

ODOT to Accept Applications for Local Projects

The Ohio Department of Transportation will begin accepting funding request applications on January 1 for Transportation Enhancement, Small City, and Municipal Bridge projects. The programs provide a share of 80% federal funding for construction related activities for a variety of transportation infrastructure projects throughout the state. A 20% cash match is required by the local agency sponsor for these programs.

Transportation Enhancement Program – Federal funding is available to preserve historic transportation sites, improve the scenic quality along transportation systems, and add or enhance bicycle and pedestrian paths throughout Ohio. A complete list of eligible project types can be accessed clicking [here](#). Local governments outside the boundaries of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are eligible for program funding. Additionally, local governments within Allen, Belmont, Licking and Washington counties that are within an MPO region can also apply to receive project funding. Citizen groups or other private organizations can also sponsor a project by coordinating with the local government having jurisdiction over the transportation facility involved. Total funds available for projects to be awarded for State Fiscal Years 2014-2015 is \$12 million.

Small City Program - The Small City Program provides federal funds to cities with Populations from 5,000 to 24,999 and that are not within an MPO boundary. Currently, there are 58 Small Cities statewide that meet these criteria. This program may be used by the incorporated localities for any road, safety or signal project on the Federal-aid system. A list of eligible cities can be accessed clicking [here](#). Total funds available to be awarded for State Fiscal Year 2015 is \$5 million.

Municipal Bridge Program - The Municipal Bridge Program provides federal funds to municipal corporations and transit authorities for bridge replacement or bridge rehabilitation projects. Bridges must carry vehicular traffic to be eligible for funding. A list of eligible municipal bridges can be accessed clicking [here](#). Bridges that exist solely for railroad or pedestrian facilities are not eligible for funding. Total funds available to be awarded for State Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 is \$10 million.

Program applications and corresponding policies and guidance are available on the ODOT Office of Local Projects' website at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/local>.