

Town of Bath Grants Committee Minutes
May 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM (*rescheduled time due to committee member availability)
Town of Bath Municipal Center

1. Call to Order at 9:33 AM

2. Roll Call of Members – Chairman Mary Lynn Hickey (X) Scott Merki (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) Other attendees: none
Quorum – Yes

3. Minutes of the Grant Committee meeting of April 14, 2025, were approved.

4. Project update review of currently awarded grants

A. Streetscape:

- Phase V construction contract – work now completed and a final inspection by the District will be scheduled.
- WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI design grant – still waiting on receipt of the Final Funding Agreement from DOH.
- B. Trail Head and Rail Trail – Proposal and cost estimates for 2 remediation alternatives using aggregate OR asphalt on the trail and parking area were sent to Tim Sedosky and Mark Scoular on April 30th. Bill Clarke expressed support on behalf of the County Commissioners for this plan of action.
- C. USDA NRCS grant – freeze on Federal grant funds lifted and work on the grant deliverables has resumed.
- D. WV Division of Forestry grant – no update.
- E. SHPO Remembrance grant - SHPO has completed the review and approval of contractor bids submitted for excavation work and fencing in the Olde English cemetery. All work is scheduled to be completed by early June.
- F. COPS grant - the use of these funds is on hold until the Town hires a second full-time police officer. Grant progress report submitted April 30.
- G. Appalachian Forest grant – The Lovely Pixels team’s work on the Town website renovation and upgrades continues. Follow-up meetings with the Lovely Pixels team are ongoing to monitor progress and provide requested information. Grant progress report submitted April 30 and final report and request for grant funds will be submitted in July.

5. Status update on other grant prospects:

- GIS mapping grant is being prepared by Region 9 that requires a 25% funding match from BSWW. A resolution will be prepared for the June 17 Town Council meeting documenting the Councils' approval of the funding request being submitted to FEMA for GIS mapping of water assets. Thrasher had given us a \$80,555 estimate for BSWW to complete the mapping and the Town’s 25% match requirement will be approximately \$20,139. The application will be submitted in July.

- An application for pro-bono architectural services from the Mills Group to assist our visioning of the downtown area improvements will be submitted in early June.
- An application for \$1,000,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending grant funds from Senator Shelley Moore Capito was submitted on April 22. A follow up request for an Letter of Interest will be submitted in early June.
- Grant application for police department computers from the WV Dept. of Homeland Security submitted.
- BSWW did not qualify for cybersecurity grant funding from WV Dept. of Health so no application was submitted.
- Grants for street cameras and traffic calming signs are being researched.
- A potential grant for the OnTrac / Main Street program is being researched.
- Additional grants for water facility restoration and repair are being researched. Grant applications will be submitted once the Professional Engineering Report (PER) is completed.

6. New business: Region 9 full staff visit to discuss new funding priorities scheduled on May 13 at 11:00 at Town Hall.

7. Next Meeting – June 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.