



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets  
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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2025-07**

**CATEGORY: NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **2024 LOCAL PROJECT FUNDING CALL FOR PROJECTS**

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

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be accepting applications for local transportation projects. The solicitation of local transportation initiatives is provided through Public Act 103-0589 and will provide state funding for local transportation priorities that most align with the intent of the legislation and pursue goals related to enhancing local assets, enhancing complete street initiatives, and improving safety. Projects will be prioritized based on readiness with a focus on the grant initiation within a two-year time frame. Readiness will be determined by status of project in process of implementation. Readiness will also consider the need for purchasing of land to implement the project. Projects in economically disadvantaged areas will be prioritized for funding and evaluated using objective, data-based criteria.

The available funding for this special opportunity is \$400,000,000. The anticipated range of funding is \$100,000 to \$10,000,000 per project, but all local priorities will be considered. Eligible categories of transportations include highway, bike/ped, transit, passenger rail, freight, safety, federal grant match, and other relevant transportation projects. Any phase of a project is eligible, including applicants seeking support for Phase I only to prepare projects for other funding opportunities. Eligible applicants are local public agencies (LPAs) which include counties, municipalities, townships, road districts, and special districts including, but not limited to parks and transit. Partners and co-applicants are not limited to LPAs.

Highway related projects will be delivered through IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads & Streets. Delivery and design standards shall meet the minimum requirements established in the [Local Roads and Streets Manual](#) and coordinated through the relevant IDOT District. Projects with any federal funding shall meet the minimum federal requirements established in the Bureau of Local Roads Manual.

Transit projects will be delivered through IDOT's Office of Intermodal Project Implementation. Transit projects will be prioritized as follows: projects which are currently under construction and have realized a funding shortfall; construction projects which have unfunded phases (e.g., a maintenance garage construction project that requires a bus storage facility); and construction projects which return

facilities to a State of Good Repair. If funding remains, facility expansion projects may be considered.

In accordance with the PA 103-0589, LPAs will be required to work with the Department to establish goal requirements for disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation pursuant to the IDOT's policies and in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26. Projects will also be subject to all applicable IDOT policy and state statutes including Illinois Works Jobs Program.

Additional information is available on [grants.illinois.gov](https://grants.illinois.gov) under CSFA 494-00-3626.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applications are being accepted online through a [Microsoft Forms submittal](#). Secondary information may be requested after preliminary application, including supplemental requirements depending on whether the applicant sponsor is subject to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). Local Public Agencies are exempt from GATA for transportation projects. All general GATA questions may be directed to [DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov).

**INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR:**

IDOT will host a webinar providing information about the program and application process. The [webinar](#) is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM. The password, if prompted, is jgHfuPHk735. To join the webinar by phone, you may dial 1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) or 1-415-655-0002 US Toll, and the meeting number is 2865 182 1868. No prior registration is required.

The webinar will be recorded for later viewing on [grants.illinois.gov](https://grants.illinois.gov) under CSFA 494-00-3626. Downstate Transit will also be able to access the webinar recording through the Resources tab of BlackCat.

**Completed applications must be submitted by Sunday, June 1, 2025.**

For general questions about this Circular Letter, please email the Department at [DOT.OPP.GrantApplications@Illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.OPP.GrantApplications@Illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory S. Lupton".

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