



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2020-13**

### **2020 ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS  
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TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS  
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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) beginning on August 21, 2020. 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. Awards are anticipated to be announced in Spring 2021, with a Sunset Clause to have all funds federally authorized by September 30, 2025

The applications must be received by IDOT at 4:30 p.m CST on November 2, 2020. Applicants must submit their applications both on-line and as a paper copy.

#### **New for the 2020 ITEP Cycle:**

Supplemental state funding of \$50 million will be allocated to ITEP. These funds will be available to projects in the categories of bike and pedestrian facilities and the conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails. Twenty-five percent of all ITEP funding will be directed towards projects in high-need communities. A new GIS mapping tool has been developed for applicants; this will be used to determine the Community Map score for a project. This score will be used to determine the state matching funds available to a project.

In addition, Phase I Engineering will remain eligible for funding, however projects with PE I complete will receive additional application points.

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](mailto:DOT.ITEP@Illinois.gov).

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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 [www.grants.illinois.gov](http://www.grants.illinois.gov) . All general GATA questions may be directed to [DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov).

Sincerely,



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