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Local Program: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is now accepting applications for federal funds for local projects. Funds are available for any existing project which is currently funded with Group III, Group IV, Local Bridge or Transportation Enhancement funds. These funds are available for projects that are within two years of letting and can demonstrate a reasonable plan to meet the letting date. Funds are also available for LPAs interested in a new project who do not have any active local projects other than mandated safety projects (inventory and sign replacement) or county-wide bridge inspections. Funds for new projects will cover development and construction of new road and bridge projects to be constructed in federal fiscal year 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015). New projects will only be for Group III, Group IV and Local Bridge projects.

The following documents are posted on the Local Public Agencies page of the INDOT website http://www.in.gov/indot/div/projects/LPASection/

1. 2012 LPA Federal-Aid Project Application
2. 2012 Abbreviated LPA Federal-aid Project Application for Supplemental Funding
3. INDOT LPA Process Guidance Document
4. 2010 and 2011FHWA Lists of Eligible Bridges

Application Information and Deadlines:

LPA's applying for additional funds for existing projects must submit the abbreviated application, their original application and their latest project quarterly report, electronically to Michael Cales at mcales@indot.in.gov and to Brenda Fox at bfox@indot.in.gov and Ellen Hite at ehite@indot.in.gov by midnight May 11, 2012.

LPA's applying for new projects must electronically submit their application to Michael Cales at mcales@indot.in.gov and to Brenda Fox at bfox@indot.in.gov and Ellen Hite at ehite@indot.in.gov by midnight May 11, 2012. Applications and supporting documents are limited to eight (8) pages total. Failure to meet this deadline and receive a confirmation will result in an ineligible application. Project awards will be announced no later than July 1, 2012.

Please submit the applications and documents in .pdf format as an attachment to the e-mail with e-mail subject: 2012 LPA Application – *lpa name*.

Applications from cities who owe INDOT money, which is more than 60 days past due will NOT be considered. An LPA which resolves its past due account will be eligible for award. The LPA should contact the appropriate District Local Programs Coordinator to discuss its past due account.

Eligible Applicants:

Counties, cities and towns not inside the urbanized area of an MPO are eligible for these funds. Each LPA MUST designate a certified Employee in Responsible Charge as defined in Chapter 1 of the INDOT Local Public Agency Project Development Process Guidance Document for Local Federal-Aid Projects. Only applications submitted by the Certified Employee in Responsible Charge from the LPA, or from one that is registered in an upcoming ERC Training to be certified will be accepted.

Funding Information:

The amount of federal funds to be awarded will be approximately $75,000,000.00 with an anticipated split of approximately $55,000,000.00 for existing projects and approximately $20,000,000.00 for new projects. Funding awards will be well distributed throughout the state on a district basis, however no exact amount of funding will be assigned to each district.

Eligibility:

BRIDGE:
For Bridge projects, the following activities are eligible for funding: Bridge Inspections, including inspections due to natural disasters, Bridge Replacement*, Bridge Rehabilitation**, Bridge Removal, and Replacement of Low Water Crossings.
New bridges, INDOT's bridges, and bridges within the urbanized area of any MPO are not eligible.
Preventative Maintenance projects are not eligible for funding.
*Sufficiency Rating of 50 or below and listed on FHWA List of Eligible Bridges. Removal of the existing bridge is an eligible expense.
**Sufficiency Rating of 80 or below and listed on FHWA List of Eligible Bridges.

ROAD:
Road projects that are on system that are in the jurisdiction of an eligible county, city or town and are not within the urbanized area of any MPO are eligible for funds from this NOFA (INDOT's roads and streets are not eligible projects). Preventative Maintenance projects are not eligible for funding.

On System refers to those roads described as:
(1) all arterials (rural or urban);
(2) all urban collectors;
(3) all rural major collectors.

Off System refers to those roads described as:
(1) all rural minor collectors;
(2) all local roads (rural or urban).

Selection Process:

The applications will be scored by the appropriate districts using a combination of factors including but not limited to planning and support of the project, funding commitment, road and safety data and economic development. In addition, existing projects will be evaluated on progress to date and ability to be let within the next two years.

Contact Information:

Eligible LPA's should contact the appropriate INDOT District Local Programs Coordinator listed below:

District	Contact	Telephone	E-mail
Crawfordsville	Susan Kemp	765-361-5228	skemp@indot.in.gov
Fort Wayne	David Armstrong	260-969-8277	darmstrong@indot.in.gov
Greenfield	Tonya Fortner	317-467-3973	tfortner@indot.in.gov
LaPorte	Marcia Blansett	219-325-7564	mblansett@indot.in.gov
Seymour	Brandi Fischvogt	812-524-3961	bfischvogt@indot.in.gov
Vincennes	Jaclyn Foote	812-895-7393	jfoote@indot.in.gov

In the event that INDOT learns that the federal funds available will be less than this NOFA was issued for, INDOT reserves the right to proportionately reduce the federal funds available for award.

Sincerely

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