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Local Public Agency Programs Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will be accepting applications for federal funds for local rural projects. These funds are available for LPAs who are interested in any type of project such as bridge, road, safety, sidewalk, or any type of project that is eligible under the federal transportation highway bill. This does not include requesting additional funding for existing projects. Funding will be available for projects with development commencing by September 1, 2027. The Construction funding year will be determined after the development schedule is submitted and approved.

Application Information and Deadlines:

This application period will be from **8:00 AM EST November 2, 2026, to 12:00 PM EST December 4, 2026**. Due to the required review by the MPO's for projects in their planning areas, applications in the MPA's should be submitted by November 20, 2026.

Awards will be announced around the end of January 2027. 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). To get access to ITAP, the ERC must have an Access Indiana account. ITAP account New User Requests and New Application Requests will not be processed between November 20, 2026 and the end of the Call for Projects on December 4, 2026. Applicants must not be in arrears to INDOT for more than 60 days. Projects within the urbanized area of any Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are not eligible for this call.

Local Programs information is on <https://www.in.gov/indot/doing-business-with-indot/local-public-agency-programs/> and various embedded links.

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, project phase, and year of expenditure of the LPA project match.
- 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 if possible.
- 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 require 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 eligible categories of Systemic work. A Road Safety Audit (RSA) must be included if for other HSIP eligible work. For Safety funding, the projects costs should be calculated 90/10. Information at <https://www.in.gov/indot/traffic-engineering/traffic-safety-office/hsip-eligible-systemic-improvements/>.
- If the application is for Road Preventative Maintenance, the LPA must submit their Asset Management Plan to INDOT for approval before applying. 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 per phase; current traffic counts and crash data and utility information are required.

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- 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.

Project Types and Funding

INDOT will determine the appropriate Funding Type applied to each selected application. Available funding types include:

STBG: Road and Bridge projects 80/20 federal/local.

Low-Water Crossings Improvements are an eligible project type.

TA (Transportation Alternatives): off-roadway pedestrian facilities/bicycle facilities; ADA facilities 80/20 federal/local.

HSIP: Pre-approval from Office of Traffic Safety prior to close of call , upload eligibility confirmation as supporting documentation in application as described above. If approved for Safety funding – 90/10 federal/local.

Low-Cost Systemic Work Types; Roundabouts; Intersection Improvements; Sight-Distance Improvements.

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If the Program Director listed above is unavailable, the LPA may contact Mike Cales at the INDOT Central Office, LPA Programs at 317-232-5021 or mcales@indot.in.gov.

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.