CIRCULAR LETTER 2018-05

STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH FUNDS (SPR)

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IDOT provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on April 13, 2018. The Funding Opportunity Number is 19-1439-01. The NOFO for this program is available here: [NOFO](#). This program is listed in the Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) as 494-00-1439.

Statewide Planning and Research Program (SPR) funds are federal funds for 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. The funding available for this program in FY 2018 is $20 M. A 20 percent non-federal match is required for these federal funds.

All proposed projects should be related to studying or implementing a goal, strategy or objective within the state’s [Long Range Transportation Plan](#) or one of its associated plans, implementing performance based program development, or implementing asset management. IDOT will evaluate proposed projects based on those criteria.

The program schedule is currently:

**April 13, 2018** - Call for Projects **Opened**
**April 24, 2018** - Webinar 2-4 p.m. **Webinar Sign Up**
**May 16, 2018** - Applications due 11:59:59 CDT
**July 1, 2018** - Awards Announced

Any updates or changes to the schedule will be officially announced through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website via the [NOFO](#)

Further details on this program are available on the [program's website](#).
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