



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2019-05**

### **2020 ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) beginning in October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The ITEP provides funding for community-based projects that expand travel options and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Awards are anticipated to be announced in May 2020 with a Sunset Clause to have all funds federally authorized by September 30, 2023.

#### **New for the 2020 ITEP Cycle:**

**The ITEP will no longer fund Street Lighting or Phase I Engineering. Potential Grantees may apply during the 2020 cycle provided a Project Development Report has been submitted to IDOT for review and approval and the submittal date is included and can be verified in the application.**

Further guidance and requirements for the upcoming cycle is currently under development. New information will be posted on the [ITEP website](#) as it becomes available, so please continue to check for updates. All general ITEP questions may be directed to [DOT.ITEP@Illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.ITEP@Illinois.gov).

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Every applicant must be registered through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, and all pre-award requirements must be fulfilled prior to application submission. The Grantee Portal link, the Notice of Funding Opportunity, and additional information on GATA requirements can be found at [www.grants.illinois.gov](http://www.grants.illinois.gov) . All general GATA questions may be directed to [DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov).

Sincerely,



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