



Illinois Department of Transportation

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February 25, 2022

CIRCULAR LETTER 2022-05

STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH FUNDS (SPR) CALL FOR PROJECTS

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

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on February 23, 2022. The Funding Opportunity Number is 23-1439-01. This program is listed in the [Catalog of State Financial Assistance](#) (CSFA) as 494-00-1439.

Program guidance can be found on the IDOT [Planning website](#).

Statewide Planning and Research Program (SPR) funds are federal funds for planning and research activities. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carryout transportation research activities throughout the State. The funding available for this program in FY 2023 is approximately \$10 Million. A 20 percent non-federal match is required for these federal funds, except in certain circumstances including if the project benefits a disadvantaged/economically distressed community.

All proposed projects should be related to studying or implementing a goal, strategy, or objective within the state's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), or one of its associated plans, implementing performance-based program development, implementing asset management, or benefiting a disadvantaged/economically distressed community. IDOT will evaluate proposed projects based on those criteria.

The program schedule is as follows, which includes a link to register for an Informational Webinar :

- **February 25, 2022** - Call for Projects Opened
- **March 16, 2022** – Informational Webinar 10:00-12:00 p.m. ([Webinar](#))
- **March 30, 2022** - Applications due 11:59:59 CDT
- **July 1, 2022** - Awards Announced

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Any updates or changes to the schedule will be officially announced through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website via the NOFO. In addition, further details on this program are available on the program's website.

If you have any questions regarding this circular letter or on the opportunity, please contact Michael Vanderhoof at (217) 782-8080 or Michael.vanderhoof@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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