

MEMORANDUM

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TO: MS4 Subcommittee Members

FROM: Kristen Balschunat, Stream Team Coordinator

SUBJECT: Options for Surplus Funds

I'm writing to share a few options for additional projects that could be funded by the RRST surplus money within the next few fiscal years.

- 1. Regional Rain Barrel Workshop(s)** \$3,000 - This workshop would be open to anyone who lives in an MS4 community and would be hosted in *addition* to the three projects already slated for focus towns each year. This could be funded as a one-time event, or funding could be allocated to run a regional workshop for a few years in a row due to high community interest.
- 2. UVM Campus Project** \$1,500 - \$3,000 Work with UVM MS4 representative to brainstorm a Stream Team outreach project geared towards UVM students. This may involve tabling at events, partnering with student groups on campus or coordinating an on-campus service project related to stormwater.
- 3. Airport Project** \$1,500 - \$3,000 Work with Airport MS4 representative to brainstorm a Stream Team outreach project geared towards airport staff or customers. This project would be in *addition* to signage being created/edited by Pluck.
- 4. VTrans Project** \$1,500 - Work with VTrans MS4 representative to brainstorm a Stream Team outreach project related to VTrans. Learn about VTrans stormwater initiatives and consider methods of sharing those efforts with the public (paired with a call to action for individuals).
- 5. Stream Clean Up** \$3,000 - Includes scoping suitable site, organizing volunteer day & cost of disposal (or coordinating with CSWD for disposal grant). This project would be hosted in *addition* to the three projects already slated for focus towns.
- 6. Add Stream Team Parameters** \$3,000 - This funding would be used to add new parameters to Stream Team volunteer water quality sampling. These could include: temperature, turbidity (using homemade turbidimeters) and qualitative data similar to what was collected during the Stream Storytellers season (photos, drawings, narratives). Investing in these parameters would allow us to sample at more sites (not just those supported by LaRosa funding) which would boost volunteer engagement in the program.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best,

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