



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2019-21**

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR ROADWAY SAFETY TOOLS**

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS  
TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to build the capacity of state, local, and tribal governments to use innovative data tools and information to improve roadway safety.

This funding opportunity makes available up to \$3 million to develop, refine, and deploy safety tools that address specific roadway safety problems. The USDOT anticipates making awards of \$250,000 to \$500,000 to each successful applicant.

Eligible applicants are state or local governments, metropolitan planning organizations and regional governments, other political subdivisions of a state or local government, and tribal governments. The funding complements existing safety data improvement programs at the Federal Highway Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration by focusing on improving data tools practitioners use to inform their policy and decision-making.

Interested agencies should apply on grants.gov at: [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#) by 3:00 PM ET. on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

On December 3, 2019 at 2:30 PM ET, the USDOT will hold a webinar to provide an overview of this funding opportunity. Information about registering for the webinar is available [here](#).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. B. Seck-Birhame', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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