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Local Public Agency Programs: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will soon be accepting applications for federal funds for local rural projects. These funds are available for LPAs who are interested in any type of new project such as bridge, road, safety, sidewalk, or any type of project that is eligible under the federal transportation highway bill (FAST ACT). Funds for new projects will cover construction of the project to be bid beginning in state fiscal year 2026. Funding for other phases of the project will be awarded later.

The following documents are posted on the Local Public Agencies page of the INDOT website

<http://www.in.gov/indot/3282.htm>

1. INDOT LPA Process Guidance Document
2. Link to INDOT Technical Applications Pathway (ITAP) for access to Local Call Application
3. ADA/Title VI Commitment Letter/form
4. ADA/TITLE VI Technical Assistance Tool
5. Special Rules for Eligibility of HSIP Projects and HSIP Systemic Project Application
6. LPA Call Application Required Utility Information
7. Asset Management for Local Public Agency Bridges
8. Pavement Asset Management for Local Public Agency Roadways

Application Information and Deadlines:

This application period will be from 8:00 AM EST November 2, 2020 to 5:00 PM EST December 11, 2020. Due to the required review by the MPO's for projects in their planning areas, applications in the MPA's should be submitted by December 1, 2020.

Awards will be announced around the end of February 2021. Applications will only be accepted from certified Local Public Agency Employee in Responsible Charge (LPA ERC) through INDOT's online application (Local Call Application) accessed through INDOT Technical Applications Pathway (ITAP). Applicants must not be in arrears to INDOT for more than 60 days. Applicants must not be within the urbanized area of any Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Requirements for Applications:

In addition to the online project application, the following additional supporting documents are required to be uploaded for all applications.

- The LPA must submit a Financial Commitment Letter on the LPA's letterhead, signed by the fiduciary body of the LPA, containing the amount, source, and year of expenditure of the LPA project match.
- The LPA must submit an ADA/Title VI Commitment letter. INDOT is required to ensure that all sub-recipients of federal funds administered by INDOT are following ADA and Title VI Program requirements. Therefore, if the LPA knows or suspects they have ADA and/or Title VI deficiencies, or they have received a letter from INDOT indicating they do, the LPA must provide a commitment letter with their application confirming these deficiencies and how they will be addressed in the coming year. A sample letter is available on the INDOT website, or the LPA can use any format they want as long as it"
 1. Acknowledges all outstanding Title VI and/or ADA deficiencies
 2. Evidences a commitment to address the deficiencies
 3. Identifies what actions will be taken to address the deficiencies
 4. Specifies what steps will be taken by the LPA during the next year (12-month period following submission of letter).
- The application must include a map at sufficient scale to clearly identify beginning and ending points of project. Include photographs of project area and required work.
- All possible interactions and reimbursable Utility and or Railroad issues must be identified. See required utility information document on web page.
- If the project is a Bridge project, the latest bridge inspection report for the bridge is required. New Bridges and INDOT bridges are not eligible. To be eligible for this call, bridges must be rated as 4 or less in the database of bridges in either the Deck, Superstructure, Substructure, Culvert or Wearing Surface. If the bridge is a historic bridge, we highly recommend that you have a Historic Bridge Alternative Analysis done prior to submitting for funding.
- If the project is eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding, then the Application for HSIP Systemic Project Eligibility must also be completed if it is for one of the 25 eligible categories of Systemic work. A Road Safety Audit (RSA) must be included if for other HSIP eligible work.
- If the application is for either Road or Bridge Preventative Maintenance, the LPA must submit their Asset Management Plan to INDOT to forward to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval. The approved Pavement and Bridges AMP policy documents are listed above. Most asset management plans for community crossings are not acceptable for federal funding.
- A well-defined scope of work and a detailed independent cost estimate prepared by the LPA; current traffic counts and crash data are required
- Road projects must be on the Federal Aid Highway System to be eligible. On-System refers to roads classified as (1) all Arterials (Rural or Urban); (2) All Urban Collectors and Rural Major Collectors. Off-system refers to Rural Minor Collectors and Local Roads.

Selection Process:

Each application will be scored by a team of INDOT experts in their related fields. Each District will assemble a team led by the District personnel familiar with LPA projects to score and rank projects by work type. Once all scores are compiled, a Central Office Team will review all final scores for accuracy and rankings by funding types.

Scoring criteria will include such items as but not limited to: Road AADT and AATT, LPA Past Performance; Planning Support, Community Support – Social Issues, Connectivity, Safety Improvements, Facility Condition, LPA who has Asset Management, Funding Participation, Funding Commitments, Economic Development; Previous/Existing Project and ADA accommodations. In addition, projects will be evaluated on ability to be let within the time frame for the call (FY 2026).

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If INDOT learns that the federal funds available will be less than anticipated, INDOT reserves the right to proportionately reduce the federal funds available to award.

Sincerely,

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