

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Local Programming Matrix
 Local Planning and Programming Unit, Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets
 as of September 2026

Abbreviations: CE=Construction Engineering, Constr=Construction, IIA=Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, MPO=Metropolitan Planning Organization, PE=Preliminary Engineering, ROW=Right-of-Way

<u>Program</u>	<u>General Description</u>	<u>Match Ratio</u>	<u>Eligible Items</u>	<u>Distribution Method</u>	<u>Typical Date Distributed, Allotted, or Solicited</u>
FEDERAL \$					
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG): Rural (STR)	Surface Transportation Block Grant (Rural) funds reserved for rural projects on any Federal-aid highway, including NHS, and bridge or safety projects on any public road.	80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	December/ January
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG): Urban (STU)	Surface Transportation Block Grant (Urban) funds reserved for urban area projects on any Federal-aid highway, including NHS; bridge or safety projects on any public road, transit capital projects and bus terminals and facilities.	Up to 80% federal; varies by MPO/Council	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	December/ January
Local Bridge Formula Program (IDOT Program) (replaced STP-Br)	Internal IDOT Bridge Program utilizing Highway Infrastructure Bridge Formula funds - still incorporates criteria of former Highway Bridge Program (HBP); provides funds to replace or rehabilitate deficient highway bridges, perform systematic preventive maintenance and seismic retrofit.	80/20 for On-System Structures; 100% for Off-System Structures	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	December/ January
IL Special Bridge (ISBP) (formerly Major Bridge)	State designated STBG funds to replace bridges of significant cost (\$1 million or more for local bridges).	80/20	CE, Constr	Selection	Fall
Local Off-system Bridge Program	The Local Off-System Bridge Program provides funding to replace or rehabilitate bridges on roads that are Highway Functional Classification System Class 6 or 7.	100	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Varies
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (statewide line item)	Highway Safety Improvement Program provides funding for safety improvement projects that will achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.	90/10	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Summer
Transportation Alternatives (TA): Safe Routes to School (SRTS) (statewide line item)	Safe Routes to School Program funds projects to enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school, improve safety and reduce traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.	Up to 100%	ROW, PE, CE, Constr as well as evaluation, encouragement, and enforcement activities	Selection	Varies
Transportation Alternatives (TA) : ITEP/ Enhancements (statewide line item)	Transportation related enhancements designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the intermodal transportation system. The IDOT program is called Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and may include State funding.	80/20 (PE, CE, Constr) ROW/Lighting - 50/50	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Varies

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Transportation Alternatives (TA) : TMA TAP (statewide line item)	Dedicated sub-allocation to transportation management areas (TMA) for transportation related enhancements designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the intermodal transportation system.	Typically 80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Varies
Carbon Reduction Program: TMA CRP	Dedicated sub-allocation to transportation management areas (TMA) for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from on-road highway sources.	80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Varies
CMAQ (D. 1 & D. 8 line items)	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds projects and programs in air quality nonattainment areas for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter, to reduce congestion and improve air quality as well as in former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance.	80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	December/ January
Rail-Highway Safety (statewide line item)	Provides funding for safety improvements at rail/highway crossings. (Section 130)	90/10 (FAST ACT) Up to 100% (IIJA)	PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Summer
Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE)	Provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. (FRA Program)	80/20	Varies	Selection	fed decision
Scenic Byways (statewide line item)	Roads that are outstanding examples of scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, archeological and/or natural qualities make communities along the designated route eligible for federal scenic byways funding.	80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	N/A
HPP	High Priority Projects provides designated funding for specific projects (commonly referred to as demonstration projects) identified by Congress.	80/20	Based on earmark language	Selection	fed decision
Member Designated Projects (Earmarks)	Provides designated funding for specific projects identified by Congress.	Typically 80/20	Based on earmark language	Selection	fed decision
Federal Lands Access Program	Provides funding for projects on transportation facilities that are located on, adjacent to, or that provide access to Federal lands.	80/20 100% IIJA	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	fed decision
Ferry Boat	Funds the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities.	Typically 80/20	No limit	Formula	w/federal bill
RAISE (formerly BUILD/ TIGER)	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) provides funding for surface transportation projects with a significant local or regional impact.	Typically 80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	fed decision
INFRA (Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway)	Projects that improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and hold the greatest promise to eliminate freight bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements.	Varies	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	fed decision

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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)	Funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through discretionary grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries and is designed to encourage communities to develop and carry out Vision Zero Action Plans, or comprehensive safety plans aimed at reducing road fatalities and injuries	80/20	Varies	Selection	fed decision
Bridge Investment Program (BIP)	Provides funds for projects to improve the condition of bridges and culverts and the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges.	Varies, typically 80/20	Varies	Selection	fed decision
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program	Provides funds for projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.	Typically 80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	fed decision
Illinois Competitive Freight Program	National Highway Freight Program provides funding for projects to improve the mobility, safety and efficiency of freight and grow the economy throughout Illinois.	80/20	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Varies
Emergency Relief Program (statewide line item)	Provides funds for emergency repairs and permanent repairs on Federal-Aid highways and roads on Federal lands that the Secretary finds have suffered serious damage as a result of natural disasters or catastrophic failure from an external cause.	100% (emergency repair within 270 days of disaster) Up to 90% (permanent repairs)	PE, CE, Constr	FHWA Approval	Varies
<i>This matrix is not exhaustive of all competitive Federal programs included in the IIJA. Most common competitive Federal programs applicable to LPAs are included. Additional information is available by contacting IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets.</i>					
STATE \$					
MFT	Motor Fuel Tax provides funds for the purpose of improving, maintaining, repairing, and constructing highways.	up to 100%	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	Monthly
Local REBUILD Illinois Bond Grants (RBI)	REBUILD Illinois program providing funds for bondable capital improvements. Some exceptions allow LPAs to use like MFT.	up to 100%	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	6 installments disbursed between 2020 and 2022
TBP	Township Bridge Program provides funds for the use of road districts for the construction of bridges 20 feet or more in length.	80/20 on phases started prior to 8/9/24 100% from 8/9/24 forward	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	August (allocation & lapse)
TBP Lapse Pool	Township Bridge Program unexpended funds from original county allotments used to construct bridges with cost exceeding road districts 4-year allotment limit.	TBD	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Fall
EDP (statewide line item)	Economic Development Program provides assistance in improving highway access to new or expanding industrial distribution or tourism developments.	100% state route 50% local route	PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Anytime

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STATE \$ (continued)					
TARP (statewide line item)	Truck Access Route Program helps local government agencies upgrade roads to accommodate 80,000 pound trucks.	\$100,000/lane mile or \$50,000/intersection up to \$2,000,000 or 50% of project (whichever is less)	Constr	Selection	August
State Matching Assistance	Provides counties with funds to assist in matching federal dollars in areas that do not have sufficient tax base to provide adequate local funds.	up to 100% of match	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Formula	With STBG (Rural) December/January
Grade Crossing Protection	Provides funding for safety improvements at rail/highway crossings.	Typ. 85% for warning devices / 60% for grade separation	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	Selection	Anytime
Jurisdictional Transfer for Present Worth	Allows the state to transfer a highway to a local agency in return for state funds that are deposited in the local agency MFT account.	Lump Sum	MFT eligible	Agreement	Anytime
County Engineer Salary	Aids counties in paying a reasonable professional salary for their county engineers by exchanging an equal amount of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (Rural) funds for state funds.	50/50 swap	Salary only	Agreement	Anytime
Gov/Secretary Commitment	Provides designated funding for specific projects identified by the Governor or IL Secretary of Transportation.	up to 100%	Based upon language	Selection	Anytime
High Growth Cities	Provides funding to municipalities over 5,000 population experiencing above normal growth.	same as MFT	MFT eligible	Formula	Oct/Nov
Consolidated County	Provides funding to all counties excluding Cook based on formula by combining three previous special county programs.	same as MFT	MFT eligible	Formula	Oct/Nov
Needy Township	Program to assist townships and road districts that do not meet minimum revenue requirements for maintaining local roads.	same as MFT	MFT eligible	Formula	Oct/Nov
Park Access Road Program (statewide line item)	Program for both internal and access road improvement projects to sites operated by Illinois Department of Natural Resources or Illinois Historic Preservation Agency	up to 100%	ROW, PE, CE, Constr	by % usage for access	Anytime