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SPECIAL PROGRAMS CONFERENCE

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Grant Programs

1

EDP – Economic Development Program

Non-Competitive

State Funded

2

ITEP – Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

Competitive

State and Federally Funded

3

SRTS – Safe Routes to School

Competitive

Federally Funded

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Application Category

Non-Competitive State Funded

Application Process

Open Application Period

Objective

"…provide state assistance to local agencies for needed highway/roadway access to new or expanding business developments…"

Economic Development Program (EDP)

EDP receives $15M annually

Local agencies may receive up to $2M per project

Economic Development Program (EDP)

EDP will reimburse up to 50% of eligible project costs on local roads

AND / OR

Up to 100% of eligible project costs on state highways

Eligible Projects must...

-Be on a public roadway

-Be sponsored by a local government agency

-Show a critical need for improved roadway access

-Be supported by a binding commitment from a business or company to create or retain full-time jobs in an existing or new facility

Manufacturing – continued

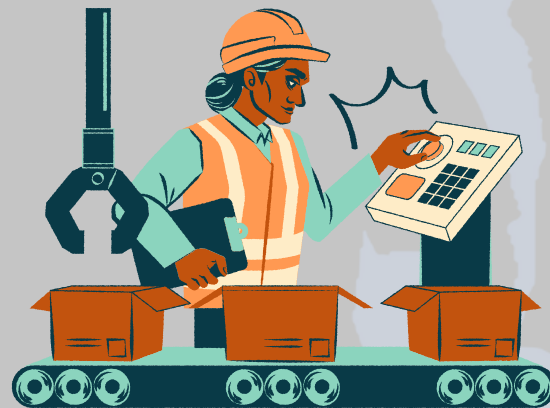Fine-Quality Instruments

Furniture & Fixtures

Industrial & Commercial Machinery
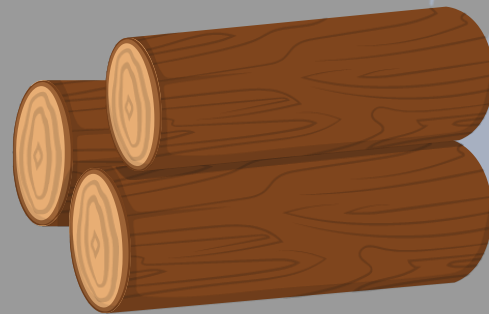
Leather & Leather Products

Measuring & Control Instruments

Medical & Pharmaceutical Products

Paper Products

Manufacturing – continued

Petroleum & Other Fuel Products

Printing & Publishing

Primary Metal Products

Processed Foods & Food Products

Rubber & Plastic Products

Stone & Clay Based Products

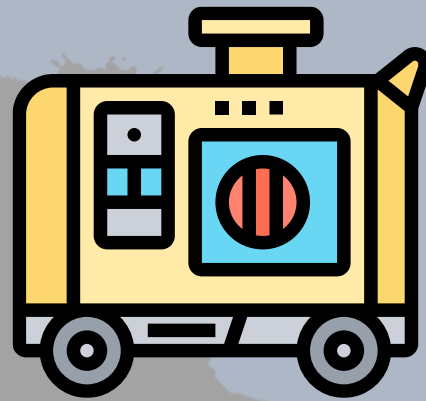Transportation Equipment

Textile Products

Wood Products

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Warehouse & Distribution Centers

Major Traffic Generators
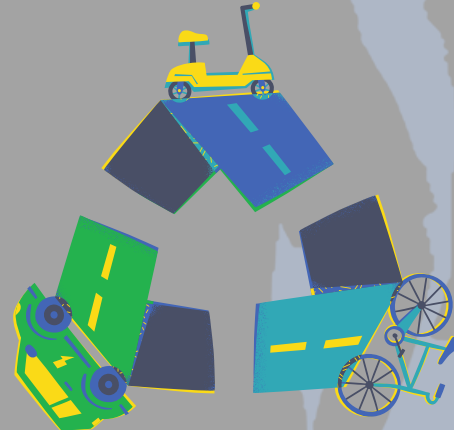
Major Intermodal Terminals

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Economic Development Program (EDP)

Business Centers

Regional (Multi-State) Data Processing Centers

Regional (Multi-State) Call Centers
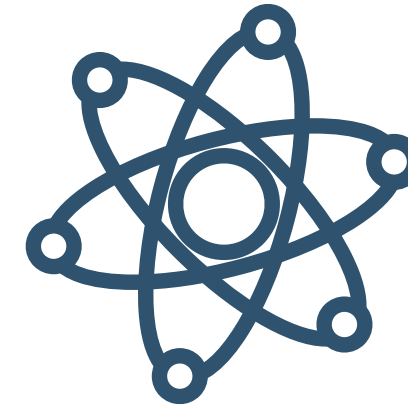
Research & Technology Facilities for Manufactured Products

Economic Development Program (EDP)

$30,000 for every NEW job created

$10,000 for every job RETAINED up to a Maximum of $2 million

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Tourism & Entertainment Venues
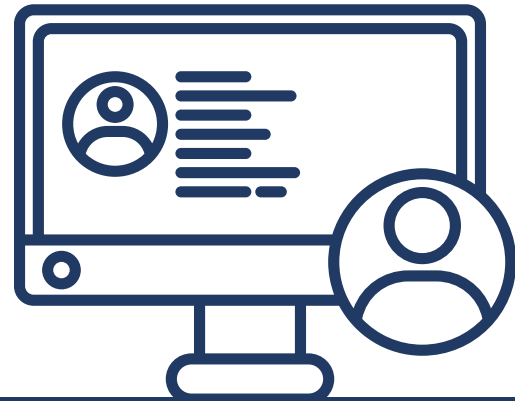
1 Must submit a comprehensive feasibility study

2 The total investment must exceed $25 million

3 Must be operational within 5 years of the award

4 Must have a dedicated sales/marketing strategy

5 Must have a relationship with a local Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Tourism & Entertainment Venues

The facility must:

1 Minimum parking capacity for 1,500 vehicles

2 Annual minimum attendance of 50,000 visitors

3 Statewide or multiple market draw

4 Have the ability to host multiple activities/events

If this is all done ✓ , you are eligible for up to $2M.

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Reporting Requirements:

Company reports their employee numbers to DCEO annually for 5 years

Economic Development Program (EDP)

Application Requirements:

Company Info:

- Name of Company
- Chief Officer or Authorized Designee
- Title
- Address
- E-mail Address
- Phone Number
- FEIN
- SIC #
- NAICS
- Project Site

Sponsor Info:

of Employees at the Time of Application
# of Employees to be Created
# of Employees Agreed to be Retained
Amount of EDP $
Starting Date of Assistance

Schedule a site visit between IDOT and all involved parties

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Competitive Federally and State Funded

1 "Support Alternative Modes of Transportation"

2 "Enhance and Preserve Visual and Cultural Resources"

3 "Provide a Transportation Benefit Beyond Traditional Accommodations for Cars, Trucks, and Transit"

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Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Federal Funds Approximately $14M – $16M Annually

- Bicycle/Pedestrian/Multi-Use Paths
- Conversion of Abandoned Railroads to Trails
- Streetscapes
- Historic Preservation Projects
- Environmental Mitigation/Storm Water Management
- Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, Viewing Areas
- Vegetation Management in Transportation Rights-of-Way
- Archaeological Activities
- Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality

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Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

State funds $50M annually

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Multi-Use Paths

Conversion of Abandoned Railroads to Trails

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Cost Reimbursement Program
$3M Max Award

Engineering and Construction

- 80% Federal or State Funding
- 20% Local Match

Land Acquisition & Street Lighting

- 50% Federal or State Funding
- 50% Local Match

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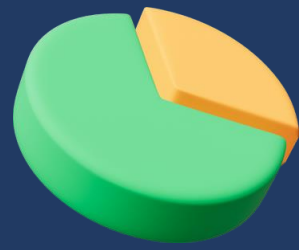
Local Match Assistance

Community Score = U.S. Census Bureau Tract Data

Estimated Median Household Income, Tax Per Capita and Population, and Percent Below Poverty Level

Eligible Projects can Receive:

50% Local Match Assistance

OR

100% Local Match Assistance

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Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

- Work completed prior to federal authorization will not be eligible for reimbursement

- Grant applications requesting additional funding for a project that has already received ITEP funding will not be eligible

Project Scoring

- Meets Category Intent
- Public Benefits/Accessibility
- Project Support/Local Commitment
- Connectivity/Linkage
- Sponsor Investment
- Project Sponsor Capacity and Past Performance
- Safety Improvements
- Project Readiness
- Completion of Land Acquisition

What Makes a Good Project?

- Project Readiness
- Strength of Transportation Relationship
- Connectivity to Existing Facilities
- Inclusion in a Local, State, or Regional Transportation Plan
- Accuracy of Cost Estimates
- Accessibility
- Local Commitment/Public Support
- Safety Solutions
- Past Performance of Sponsor
- Overall Benefit to the Community

Sunset Clause

- For Preliminary Engineering only projects, ALL work must be completed by four years from the award notification letter

- For Engineering and Construction projects, ALL ITEP funds must be obligated by four years from the award notification letter and ALL work must be completed by ten years from awards announcement

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Time Extensions

1. One time extension for engineering work

2. One time extension for construction work

3. Multiple extensions will not be granted

4. Will not override original sunset clause dates

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

The transfer of funds between project phases is allowable upon review and approval by the Bureau of Programming

Funds may be transferred forward only upon completion of the preceding phase and only with unexpended funds

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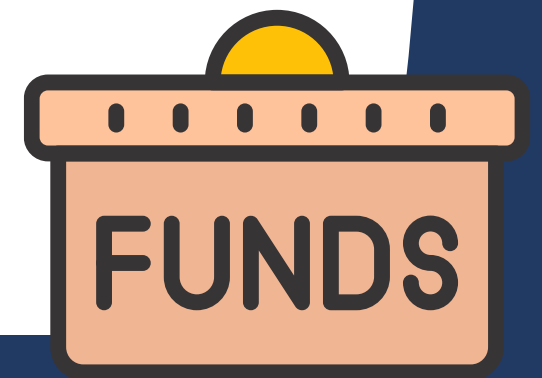
Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

- Funding cycles are announced in the late summer of even numbered calendar years

- 2024 funding cycle has ended. Awards worth approximately $140M will be awarded

- The last cycle awarded 73 projects statewide for approximately $129M

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Special programs conference 2025

Break

Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment 2023

Vulnerable Road User (VRU)

What is the VRU Safety Assessment?

Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment is a process to identify safety trends, policies, rules, and procedures pertinent to safe travel by vulnerable road users, and identify steps to improve them.

Vulnerable Road User (VRU)

Data Needs

1. VRU infrastructure data

2. VRU exposure data

3. On-going initiatives and projects

4. Treatments and countermeasures

Illinois VRU Safety Assessment Dashboard

Link:

Illinois Vulnerable Road Users

For more information on the VRU, you can read the
Illinois Vulnerable Road User Assessment 2023

Questions on the dashboard or the VRU Safety Assessment can be emailed to DOT.VRUSafety@illinois.gov.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

The 2025 cycle for Safe Routes to School will open August 1st!
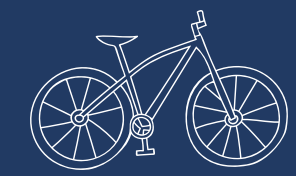
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- Competitive/Federally Funded

- SRTS uses a multidisciplinary approach to improve conditions for the walk or bike to school

- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.

- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a health and active lifestyle from an early age.

- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity (within 2 miles) of primary, middle, and a high schools.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Carrollton Completed SRTS Project

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Safe Routes to School utilizes the SIX basic program components, known as the "6 E's", that comprehensively address obstacles and create solutions

Infrastructure

- Engineering

Non-Infrastructure

- Education
- Enforcement
- Encouragement
- Evaluation
- Equity

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Federal Participation for SRTS is 80% Reimbursable
For the next cycle, the 20% Match will be covered.

SRTS receives $3M annually

Infrastructure projects may be funded for $25,000 to $250,000

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

1 Sidewalk Improvements

2. Traffic Calming/Speed Reduction Improvements

3. Traffic Control Devices

4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Crossing Improvements

6. Off-Street Bicycle Facilities

7. Secure Bicycle Parking Facilities

8. On-street Bicycle Facilities

What Makes a Good Project?

Increases safety for students walking, biking, and rolling to school.

Community input and support of the project.

Data based evidence of project need.

Safety Starts at the School!

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

SCORING:

1. Addresses FHWA Goals

2. Falls within the Intent of the Program

3. Demonstrated Need

4. Local Community /Public Support

5. Detailed Project Description

6. Accuracy of Detailed Cost Estimate

7. Hazards and Barriers

8. Project Readiness

9. Safety Improvements

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Preliminary Engineering (Phase I & II) and ROW/Easement Costs are NOT Reimbursable

All projects must comply with applicable State and Federal requirements – ADA, Title 23, NEPA, MUCTD, etc.

Time Extensions

1. One time extension for construction work may be granted with OPP review & approval

2. Multiple extensions will not be granted (unless extreme situation/approved on individual basis)

3. Time extensions will not override original sunset clause dates.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Sunset Clauses

Preliminary Engineering should be completed within 6 months of award announcements.

Obligation of construction funds must occur within 18 months of award announcement.

Construction should be completed within 3 years of the award announcement.

DEADLINE

Cost Increases

Cost increases are not allowed.

All unused SRTS funds will be returned to the program.

Transfer of Funds

Transfer of funds from one approved line item to another must be requested in writing.

Review of the amended grant budget and approval is at the discretion of OPP Safe Routes to School staff.

If an infrastructure project is requested, a non-infrastructure grant should be secured to ensure that improvements are utilized correctly.

What's

NEXT →

Key Players:

1. You as the Grant Recipient

2. IDOT District Local Roads Staff

3. IDOT Central Office Staff

3. Consultants

4. Federal Highway Administration – FHWA (for ITEP/SRTS)

What's

NEXT →

Kick-Off Meeting:

Schedule within 8 weeks with District

What's NEXT???

Planning Timeline:

Preliminary Engineering, Phase I (Project Development / Environmental)
12 - 24 months

Preliminary Engineering, Phase II (Design)
12 months

Construction and Construction Engineering, Phase III
6 – 24 months

Note: Timelines are approximate and can vary significantly depending on scope and details of the project

What's ??? Programming
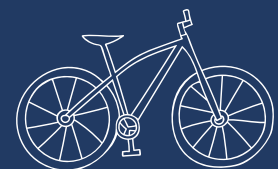
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- Budget
- **Matching Funds**
- Other Funding Sources
- MPO coordination & requirements for ITEP/SRTS

General Funds

Motor Fuel Tax

Local REBUILD - Illinois Bond

Grant

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What's

Implementation

NEXT

AGREEMENTS
- Engineering Agreements
- Joint Funding Agreements
- Utility Agreements
- Federal Authorization

What's

Implementation Continued...

- Invoicing
- Reimbursement requests vs. construction billing
- Land Acquisition (Right-of-Way)
- Compliance with the Uniform Act
- Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E)
- IDOT coordination and approvals required
- State Letting Schedule
- Construction projects will be advertised, let, and awarded by IDOT
- Construction Contract
- IDOT Coordination
- Construction Engineering
- Delegated to the LPA

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What's

Compliance with 2 CFR 200 for ITEP/SRTS

- Risk Assessment
- Corrective Actions
- Conflict of Interest and Mandatory Disclosures
- Financial Management and Internal Controls
- Project Closeout
- Single Audit Requirements

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NEXT

What's

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NEXT

- Ribbon Cutting
- Send us photos
- Improvement open to Public!

The 2025 cycle for Safe Routes to School will open August 1st!

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Non-infrastructure's focus is on:

Education

Enforcement

Encouragement

Evaluation

Equity

Safe Routes to School

SRTS must use 10–30% of funding for non-infrastructure programming

Non-Infrastructure projects may be in the form of pre-designed mini grants, or a grantee designed program

Non-Infrastructure Match Requirements & Sponsors

🧩 **Match is being covered for the new cycle of Safe Routes to School grants**

👥 **A School District or Board may sponsor the project**

📌 **When a School District or Board is a project sponsor, GATA requirements apply**

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Non-Infrastructure Mini Grant Program Basics

One non-infrastructure and one infrastructure grant in each funding cycle

Establish a program and event coordinator
Identify their volunteer base

The number of students to be impacted directly by the project.
Designed to assist.

Non-Infrastructure Mini Grants

Walk or Bike to School Day

Bike Rodeo/Bike Safety Skills Clinic

Student Ped/Bike Safety

Pop-up Traffic Garden

Crossing Guard Training

Bike Bus / Walking School Bus

Non-Infrastructure Mini Grants

Event mini grants include:

Resource lists

Pre and post event materials

Information to assist with planning the event

Non-Infrastructure Mini Grants

Cost range per student: $25.50 - 38.00 (depends on the packet chosen)

Max Award for Non-Infrastructure Mini Grants: $25,000

Max Award for Grantee Designed Non-Infrastructure: $100,000

Non-Infrastructure Project Scoring

Similar to Grantee Designed Projects

Exception - Additional Questions Specific to the Project Type

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Non-Infrastructure Project Scoring: Grantee Designed

- Addresses FHWA Goals
- Falls within the Intent of the Program
- Demonstrated Need
- Local Community /Public Support

- Accuracy of Detailed Cost Estimate
- Hazards and Barriers
- Project Readiness
- Safety Improvements

Detailed Project Description

Grantee Designed Project – What Makes a Good Project?

- Addresses Safety
- Hazards/Barriers
- Address more than 1 of the 6 Es of SRTS
- Is supported by the Community

- Can be Completed Timely
- Increases the number of students walking, biking, and rolling to school safely in the community
- Safety Starts at the School

Sunset Clauses

Non-infrastructure projects must be completed within two school years of the grant award

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COST

Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Contact

Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator
IDOT – OPP

Dot.saferoutes@illinoisgov

Grant Compliance

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act

Requirements for Non-Infrastructure Grant Awards - SRTS

Carrollton Completed SRTS Infrastructure Project

GATA

Grant Compliance Applicability

- GATA will apply to all IDOT non-infrastructure type grant awards, including non-infrastructure awards to local public agencies. Non-Infrastructure awards are not considered a transportation project.

- GATA will continue to apply to any entity that is not considered a local public agency, regardless of the type of IDOT grant award received.
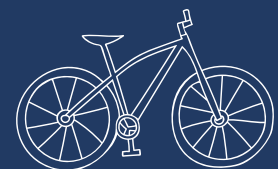
GATA Uniform Application Forms

Grant compliance application documents required for Non-Infrastructure awards include:

- **Uniform Budget**
- **Uniform Application**
- **Programmatic Risk Assessment**
- **Conflict of Interest forms**
- **Any other program specific requirement**

Notice of Funding Opportunities can be found here: https://gata.illinois.gov/grants/csfa.html

APPLY

GATA
Registration

To be eligible for a non-infrastructure award your organization must be registered on the GATA portal (most entities are already registered).

You can check if your entity is already registered by going to: https://gata.illinois.gov/grants/csfa.html and then go to; Search Registered Grantees.

REGISTER NOW

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GATA

GATA Pre-Qualification

Grantees must be pre-qualified to be considered eligible to receive a grant.

Pre-Qualification includes:

- UEI is registered and active on sam.gov
- Not on the Illinois stop-pay list
- Fiscal & Administrative risk assessment completed and submitted for the most current fiscal year (ICQ)

* Pre-qualification status will be verified after Grantee Registration is completed and nightly thereafter. If an entity has a prequalification issue, the specific issue and remediation support is provided through the grantee portal by clicking on the help button next to each status.

Notice of State Awards (NOSA)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Notice of State Award will make the formal offer of the grant to the grantee through the GATA portal.

The grantee will need to log into the portal to review, and either accept or decline the NOSA.

GATA
Assistance

If you have GATA related questions or need GATA technical assistance, please contact the IDOT Grants Section by emailing them at

DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov

Economic Development Program (EDP)
Search "EDP" on the IDOT website
john.paris@illinois.gov

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)
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Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
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RESOURCES

IDOT
Economic Development Program (illinois.gov)
Safe Routes to School (illinois.gov)
Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program
ITEP & SRTS
Pedestrian & Bicycle Information Center (pedbikeinfo.org)
How to Conduct a Walk Audit in Your Community - Quick Video Guide for Assessing Your Neighborhood
Walkability - America Walks
GATA
Illinois GATA Grantee Portal
DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov for GATA technical assistance
SAM
SAM.gov | Home

RESOURCES

ITEP
Transportation Enhancements - Environment - FHWA (dot.gov)
Active Transportation Alliance

Safe Routes to School
Safe Routes Info
SRTS Data Tools - Online Data Entry and Analysis System
(saferoutesdata.org)
2.2 Safe Routes to School | NHTSA
Safe Routes to School - Environment - FHWA (dot.gov)
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