

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Transportation
Agency Contact	Michael E. Vanderhoof (michael.vanderhoof@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	25-1439-01
Funding Opportunity Title	Statewide Planning and Research Funds
CSFA Number	494-00-1439
CSFA Popular Name	SPR
Anticipated Number of Awards	0
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$7,000,000
Award Range	Not Applicable
Source of Funding	Federal
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	Yes
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	Yes : ICR acceptable with the Grantee successfully completing the state of IL ICR in CRMP System.
Posted Date	02/28/2024
Application Date Range	02/29/2024 - 04/14/2024 : 4:30 pm.
Grant Application Link	
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : No Date : 03/13/2024 : 10:00 Registration link : <a href="https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc2627028013618dc2302e59c702de4ee">https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc2627028013618dc2302e59c702de4ee</a>

Illinois Department of Transportation Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Statewide Planning and Research Funds

25-1439-01

A. Program Description

The State Planning and Research Program (SPR) funds are federal funds for the State's statewide planning and research activities. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carryout transportation research activities throughout the State.

B. Funding Information

Funding is provided for Statewide Planning and Research by a set-aside from each State's apportionments of four programs: the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP); the Surface Transportation Program (STP); the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); and the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Program.

C. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

This program is considered Partially GATA Exempt due to Public Act 102-1092 signed on 6/10/2022.

Local Public Agencies are exempt from GATA requirements.

State Agencies, Universities/Community Colleges, For Profit Entities and Not-For Profit Entities are not exempt from GATA requirements.

A State Agency, University, for profit entity or not-for-profit entity may not apply for a grant until the entity has registered and pre-qualified through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, [www.grants.illinois.gov/portal](http://www.grants.illinois.gov/portal). Each entity should check with their County or Municipalities' highest level (generally the treasurer, clerk, etc.) to see how they are currently registered in the GATA portal. Registration and pre-qualification are required annually. During pre-qualification verifications are performed including a check of federal SAM.gov Exclusion List and status on the Illinois Stop Payment List. The Grantee Portal alerts the entity of "qualified" status or informs how to remediate a negative verification (e.g., inactive DUNS, not in good standing with the Secretary of State). Inclusion on the SAM.gov Exclusion List cannot be remediated.

State Agencies, Local Governments, State Universities

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

80% Federal, 20% Non-Federal Match

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Indirect Costs are eligible. Four methods to claim indirect costs are: 1. None, 2. State approved rate, 3. Rate approved by Federal Cognizant Agency, 4. Use 10% de minimis rate. The 12 State of Illinois Universities will be required to work with IDOT on either applying a 20% rate for on-campus programs, or 10% rate for off-campus programs on the base of their approved current NICRA or to show calculations to reduce their federal NICRA rate for on-campus/off-campus to account for the annual general appropriations they receive from the State of Illinois for facilities and administration (pensions, healthcare, etc.).

4. Other, if applicable

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

Contact Bureau Chief of Planning:  
Michael E. Vanderhoof (Mike.Vanderhoof@Illinois.gov),  
phone 217-782-8080.  
You will be provided a link to the SPR-PL Call for Projects Application.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission

GATA Exempt Grantees – Local Public Agencies. GATA Exempt grantees will be required to complete the following forms/processes:

BoBS2831 – Conflict of Interest form  
BoBS2835 -FY25 IDOT Risk Assessment.  
Uniform Grant Application.  
Programmatic Risk Assessment.  
Must show proof of an Active UEI on sam.gov.  
IDOT Uniform Budget  
Detailed Scope of Service

Grantees Not Exempt from GATA Requirements – Universities/Community Colleges, State Agencies, For Profit Entities, Not for Profit Entities. Nonexempt grantees will be required to complete the following forms/processes:

BoBS2831 – Conflict of Interest form  
GATA ICQ – FY25 GATA Fiscal and Administrative risk assessment completed in the GATA portal.  
Uniform Grant Application.  
Programmatic Risk Assessment.  
GATA Uniform Budget.  
Must have an Active UEI on sam.gov.  
Detailed Scope of Service.

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on System for Award Management (SAM) -- Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from the requirements under 2 CFR §25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110 (d) is required to:
  - (iv) Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. To establish a SAM registration, go to [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov) and/or utilize this instructional link: [How to Register in SAM](#) from the [www.grants.illinois.gov](http://www.grants.illinois.gov) Resource Links tab. As of 6/11/18, entities registering in SAM must submit a notarized letter appointing their authorized Entity Administrator. Use the updated [FAQ sheet](#) from SAM.gov to learn more.
  - (v) Provide a valid UEI number in its application; and
  - (vi) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency. It also must state that the State awarding agency may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the State awarding agency is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the State awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

All applicants must be registered with SAMS and acquire a UEI number. If Local Agency is not registered with SAMS please register at <https://governmentcontractregistration.com/sam-registration.asp>

4. Submission Dates and Times

Applications must be received by April 14, 2024 by 4:30 p.m.

5. Intergovernmental Review, if applicable

N/A

6. Funding Restrictions

Proposals of all sizes will be reviewed

7. Other Submission Requirements

Proposals should be consistent with Local , Regional, and State Transportation Plans.

E. Application Review Information

1. Criteria

Applications will be reviewed as received and judged on their relationship to local and state transportation plans, emphasizing their relationship to the goals in the State Long Range Transportation Plan

2. Review and Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed by IDOT's Office of Planning and Programming

3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable

Summer 2024

F. Award Administration Information

1. State Award Notices

Successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) which specifies the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the pre-award risk assessments. The NOSA will be provided and must be accepted through the Grantee Portal. The NOSA is not authorization to begin performance or incur costs.

State Agencies and Universities will receive a Notice of State Award in the GATA portal for review and acceptance. Local Public Agencies will be notified of award by a letter via email.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

N/A

3. Reporting

The Uniform Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and the Uniform Periodic Financial Report (PFR) have been combined into IDOT's BoBS 2832 Reporting Form. Quarterly reporting will be required unless more frequent reporting is required pursuant to specific award conditions.

These reports will describe the expenditure(s) of the funds and performance measures related thereto. The first BoBS 2832 report shall cover the first three months after the Award begins. Quarterly reports must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the three-month period covered by the report. Failure to submit the required BoBS 2832 report may cause a delay or suspension of funding.

2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards apply to this program

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

Michael E. Vanderhoof (Mike.Vanderhoof@Illinois.gov) 217/782-8080

H. Other Information

**Certifications and Assurances:**

**I. Certifications**

**Bribery:** Applicant certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, nor made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record (30 ILCS 500/50-5).

1. **Bid Rigging:** Applicant certifies that it has not been barred from contracting with a unit of State or local government as a result of a violation of Paragraph 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/33E-3 or 720 ILCS 5/33E-4, respectively).
2. **Debt to State:** Applicant certifies that neither it, nor its affiliate(s), is/are barred from receiving an Award because Applicant, or its affiliate(s), is/are delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State, unless Applicant, or its affiliate(s), has/have entered into a deferred payment plan to pay off the debt, and Applicant acknowledges Grantor may declare the Agreement void if the certification is false (30 ILCS 500/50-11).
3. **Internal Revenue Code Compliance:** Applicant certifies that it does and will comply with all provisions of the Federal Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 1), the Illinois Revenue Act (35 ILCS 5), and all rules promulgated thereunder, including withholding provisions and timely deposits of employee taxes and unemployment insurance taxes.
4. **Lobbying:** Applicant certifies that it has not paid prior grant funds, or upon receiving an Award and Grant Agreement, will not be paying Grant Funds by or on behalf of Applicant to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any government agency, a member of Congress or Illinois General Assembly, an officer or employee of Congress or Illinois General Assembly, or an employee of a member of Congress or Illinois General Assembly in connection with the awarding of any agreement, the making of any grant, the making of any loan, the entering into of any cooperative or intergovernmental agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any agreement, grant, loan or cooperative or intergovernmental agreement. 31 USC 1352. Additionally, Applicant certifies that it has filed the required certification under the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352), if applicable.
  - i. **Federal Form LLL:** If any funds, other than Federally-appropriated funds, were paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any of the above persons in connection with a Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance and subsequent Award and Agreement, the undersigned must also complete and submit Federal Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form, in accordance with its instructions.
  - ii. **Lobbying Costs:** Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with the restrictions on lobbying set forth in 2 CFR Part 200.450. For any Indirect Costs associated with a Grant Agreement pursuant to an Award, total lobbying costs shall be separately identified in the Program Budget, and thereafter treated as other Unallowable Costs.
  - iii. **Procurement Lobbying:** Applicant warrants and certifies that it and, to the best of its knowledge, its sub-grantees, if Applicant intends to use sub-grantees upon issuance of an Award and subsequent Grant Agreement, have complied and will comply with Executive Order No. 1 (2007) (EO 1-2007). EO 1-2007 generally prohibits Grantees and subcontractors from hiring the then-serving Governor's family members to lobby procurement activities of the State, or any other unit of government in Illinois including local governments, if that procurement may result in a contract valued at over \$25,000. This prohibition also applies to hiring for that same purpose any former State employee who had procurement authority at any time during the one-year

period preceding the procurement lobbying activity.

- iv. **Sub-awards:** If Applicant is issued an Award and subsequent, Grant Agreement, and intends to utilize sub-Grantees, Applicant certifies it will include the language of this certification in the award documents for any sub-awards made pursuant to this Award at all tiers. All sub-awardees are also subject to certification and disclosure. Pursuant to Appendix II(I) to 2 CFR Part 200, Applicant shall forward all disclosures by contractors regarding this certification to Grantor.
5. **Educational Loan:** Applicant certifies that it is not barred from receiving State awards or agreements as a result of default on an educational loan (5 ILCS 385/1 *et seq.*).
6. **International Boycott:** Applicant certifies that neither it nor any substantially owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provision of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC Appendix 2401 *et seq.* or the regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce promulgated under that Act (15 CFR Parts 730 through 774).
7. **Dues and Fees to a Discriminatory Club:** Applicant certifies that it is not prohibited from receiving an Award because it pays dues or fees on behalf of its employees or agents, or subsidizes or otherwise reimburses them for payment of their dues or fees to any club which unlawfully discriminates (775 ILCS 25/1 *et seq.*).
8. **Pro-Children Act:** Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with the Pro-Children Act of 2001 in that it prohibits smoking in any portion of its facility used for the provision of health, day care, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of eighteen (18), which services are supported by Federal or State government assistance (except such portions of the facilities which are used for inpatient substance abuse treatment) (20 USC 7181-7184).
9. **Drug-Free Work Place:** If Applicant is not an individual, Applicant certifies it will provide a drug free workplace pursuant to the Drug Free Workplace Act. 30 ILCS 580/3. If Applicant is an individual and the Award applied for is valued at more than \$5,000, Applicant certifies it shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance during the performance of the Agreement. 30 ILCS 580/4. Applicant further certifies that it is in compliance with the government-wide requirements for a drug-free workplace as set forth in 41 USC 8102.
10. **Motor Voter Law:** Applicant certifies that it is in full compliance with the terms and provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 USC 20501 *et seq.*).
11. **Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act:** Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable standards, order or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 USC §7401 *et seq.*) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 USC §1251 *et seq.*).
12. **Debarment:** Applicant certifies that it is not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any Federal department or agency (45 CFR Part 76), or by the State (See 30 ILCS 708/25(6)(G)).
13. **Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension:** Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 as supplemented by 2 CFR Part 376, Subpart C.
14. **Grant for the Construction of Fixed Works:** Applicant certifies that all Programs for the construction of fixed works which are financed in whole or in part with funds provided by this Notice of Funding Opportunity shall be subject to the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.*) unless the provisions of that Act exempt its application. In the construction of the Program, Applicant shall comply with the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act including, but not limited to, inserting into all contracts for such construction a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing rate of wages as applicable to the Program shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the Award and requiring all bonds of contractors to include a provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of such prevailing wage clause as provided by contract.
15. **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act:** Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law No. 104-191, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164, and the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1320d-2 through 1320d-7, in that it may not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by law and agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the protected health information. Applicant shall maintain, for a minimum of six (6) years, all

protected health information.

16. **Criminal Convictions:** Applicant certifies that neither it nor any officer, director, partner or other managerial agent of Applicant has been convicted of a felony under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, nor a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under Illinois Securities Law of 1953, or that at least five (5) years have passed since the date of the conviction. Applicant further certifies that it is not barred from receiving an Award under 30 ILCS 500/50-10.5, and acknowledges that Grantor shall declare the Award and subsequent Grant Agreement void if this certification is false (30 ILCS 500/50-10.5).
17. **Forced Labor Act:** Applicant certifies that it complies with the State Prohibition of Goods from Forced Labor Act, and certifies that, if it receives an Award and subsequent Grant Agreement, no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under the Agreement have been or will be produced in whole or in part by forced labor, convict labor, or indentured labor under penal sanction (30 ILCS 583).
18. **Illinois Use Tax:** Applicant certifies in accordance with 30 ILCS 500/50-12 that it is not barred from receiving an Award under this Paragraph. Applicant acknowledges that the Award and subsequent Grant Agreement may be declared void if this certification is false.
19. **Environmental Protection Act Violations:** Applicant certifies in accordance with 30 ILCS 500/50-14 that it is not barred from receiving an Award. Grantee acknowledges that the Award and subsequent Grant Agreement may be declared void if this certification is false.
20. **Goods from Child Labor Act:** Applicant certifies that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the State under a Grant Agreement executed pursuant to an Award have been or will be produced in whole or in part by the labor of any child under the age of twelve (12) (30 ILCS 584).
21. **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006:** Applicant certifies that it is in compliance with the terms and requirements of 31 USC 6101. Applicant further certifies it does and will comply with the reporting requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-282) (FFATA) with respect to Federal Awards greater than or equal to \$25,000. A FFATA sub-award report must be filed by the end of the month following the month in which the award was made.
22. **Compliance with Uniform Grant Rules (2 CFR Part 200):** Applicant certifies that it shall adhere to the applicable Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, which are published in Title 2, Part 200 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and are incorporated herein by reference. See 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000.30(b)(1)(A).
23. **Compliance with Non-Discrimination Laws:** Applicant, its employees and subcontractors under subcontract made pursuant to an Award and subsequent Grant Agreement, certifies that it shall comply with all applicable provisions of State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity including, but not limited to, the following laws and regulations and all subsequent amendments thereto:
  - (a) The Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et seq.*), including, without limitation, 44 Illinois Administrative Code Part 750, which is incorporated herein;
  - (b) The Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*);
  - (c) The United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) (42 USC 2000a- and 2000h-6). (See *also* guidelines to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons [Federal Register: February 18, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 13, Pages 2671-2685)]);
  - (d) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794);
  - (e) The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 *et seq.*); and
  - (f) The Age Discrimination Act (42 USC 6101 *et seq.*).

## II. Assurances

1. **Applicant Standing and Authority:** Applicant assures it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State in which it was incorporated or organized and that it has the requisite power and authority to:
- i. Execute and deliver the Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance on behalf of the Applicant;
  - ii. Execute and file the required certifications, assurances, Intergovernmental Agreements and Grant Agreements on behalf of the Applicant binding the Applicant;
  - iii. Execute Grant Agreements, Intergovernmental Agreements, and all other documents to be executed by Applicant in connection with the Award and subsequent Agreement with Grantor on behalf of the Applicant.
  - iv. Upon receiving an award and subsequent Intergovernmental Agreement or Grant Agreement, perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated within the Agreement.
  - v. If Applicant is organized under the laws of another jurisdiction, Applicant warrants that it is also duly qualified to do business in Illinois and, if applicable, is in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.

2. **General Assurances:**

- i. Applicant assures it will comply with all applicable State, Federal and local laws and State administrative regulations in carrying out any project supported by a State of Illinois Grant Agreement or Intergovernmental Agreement, and any and all license requirements or professional certification provisions.
- ii. Applicant agrees that it is under a continuing obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement or Intergovernmental Agreement with Grantor issued for its project.
- iii. Where applicable, Applicant assures it will comply with applicable State and Federal statutes, Federal regulations and Grantor administrative rules regarding confidential records or other information obtained by Applicant concerning persons served under an Intergovernmental Agreement or Grant Agreement. The records and information shall be protected by Applicant from unauthorized disclosure.
- iv. Applicant recognizes that Federal and State laws and regulations may be modified from time to time, and those modifications may affect project implementation. The Applicant understands that Presidential executive orders, executive orders from the Office of the Governor, Federal and State directives, including policies and program guidance may be issued concerning matters affecting the Applicant or the project.
- v. The Applicant agrees that the most recent Federal and State laws, regulations, and directives will apply to the project, unless Grantor issues a written determination otherwise.

3. **Registration Assurance:** Applicant assures it and any sub-grantees it might intend to utilize shall:

- i. be registered with the Federal SAM;
- ii. be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, if applicable; and
- iii. have a valid DUNS number.

Applicant understands its responsibility to remain current with these registrations and requirements. If Applicant's status with regard to any of these requirements change, or the certifications made in and information provided in the Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance changes, Applicant must notify the Grantor.

4. **Gift Ban Assurance:** Applicant understands it is prohibited from giving gifts to State employees and assures it will not give any gifts pursuant to Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/10-10) and Executive Order 15-09.

5. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Assurance:** Applicant assures that upon request, Applicant shall make available to Grantor all documents in its possession that Grantor deems necessary to comply with requests made under the Freedom of Information Act. (5 ILCS 140/7(2)).

Other information, if applicable:

N/A