



Illinois Department of Transportation

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CIRCULAR LETTER 2019-15

FISCAL YEAR 2020 AMENDED STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS

Attached to this circular letter is a listing of the state fiscal year (FY) 2020 State Matching Assistance (SMA) Program allotments.

[Circular Letter 2019-01](#) issued on February 27, 2019, announced the FY 2020 federal Surface Transportation Program allotments, and [Circular Letter 2019-10](#) announced the initial FY 2020 SMA allotments based on \$2.0 million.

Following the Rebuild Illinois passage, SMA has been restored to \$4.0 million. The formula for distribution of the \$4.0 million in SMA is based on 68 percent federal funding and 32 percent local match. This match ratio is variable each year and is generated to result in utilization of the entire state matching assistance amount. A more detailed explanation of the state matching assistance program is also attached.

If you have any questions regarding the federal funding allotments, please contact your IDOT District Bureau of Local Roads and Streets office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. B. Seck-Birhame'.

Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, P.E., PTOE
Local Program Development Engineer

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Attachments

cc: Arlene Kocher, FHWA - Illinois Division
Mike Pedigo, Illinois Association of County Engineers

**FY 2020
STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE**

<u>COUNTY CODE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE</u>
001	ADAMS	\$0.00
003	ALEXANDER	\$87,592.01
005	BOND	\$54,333.61
007	BOONE	\$0.00
009	BROWN	\$71,068.35
011	BUREAU	\$0.00
013	CALHOUN	\$60,918.45
015	CARROLL	\$24,912.67
017	CASS	\$58,489.66
019	CHAMPAIGN	\$0.00
021	CHRISTIAN	\$0.00
023	CLARK	\$114,573.06
025	CLAY	\$107,781.10
027	CLINTON	\$0.00
029	COLES	\$0.00
031	COOK	\$0.00
033	CRAWFORD	\$0.00
035	CUMBERLAND	\$80,521.76
037	DEKALB	\$0.00
039	DEWITT	\$0.00
041	DOUGLAS	\$22,851.87
043	DUPAGE	\$0.00
045	EDGAR	\$49,085.34
047	EDWARDS	\$63,897.38
049	EFFINGHAM	\$0.00
051	FAYETTE	\$152,793.73
053	FORD	\$79,982.94
055	FRANKLIN	\$49,677.97
057	FULTON	\$86,308.07
059	GALLATIN	\$90,860.18
061	GREENE	\$100,251.33
063	GRUNDY	\$0.00
065	HAMILTON	\$121,274.75
067	HANCOCK	\$136,594.11
069	HARDIN	\$66,484.98
071	HENDERSON	\$72,679.41
073	HENRY	\$0.00
075	IROQUOIS	\$159,871.88
077	JACKSON	\$0.00
079	JASPER	\$85,678.36
081	JEFFERSON	\$0.00
083	JERSEY	\$0.00
085	JODAVIESS	\$0.00
087	JOHNSON	\$89,116.19
089	KANE	\$0.00
091	KANKAKEE	\$0.00
093	KENDALL	\$0.00
095	KNOX	\$0.00
097	LAKE	\$0.00
099	LASALLE	\$0.00
101	LAWRENCE	\$88,465.01
103	LEE	\$0.00
105	LIVINGSTON	\$59,355.47
107	LOGAN	\$0.00

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<u>COUNTY CODE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE</u>
109	MCDONOUGH	\$1,021.74
111	MCHENRY	\$0.00
113	MCLEAN	\$0.00
115	MACON	\$0.00
117	MACOUPIN	\$51,187.52
119	MADISON	\$0.00
121	MARION	\$23,308.20
123	MARSHALL	\$36,665.01
125	MASON	\$116,797.90
127	MASSAC	\$31,639.88
129	MENARD	\$11,731.37
131	MERCER	\$87,026.56
133	MONROE	\$0.00
135	MONTGOMERY	\$49,489.27
137	MORGAN	\$0.00
139	MOULTRIE	\$43,400.64
141	OGLE	\$0.00
143	PEORIA	\$0.00
145	PERRY	\$58,942.25
147	PIATT	\$0.00
149	PIKE	\$178,596.89
151	POPE	\$91,661.61
153	PULASKI	\$70,742.28
155	PUTNAM	\$15,848.67
157	RANDOLPH	\$17,259.91
159	RICHLAND	\$40,204.61
161	ROCK ISLAND	\$0.00
163	ST CLAIR	\$0.00
165	SALINE	\$54,421.32
167	SANGAMON	\$0.00
169	SCHUYLER	\$94,480.76
171	SCOTT	\$70,392.68
173	SHELBY	\$127,385.30
175	STARK	\$54,068.21
177	STEPHENSON	\$0.00
179	TAZEWELL	\$0.00
181	UNION	\$55,083.84
183	VERMILION	\$0.00
185	WABASH	\$23,570.18
187	WARREN	\$27,062.21
189	WASHINGTON	\$85,619.54
191	WAYNE	\$158,767.06
193	WHITE	\$88,204.94
195	WHITESIDE	\$0.00
197	WILL	\$0.00
199	WILLIAMSON	\$0.00
201	WINNEBAGO	\$0.00
203	WOODFORD	\$0.00
	FINAL TOTALS	4,000,000.00

STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE (SMA)

The State Matching Assistance Program is designed to assist counties in matching federal funds when the county cannot derive sufficient matching funds from local taxation. Counties receive a Surface Transportation Program Rural (STR) allotment which may be used to fund up to 80 percent of eligible project costs. Counties are allowed to levy a Federal-Aid Matching Tax to use for the local share. Although an 80/20 federal / local matching ratio is allowable for STR projects, a lower matching ratio is judged to be more equitable when determining the need for matching funds because the counties receive other federal-aid funds in addition to STR funds that require a local match. Some counties do not have a sufficient tax base to generate the local funds needed for the match. The State Matching Assistance Program of \$4 million per year addresses this problem.

The county is required to levy a Federal-Aid Matching Tax of at least .045 percent to be eligible for assistance. To receive the maximum amount it is required to have a tax rate of .05 percent. If the rate is .045 percent, the allocation is 90 percent of the maximum. If the rate is between .045 percent and .05 percent, the assistance is prorated. If the rate falls below .045 percent, the county may retain its eligibility for assistance if a permanent transfer of funds from a non-highway fund to the Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund is made to meet the equivalent of the minimum eligibility threshold.

The maximum assistance amount for each county is established as the difference between the amount required to match the county's STR allotment using a computer generated federal / local matching ratio and the funds generated by the county's Federal-Aid Matching Tax. This matching ratio is variable each year and is generated to result in utilization of the entire State Matching Assistance amount.

The amount of funds received by each county will vary from year to year. The variable amount of STR funds available each year and the local Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) as provided by the Department of Revenue have a direct correlation on the amount of funds to be disbursed based on shortfall. As an example, when the STR allotment increases, the counties will have a greater need for additional match. Conversely, when the STR allotment decreases, the counties will not have a need to match as much federal funding and therefore will require less State Matching Assistance Program funds.

State Matching Assistance Program funds may be used for any federal-aid project.

Commitment of Funds: If a county so desires, it may use its accumulated matching funds to defray any part or the entire non-federal portion of any local federal-aid project regardless of the federal matching percentage. The State Matching Assistance funds may be committed as a lump-sum amount or as a percentage of the project cost not to exceed the current available State Matching Assistance allotment for the county.

Anticipation: There can be no anticipation of State Matching Assistance funds. In other words, no county can commit more State Matching Assistance funds to a project than it has available at the time of letting. However, existing agreements for active projects may be amended to increase the amount of State Matching Assistance funding when it becomes available.