out with any further questions.

**Peter Pochop** | Project Manager  
 Project Delivery Bureau - Municipal Assistance  
 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641  
 802-477-3123

[Municipal Assistance Section - Local Projects | Agency of Transportation \(vermont.gov\)](#)

