

Town of Bath Grants Committee Minutes

April 20, 2026 at 4:30

Town of Bath Municipal Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM
2. Roll Call of Members – Chairperson Reba Dalson (X) Mary Lynn Hickey (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X)
Quorum - yes other attendees: Sharron Corrick
3. Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting of March 9, 2026 were approved.
4. Project update review of currently awarded grants and applications
 - A. Streetscape:
 - WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI design grant – Ongoing.
 - WVDOH 2025 TAP Grant Applications Phase VI Construction – Pending.
 - Independence Street Revitalization Project – Portions may overlap with broader streetscape funding and sidewalks.
 - Phase VII Streetlights – Remains under consideration.
 - B. Trail Head and Rail Trail – Update expected from Peter/Supervisory report in connection with council meeting schedule. Project remains active.
 - C. USDA NRCS grant – Ongoing watershed/water-related grant activity. Some grants may be reimbursable in structure.
 - D. Tree Board grants – Matching requirements often met through volunteer/pro bono labor hours.
 - E. Grants for the Water Plant:
 - Approximately \$1 million through Army Corps/congressionally directed spending (expected confirmation in summer).
 - \$375,000 grant through West Virginia Water Development Authority.
 - Additional GIS and infrastructure-related grant activity pending.
 - F. Downtown Beautification Project – Three grant applications have been submitted, including one through the Truist Foundation. Responses anticipated around June.
 - G. COPS grant – Hiring a third police officer discussed. Position posting had been delayed; follow-up to occur regarding timeline.
5. Status update on other grant prospects:
 - A. GIS Mapping Grant – FEMA requested a letter confirming the Town would maintain deliverables, including purchase of ArcGIS licensing. Letter was submitted April 16. Expected award of approximately \$100,000 pending final confirmation.
 - B. Ewing Street Bridge / Independence Street / Congress Street:
 - Replacement of Ewing Street bridge
 - Repaving and sidewalks on Independence Street
 - New sidewalks on Congress Street
 - C. Cemetery Grave Mapping Software – Software options remain under review. Existing platforms such as Find A Grave may not meet full documentation needs.
 - D. SHPO Grant Research / Historical Landmark Committee Collaboration – Ongoing coordination regarding preservation-related funding opportunities.

E. Additional Administrative Discussion – Shared central repository/drive requested for grant files, agreements, deliverables, and status updates.

6. New business: Request made for grant updates to be circulated approximately 48 hours prior to meetings when possible.

- Discussion of future grants for additional speed signs in town; matter may be referred to Public Safety Committee.

7. Next Meeting – May 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM by common consent.