



Illinois Department of Transportation

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPONENT OF COVID RELIEF SUPPLEMENT

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS
TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (HIP-CRRSAA), division M, Public Law (Pub. L. No. 116-260), was enacted. This appropriation provided an additional \$10,000,000,000 for Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP). The State of Illinois, through the Illinois Department of Transportation received an apportionment of this HIP-CRRSAA, henceforth known as COVID Relief, in the amount of \$352,911,487.

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform our Local Agency Partners (LPA) of the availability, distribution, eligibility requirements, and other information of their use on local projects.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

Distribution Formula

In accordance with the IDOT procedures for distribution of all core federal programs, the local share of the COVID Relief funds is equal to \$66,770,853 or 18.92% of the overall amount received. The distribution of the funding followed the methodology used for the distribution of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) for urban (STU) and rural (STR) areas and utilized the 2010 census data, including any population updates received from the Secretary of State's office, and the 2019 Illinois Highway and Street Mileage Statistics non-urban mileage and non-urban area totals.

Rural Area Allocations (Counties)

The total amount of COVID Relief funds allotted to rural areas is \$14,996,460, with \$13,375,446 to be utilized in Districts 2 through 9. The remaining \$1,621,014 is for use by eligible counties in District 1.

The formula for distribution to rural areas in Districts 2 through 9 is as follows:

1. Ten percent (10%) divided equally among the downstate counties; and
2. The balance allocated to the downstate counties on the basis of the following three (3) factors, with equal weight being given to each factor:
 - a. non-urban area
 - b. non-urban population
 - c. non-urban mileage (total all systems)

Urbanized Areas:

The total amount of COVID Relief funds allotted to urbanized areas is \$51,774,393, with \$42,647,427 to be utilized in District 1. The remaining \$9,126,966 is for utilization in urbanized areas in Districts 2 through 9. The funds are sub-allocated to the urbanized areas based on percentage of population of the individual urbanized area to the total urbanized area population for the entire state.

ELIGIBILITY:

The COVID Relief funds are subject to all Federal and State laws, guidelines, and policy. The funds are to follow STP guidelines and can be used on projects located on all functionally classified roads except for local or rural minor collectors (6 or 7). The funds can be used for existing structures on any functional class.

Planning & Programming

The COVID Relief funds are not subject to a required local match. The funds may not be used as a match for other Federal programs but may be used in conjunction with other Federal and State funds. The funds cannot be swapped on projects previously federally authorized.

The COVID Relief funds can be used on projects currently programmed in the FY 2022-2027 Multi-Year Improvement Program (MYP) with program revisions to modify the existing funding for projects intended for the FY 2022 Annual Program. Use of the funds are subject to TIP/STIP requirements. Projects planned for in FY 2023 or FY 2024 should be included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 MYP submittal.

GATA

These funds will be subject to the Grant Administration Transparency Act (GATA) requirements and the CSFA number is 494-00-2554.

DEADLINE:

Expeditious use of the funds is highly encouraged. The COVID Relief funds must be federal obligated by September 30, 2024. Any amount not obligated on or before September 30, 2024 will lapse and the allocation will be forfeited.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ALLOTMENT DATA

To provide some guidance and additional information, please see the attached Frequently Asked Question (FAQ).

In addition, the Allotment of the COVID Relief funds has also been herewith attached to this Circular Letter.

Questions regarding specific projects should be directed to your IDOT District Bureau of Local Roads and Streets office.

Questions regarding this Circular Letter may be directed to Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, Local Program Development Engineer at (217) 782-3972 or Babilbile.Seck@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Tapas".

George A. Tapas, P.E., S.E.
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment

cc: Arlene Kocher, FHWA – Illinois Division
Brian Otten, Illinois Association of County Engineers
Brad Cole, Illinois Municipal League
Bryan Smith, Township Officials of Illinois
Donald Goad, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois



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Local COVID Relief Funds FAQs

Q: What do I need to do to use these funds on a project for an FY 2022 letting date?

A: Contact your IDOT District Bureau of Local Roads and Streets office.

- An Annual Year program revision will be required to add the project or the funding on to a currently programmed project.
- See Chapter 17, Section 2 of the Bureau of Local Roads Manual for TIP/STIP requirements. The projects are considered significant and areas without a TIP will be required to advertise in accordance with BLRS guidelines.

Q: What need to be done if we want to use the funds in a year after FY 2022?

A: The project should be included in your planning for the FY 2023 – FY 2028 MYP submission. Contact your IDOT District Bureau of Local Roads and Streets office for information on timing and requirements for submission.

Q: How would the funding work on a project that will use STP and COVID Relief funds?

A: The COVID Relief funds are 100% federally eligible, whereas STP is generally 80% for most areas. An example funding split for a \$300,000 standard overlay project:

COVID Relief	\$100,000	100%
STR	\$160,000	80%
Local Match	\$40,000	20%
Total Project Cost	\$300,000	

Q: Can I include local participation if I do not have enough COVID Relief funds to cover the entire cost of the project or phase?

A: Yes, local funds can be used to cover any shortfall on a project including REBUILD Illinois and Motor Fuel Tax.

Q: How will projects get selected to use the funds?

A: In rural areas, please work with your County Engineer. In small urban areas, contact your IDOT District Bureau of Local Roads and Streets office. In urbanized areas covered by a Metropolitan Planning Organization, the MPO will establish a selection method. In all cases, projects that are ready should be prioritized to ensure the funding is utilized.

COVID Relief Urban Allotments

<u>Urbanized Area</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Anna/Jonesboro	\$ 22,336.43
Beardstown	\$ 21,837.13
Benton/West City	\$ 27,632.55
* Bloomington-Normal	\$ 465,744.73
Breese	\$ 20,367.77
Canton	\$ 52,440.51
Carbondale	\$ 232,344.54
Carlinville	\$ 21,102.45
* Carmi	\$ 18,687.99
Centralia/Central City/Wamac	\$ 58,952.77
* Champaign/Urbana/Savoy	\$ 476,026.69
Charleston	\$ 77,883.28
Chester	\$ 30,621.20
** Chicago/Northeastern Illinois	\$ 42,647,427.33
Clinton	\$ 27,757.38
* Danville/Belgium/Tilton/Westville	\$ 160,028.42
* Decatur	\$ 317,464.06
* Dekalb/Sycamore/Cortland	\$ 234,737.60
Dixon	\$ 56,110.34
DuQuoin/St. John's	\$ 22,568.25
E Cape Girardeau	\$ 1,373.07
E. Dubuque	\$ 6,077.16
** E.St.Louis & Alton	\$ 1,568,186.52
Effingham	\$ 49,423.32
Eureka	\$ 18,884.15
Fairfield	\$ 18,381.28
Flora	\$ 18,081.70
Freeport	\$ 91,435.64
Galesburg/E Galesburg/Knoxville	\$ 128,098.35
Geneseo	\$ 23,488.38
Genoa	\$ 22,671.67
Gillespie	\$ 20,335.67
Greenville	\$ 25,596.13
Harrisburg	\$ 32,400.84
Hillsboro	\$ 26,687.45
Hoopeston	\$ 19,083.86
Jacksonville/S. Jacksonville	\$ 81,232.14
Jerseyville	\$ 30,189.67
* Kankakee	\$ 263,511.40
Kewanee	\$ 46,063.76
LaSalle/Peru/Oglesby	\$ 116,325.62
Lawrenceville	\$ 22,233.01
Lincoln	\$ 51,727.22
Litchfield	\$ 24,747.33
Macomb	\$ 76,734.90
Mahomet	\$ 29,957.85
Marseilles	\$ 18,167.30
Mattoon	\$ 66,174.75
Mendota	\$ 26,291.58
Metropolis	\$ 23,313.63
Monmouth	\$ 33,681.18
Monticello	\$ 19,786.45
Morris	\$ 48,631.58

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<u>Urbanized Area</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
Mt. Carmel	\$ 25,977.74
Mt. Vernon	\$ 54,484.06
Murphysboro	\$ 28,424.29
Olney	\$ 32,507.84
Ottawa/Naplate	\$ 68,703.34
Pana	\$ 20,852.80
Paris	\$ 31,516.37
** Peoria	\$ 876,791.41
Pinckneyville	\$ 20,143.09
Pontiac	\$ 42,550.85
Princeton	\$ 27,318.71
Quincy	\$ 144,913.97
Rantoul	\$ 50,168.70
Robinson	\$ 27,507.73
Rochelle/Hillcrest	\$ 38,873.88
** Rock Island/Moline	\$ 472,228.46
** Rockford	\$ 891,067.76
S. Beloit/Rockton	\$ 55,553.98
Salem	\$ 30,532.04
* Springfield	\$ 522,828.70
Staunton	\$ 18,327.79
Sterling/Rock Falls	\$ 87,862.10
Streator/Kangley	\$ 49,790.66
Taylorville	\$ 40,107.86
Vandalia	\$ 25,114.67
Watseka	\$ 18,741.49
West Frankfort	\$ 30,457.15
Total	\$ 51,774,393.44

* Urbanized areas over 50,000 and under 200,000 population

** Urbanized areas over 200,000 population

COVID Relief Rural Allotments

<u>County</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
DISTRCT 1	\$ 1,621,013.84
ADAMS	\$ 203,233.98
ALEXANDER	\$ 69,228.20
BOND	\$ 99,748.16
BOONE	\$ 96,088.39
BROWN	\$ 75,708.89
BUREAU	\$ 193,785.26
CALHOUN	\$ 63,880.15
CARROLL	\$ 119,938.95
CASS	\$ 83,503.24
CHAMPAIGN	\$ 256,809.76
CHRISTIAN	\$ 162,712.86
CLARK	\$ 137,988.39
CLAY	\$ 113,280.05
CLINTON	\$ 164,984.08
COLES	\$ 122,066.21
COOK	\$ -
CRAWFORD	\$ 112,902.40
CUMBERLAND	\$ 100,475.45
DEKALB	\$ 154,309.59
DEWITT	\$ 98,180.48
DOUGLAS	\$ 130,746.85
DUPAGE	\$ -
EDGAR	\$ 134,538.96
EDWARDS	\$ 65,789.99
EFFINGHAM	\$ 137,171.08
FAYETTE	\$ 162,951.56
FORD	\$ 127,797.17
FRANKLIN	\$ 138,246.30
FULTON	\$ 194,750.53
GALLATIN	\$ 74,967.20
GREENE	\$ 127,862.20
GRUNDY	\$ 104,991.18
HAMILTON	\$ 106,687.71
HANCOCK	\$ 188,911.80
HARDIN	\$ 49,763.88
HENDERSON	\$ 90,158.66
HENRY	\$ 199,089.21
IROQUOIS	\$ 257,564.86
JACKSON	\$ 154,207.93
JASPER	\$ 120,450.08
JEFFERSON	\$ 162,551.90
JERSEY	\$ 101,472.56
JODAVIESS	\$ 153,276.78
JOHNSON	\$ 93,760.11
KANE	\$ -
KANKAKEE	\$ 202,256.54
KENDALL	\$ 144,849.36
KNOX	\$ 162,033.69
LAKE	\$ -
LASALLE	\$ 280,025.83
LAWRENCE	\$ 97,690.91
LEE	\$ 172,935.23

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<u>County</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
LIVINGSTON	\$ 244,307.24
LOGAN	\$ 145,802.80
MCDONOUGH	\$ 134,322.88
MCHENRY	\$ -
MCLEAN	\$ 275,804.12
MACON	\$ 139,431.34
MACOUPIN	\$ 217,769.52
MADISON	\$ 200,562.23
MARION	\$ 139,539.62
MARSHALL	\$ 106,001.01
MASON	\$ 131,713.07
MASSAC	\$ 70,242.32
MENARD	\$ 92,286.92
MERCER	\$ 140,395.65
MONROE	\$ 91,359.13
MONTGOMERY	\$ 161,515.53
MORGAN	\$ 130,378.00
MOULTRIE	\$ 105,029.90
OGLE	\$ 225,672.05
PEORIA	\$ 193,891.06
PERRY	\$ 98,054.99
PIATT	\$ 110,413.24
PIKE	\$ 180,419.35
POPE	\$ 72,941.54
PULASKI	\$ 60,026.47
PUTNAM	\$ 54,583.11
RANDOLPH	\$ 158,269.66
RICHLAND	\$ 90,876.83
ROCK ISLAND	\$ 111,469.38
ST CLAIR	\$ 212,581.64
SALINE	\$ 110,032.59
SANGAMON	\$ 240,498.44
SCHUYLER	\$ 99,451.46
SCOTT	\$ 64,949.84
SHELBY	\$ 193,721.89
STARK	\$ 73,505.26
STEPHENSON	\$ 153,086.20
TAZEWELL	\$ 180,511.21
UNION	\$ 99,066.78
VERMILION	\$ 216,339.52
WABASH	\$ 58,789.79
WARREN	\$ 119,918.27
WASHINGTON	\$ 132,786.73
WAYNE	\$ 158,158.46
WHITE	\$ 120,414.73
WHITESIDE	\$ 194,787.62
WILL	\$ -
WILLIAMSON	\$ 136,152.04
WINNEBAGO	\$ 195,045.16
WOODFORD	\$ 166,244.92
Total	\$ 14,996,459.90