



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

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The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has numerous programs and opportunities available for local public agencies, businesses, and homeowners. Among these programs are several which apply to transportation or transportation related improvements.

In an effort to continue providing transportation funding opportunities to the local public agencies, the Department has assembled the attached listing of programs from DCEO which may be of interest. This listing includes the program name (with a website link), a brief description of the program, and the type of program it is. The complete listing of DCEO programs may be found on their main website under the [Programs and Services Guide](#) section.

If you have any questions concerning this circular letter, please contact Thomas Winkelman, Local Program Development Engineer, by telephone at (217) 782-0675 or by email at [Tom.Winkelman@illinois.gov](mailto:Tom.Winkelman@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maureen E. Kastl".

Maureen E. Kastl, P.E.  
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

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Attachment

cc: Mike Staggs, FHWA – Illinois Division  
Joel Moore, Illinois Association of County Engineers  
Joe Schatteman, Illinois Municipal League  
Bryan Smith, Township Officials of Illinois  
Charlie Montgomery, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois

## Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity - Programs and Services Guide - Abbreviated

Program Name	Description	Type
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Economic Development Program (EDP) <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144494">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144494</a>	Provides grant assistance for roadway improvements necessary for access to new or expanding industrial, manufacturing, or distribution facility companies. Program is designed to provide 100% state funding for roadway improvements on state owned routes and up to 50% state funding for eligible locally owned roadways (remaining 50% match could be provided by local government entities or private sources). Maximum amount provided for one individual project is \$2 million.	Grant
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Rail Freight Loan Program <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144495">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144495</a>	Provides capital assistance to communities, railroads, and shippers to preserve and improve rail freight service in Illinois and promote economic development through the retention and development of rail-dependent industry. Low interest loans are provided to help finance rail improvements; under special circumstances grants may be considered.	Loan
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Truck Access Route Program (TARP) <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144496">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144496</a>	Assists local governments to upgrade roads to accommodate 80,000 pound truck loads. If eligible, program can provide \$45,000 per lane mile and \$22,000 per eligible intersection for selected projects. State participation will not exceed 50% of the total construction costs or \$900,000, whichever is less.	Grant
Southern Illinois Economic Development Initiative <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144504">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144504</a>	The Delta Regional Authority (an 8 state Federal Agency) partners with the State of Illinois to enhance economic development activities in Illinois' 16 southernmost counties: Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, White and Williamson. Grants, tied to local investments and contributions, work to improve transportation and basic public infrastructure. Direct funding to community-based and regional projects strengthens workforce development systems and local business environments. At least 75% of grants must be invested in economically-distressed counties. Half of these funds are targeted to transportation and basic infrastructure improvements. Remaining funds are directed to other priorities or workforce and business development with a focus on entrepreneurship.	Grant
Tax Increment Financing Program <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144505">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144505</a>	Illinois law allows units of local governments to designate areas within their jurisdiction as TIF districts. These specially designated districts are used by local governments as a way to spur economic growth by dedicating the sales tax revenues and additional property tax revenues generated within the TIF for improvements within the district with the hope of encouraging new economic development and job creation.	Tax Credit
CDBG Economic Development Program <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144511">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144511</a>	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides federal funding for a variety of community-based projects. Communities in non-metropolitan areas can apply for Economic Development grant funding to assist private business in retaining or creating full-time, permanent jobs. Grant funds may also be used for improvements to public infrastructure that directly supports a company in the local community.	Grant
CDBG Emergency Public Infrastructure Program <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144512">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144512</a>	The Community Development Block Grant program provides federal funding for a variety of community-based projects. Communities with populations of 50,000 or less can apply for Emergency Public Infrastructure grant funding to support local public infrastructure projects of an urgent and unforeseen nature, occurring outside the normal application cycle. Priority given to water, sanitary and storm-sewer projects.	Grant
CDBG Public Infrastructure Program <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144514">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144514</a>	The Community Development Block Grant program provides federal funding for a variety of community-based projects. Communities with populations of 50,000 or less can apply for Public Infrastructure grant funding to support water, sanitary and storm-sewer projects. May include funding for design.	Grant
Emerging Technological Enterprises <a href="https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144525">https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/ServicesGuide/SitePages/ShowOpportunity.aspx?qID=144525</a>	The Illinois Jobs Now Act allows the Illinois Department of Commerce the authority to provide grants, loans, and other investments for projects to respond to unique advanced technology initiatives which will foster the development of Illinois' economy through the advancement of the state's economic, scientific, and technological assets.	Grant