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FEDERAL NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FFY 2023-2026 BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (BIP)

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PURPOSE & INTRODUCTION:

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is soliciting project applications for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 through 2026 Bridge Investment Program (BIP). The two (2) opportunities include:

- 1) up to \$80 million in Planning Project grants, and
- 2) up to \$9.62 billion in Bridge Projects for projects with eligible cost over \$2.5 million and under \$100 million.

The funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that: (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of bridges in the United States by reducing (a) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that are in poor condition or that are in fair condition and at risk of falling into poor condition within the next three years, or (b) the number of bridges, and total person mile traveled over bridges, that do not meet current geometric design standards or cannot meet the load and traffic requirements typical of the regional transportation network.

GRANT APPLICATION AND DEADLINES:

Applicants will find application templates, a BIP benefit-cost analysis tool, and a troubleshooting guide on the [BIP Website](#).

The deadlines applicants must submit their applications through [Grants.gov](#) are:

Fiscal Year BIP Funding	Planning Application Deadline	Bridge Project Application Deadline
FY 2023 and 2024	February 19, 2024	March 19, 2024
FY 2025	October 1, 2024	November 1, 2024
FY 2026	October 1, 2025	November 1, 2025

Applicants must be registered in Grants.gov and should allow for 2-4 weeks for first time registration.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

Prospective applicants should read the complete NOFO available on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). In addition to application information, the [BIP website](https://www.bip.gov) has additional resources including information about upcoming and previously recorded webinars. Additional questions may be directed to BridgeInvestmentProgram@dot.gov.

To request letters of support from IDOT, please contact Tim McMahon, Bureau Chief of Federal Affairs at Timothy.McMahon@illinois.gov at least two weeks prior to the application deadline.

If you have any questions on the Circular Letter; and as a courtesy, we request that you notify us of your intent to apply to foster good communication, as well as enable the Department to be able to provide administrative support for your project, please contact Holly Primm, Local Planning & Programming Manager at (217) 782-1662 or Holly.Primm@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



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