

Town of Bath Grants Committee Minutes
Feb. 9, 2026 at 4:30
Town of Bath Municipal Center

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Members – Chairwoman Reba Dalson (Absent) Mary Lynn Hickey (X)
Elizabeth Skinner (X) Quorum - yes
Other attendees: none

3. Review and approval of the Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting of Jan. 12, 2025.
Retroactive approval of updated minutes from the Nov. 10, 2025 and Dec. 15, 2025.
The revised minutes for November 2025 and December 2025 and the January 2026
minutes were approved by common consent.

4. Project update review of currently awarded grants and applications

A. Streetscape:

- WVDOH TA Grant Phase VI design grant – DOH has authorized the funding agreement and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) signed by Secretary Rumbaugh should be sent to the Town will follow. Once the NTP is received, Task Order #2 already signed by Thrasher will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor Schene will sign the task order.
- WVDOH 2025 TAP Grant Applications Phase VI Construction – no report.
- Independence Street revitalization project – Task Order #3 for the 30% design and cost estimate for the basic infrastructure from Thrasher has been received by the Town and Mayor Schene will sign off.
- Phase VII Streetlights – no report.

B. Trail Head and Rail Trail – Second interviews have been scheduled for the Trailhead development/design engineering contract. The formal funding agreement for the CDS Trailhead development hub and the Morgan County Commission resolution has been signed by the county and returned to DOH. The county will award and manage the design contract and DOH will award and manage the construction contract.

C. USDA NRCS grant – no report.

D. Tree Board grants – all deliverables for the Community Tree Fund from the WV Division of Forestry grant have been completed and expenses submitted for reimbursement. Project deliverables covered under the 2025 Demonstration City grant will resume in the spring.

E. Grants for the water plant – Hickey is working with Region 9 on the WV Water Development Authority \$375,000 grant and the matching IJDC 2% loan that BSWW will take.

F. Grants for the downtown beautification project – WV Truist Foundation grant application submitted, AARP Community Challenge grant to be submitted by March 4 deadline and T Mobile Community grant will be submitted before the March 31 deadline.

F. COPS grant - the use of these funds is on hold while the Town's Public Safety Committee evaluates the need for a third officer who would be covered under this grant.

5. Status update on other grant prospects:

- A. Pending grants with Region 9 – GIS mapping grant being prepared by Region 9 submitted in July 2025 that requires a 25% funding match from BSWW. Grant award notifications will be made in July 2026.
- B. Pending grant with Army Corps of Engineers - \$1,000,000 grant application pending from Senator Capito's CDS allocations.
- C. Grants for cemetery grave mapping software being researched.
- D. Grants being researched for the replacement of the Ewing St. bridge, repaving and sidewalks on Independence St. and new sidewalks on Congress St.
- E. SHPO grant research in collaboration with the Historical Landmark Committee.

6. New business:

7. Next Meeting: March 9, 2026 at 4:30 PM

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.