

# Portable Wooden Skidder Bridge Cost Share Application



The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) received funding from the Vermont Legislature to develop a cost share reimbursement program for the purchase of portable wooden skidder bridges.

Funds awarded in this program may be used to purchase materials to be used to construct a portable wooden skidder bridge, or, the funds may be used to purchase premanufactured portable wooden skidder bridges. An example of a bridge design is provided in the link at the bottom of the application. The Department provides examples of bridges that are effective in protecting water quality and for information purposes only and does not certify or make any representations related to specific uses or engineering specifications of such bridges. To be eligible, the portable wooden skidder bridge must have, at a minimum, a dimension of 12 feet wide by 20 feet long by 10 inches thick.

Up to twelve individuals or businesses will be selected to receive cost share funds (up to 80% of the purchase price or a maximum of \$1,800 reimbursement per bridge) through an application process which will determine eligibility and competitiveness. To be eligible and apply, you must check all the eligibility boxes and fill in the scoring criteria questions. Winners will be selected based on eligibility and competitive scoring. One application is allowed per person or business entity.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- I am a logging contractor and certify that 51% or more of my income is generated from logging operations; Or
- I am a licensed forester or sawmill procurement staff and certify that I am coordinating an average of \_\_\_\_ logging operations annually.
- I am willing to participate in a Technical Assistance visit by an FPR Forester during which I will receive guidance on the proper installation, use, and removal of the bridge and any related AMP practices that would pertain to the site. The Vermont AMPs can be found at: [https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/vermonts\\_forests/amps](https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/vermonts_forests/amps)
- I agree to report the total number of stream crossings in which the bridge was used during the first twelve months of ownership to the Watershed Forester. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility for future incentive programs or the requirement to reimburse of the State's portion of cost shared funds.
- I understand that, if selected, I am responsible for the transportation or delivery and payment of any fees associated with transportation or delivery of the bridge.
- I understand that these bridges are to be used for temporary stream crossings as part of logging operations and not permanently installed. "Temporary installations" are distinguished in the AMPs as stream crossing structures that are in place for less than 18 months.
- I understand that, if I am selected, this program will reimburse 80%, with a maximum of \$1,800, of the cost of the purchase of a portable skidder bridge meeting the specifications on page two.
- I understand that, if I am selected, the funds awarded may be used to purchase materials to construct a portable wooden skidder bridge, with dimensions of at least 12 feet wide by 20 feet long by 10 inches thick.
- I understand and agree that, if I am selected for reimbursement, and before I receive reimbursement, I will provide proof of purchase and payment of either: 1) materials to construct a portable wooden skidder bridge and proof of construction of the bridge, or, 2) a premanufactured portable wooden skidder bridge.
- I understand and agree that any ties in the scoring criteria points will be resolved by a random lottery drawing.

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## Scoring Criteria

- I currently own or rent a portable bridge 0 points
- I currently do not own a portable bridge 5 points

I have used portable bridges at temporary stream crossings \_\_\_\_\_ times on logging operations in the past three years.  
2 points for each use

I anticipate using a new bridge for \_\_\_\_\_ individual installations on logging operations annually.  
2 points for each use

If selected, I will use the following strategies to utilize a temporary bridge more effectively and/or more times annually.

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Reviewer's discretion - Up to 3 points \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge and agree that if selected to participate in this program, I will receive a grant agreement from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In order to execute the grant I will be required to provide a W9 Form and Certificate of Insurance that meets the coverages listed in the enclosed FPR Insurance Guidance Document.

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**Applications will be due to FPR's Watershed Forester at the mailing or email address below  
by Monday April 15th, 2019.**

It is anticipated that selected awardees will be notified by email or phone by Friday April 19th, 2019.

Applicants name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications with missing information will not be able to be processed.**

Send or Submit this application to Dave Wilcox - Watershed Forester  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 2 Montpelier, VT 05620-3801  
PH: 802-793-0265 Email: david.wilcox@vermont.gov Fax: 802-828-1399

Bridge Specifications- Bridges purchased must be 20 feet long and at least 10" thick. They will follow the typical design for 'Portable Bolt Laminated Timber Bridges'. They will be made up of three 4 feet wide panels and when installed will be 20' long and 12' wide. See this link for an example of a bridge design: [http://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest\\_and\\_Forestry/Forest\\_Management/Library/STANDARD%20DESIGN\\_110717.pdf](http://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/Forest_Management/Library/STANDARD%20DESIGN_110717.pdf)