



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets
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CIRCULAR LETTER 2022-20

2022 ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) SOLICITATION

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INTRODUCTION:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) beginning August 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022 (Cycle 15). The ITEP provides funding for community-based projects that expand travel options and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. The program funding for this Cycle 15 is estimated at \$125,000,000. Awards are anticipated to be announced in Spring 2023, with a Sunset Clause to have all funds federally authorized by September 30, 2027.

NEW CRITERIA FOR THE 2022 ITEP CYCLE:

- ITEP combined federal and state funds will be capped at \$3 million.
- Eligible sponsors have been expanded to include nonprofit entities that partner with a taxing agency, MPOs with a population of less than 200,000, and the state at the request of the sponsor.
- Applicants are no longer required to submit a hard copy of the application to IDOT.

GATA APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Every applicant must be registered through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, and all pre-award requirements must be fulfilled prior to application submission. The Grantee Portal link, the Notice of Funding Opportunity, and additional information on GATA requirements can be found at grants.illinois.gov. All general GATA questions may be directed to DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov.

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GUIDEANCE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A series of recorded webinars are available providing information about the program and application on the [Active Transportation Alliance](#) website. This series was made possible through partnership with the Illinois State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program and funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Active Transportation Alliance, the Illinois Public Health Institute, and IDOT.

Further guidance and requirements for the upcoming cycle is available on the [ITEP website](#). All ITEP questions may be directed to DOT.ITEP@Illinois.gov.

For questions about this Circular Letter, please contact Holly Primm, Local Planning and Programming Unit Manager at Holly.Primm@illinois.gov or (217) 782-1662.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Tapas".

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