



Illinois Department of Transportation

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April 1, 2019

CIRCULAR LETTER 2019-06

STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH FUNDS (SPR)

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The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity ([NOFO](#)) on April 1, 2019. The Funding Opportunity Number is 19-1439-01. This program is listed in the Catalog of State Financial Assistance ([CSFA](#)) as 494-00-1439.

Program guidance can be found here:

<http://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/index>

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 2020 is approximately \$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 (LRTP) 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 1, 2019** - Call for Projects Opened
- **April 10, 2019** – Informational Webinar 9:30-11:30 a.m. ([Register here](#))
- **April 30, 2019** - Applications due 11:59:59 CDT
- **July 1, 2019** - Awards Announced

LRTP & SPR Outreach Events

These events will be information introducing the Long-Range Transportation Plan, how the SPR Call for Projects relates to the LRTP, and how the department will be moving forward with implementing the LRTP.

| | Central Illinois | Northeastern Illinois | Southern Illinois | IDOT - Internal |
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| Date: | April 9, 2019 | April 15, 2019 | April 18, 2019 | April 22, 2019 |
| Time: | 11:00 a.m. | 1:00 p.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| Location: | Uptown Station, 11 Uptown Circle, Normal, IL 61761 Ronald J Hill Conference Room 334 | CMAP 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 Suite 800 DuPage County Room | IDOT - District 8 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234 Regional Conference Room | Hanley Building Executive Conference Room |
| RSVP Website: | Central IL Reservation Link | Northeastern IL Reservation Link | Southern IL Reservation Link | IDOT Internal Reservation Link (People from outside agencies may attend) |

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.

Sincerely,

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