

14. ODOT and FHWA will explore funding sources to apply toward maintenance and preservation of historic bridges, historic bridge research, and bridge update studies in accordance with number 3 of Appendix C.



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The Federal Highway Administration, State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historic Bridge Association, and the Ohio Department of Transportation have identified approximately 100 Covered Bridges, open to traffic, which could potentially benefit from a federally-sponsored initiative to install fire protection, lighting, and surveillance equipment. The objective of this initiative is to protect Ohio's National Register of Historic Places (listed and eligible for listing) covered bridges, important transportation heritage and tourism resources, from fire damage and vandalism.

To follow the progress of this project and Ohio's participation, bookmark this page and check back often for updates and new links in the toolkit below.

Covered Bridge Protection Toolkit

Remote Monitoring of Historic Covered Timber Bridges for the Prevention of Arson and Vandalism

USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, General Technical Report FPL-GTR-191

Remote monitoring and security of covered bridges in the United States

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Ottawa County Covered Bridge in northwest Ohio.

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Barrett, Tom

From: Gasbarro, Susan
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 10:21 AM
To: Mehlo, Noel; Shamis, Matt
Cc: Barrett, Tom
Subject: FW: Critical Infrastructure Program Follow-up

Noel & Matt,

- o Note the preceding e-mails regarding the subject program.
- o In accordance with the *Section 106 Programmatic Agreement*, our team is proactively working to identify funding to facilitate future historic bridge rehabilitation projects.
- o Forward any suggestions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

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C: Tom Barrett, ODOT-OES

From: Gasbarro, Susan
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 10:15 AM
To: mepstein@ohiohistory.org; Nancy Campbell
Subject: Critical Infrastructure Program Follow-up

Mark & Nancy,

The subject program, managed by the Ohio Development Services Agency, may be used for bridge repair and rehabilitation. The program is part of a block grant featuring 3 categories:

- 1) Blight elimination
- 2) Low-Moderate income/urgent need benefit
- 3) Critical Infrastructure Program

Last year they did not get the word out until 2 months prior to cut off and only 2 small bridge projects were funded totaling approximately \$400,000.

Michael Norton-Smith, Community Development Analyst, Office of Community Development, is very interested in working with our team to facilitate the utilization of the funds for historic bridge rehabilitation projects. In the past, he

indicated HUD was protective of the funding – however, they have been able to use the infrastructure program funds more freely.

Please forward any suggestions and let us know if your team would be interested in joining in future discussions with ODSA.

Respectfully,
Susan

C: Matt Shamis, FHWA; Noel Mehlo, FHWA

From: Gasbarro, Susan

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 8:30 AM

To: Norton-Smith, Michael

Cc: Stevenson, Andrea; Schneider, Erica; Hill, Tim

Subject: Critical Infrastructure Program Follow-up

Michael,

- We enjoyed your presentation last Thursday at the Ohio Bridge Conference; specifically, the Critical Infrastructure Program funding category.
- We see an opportunity to assist local governments in the rehabilitation of historic bridges under their jurisdiction via this program.
- Please let us know how we may be of assistance in sharing this valuable information with our project sponsors.

Respectfully,

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