Funding Opportunities from WSDOT Highways and Local Programs

For Federal and State Funding

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WSDOT Highways & Local Programs Division

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  - financial
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Transportation Funding Programs

- Four programs for local governments:
  1) Local Bridge Program
  2) Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)
  3) Pedestrian and Bicycle Program
  4) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
  - County Safety Program
  - City Safety Program

- Each program has specific project eligibility and application requirements.

- Requirements change over time as federal and state laws, rules, and policies advance and as we get data on system performance.

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Our services for technical assistance include:
- Bridge Services
- Pavement Services
- Traffic Services
- Community Design Assistance
- Environmental Services

We offer training through our FHWA/WSDOT-sponsored Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP).
Local Bridge Program

- Funds from the Federal Transportation Act, currently MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century).
- Estimated program size: $70-$90 million. Maximum of $12 million per project.
- Selections announced: December 2014.

Types of bridge projects include:
1) Replacement *
2) Rehabilitation *
   * = 20% match required. Only 13.5% match required if proceed to construction by 2018.
3) Preventative Maintenance **
   a) Bridge Painting
   b) Scour Mitigation
   c) Seismic Retrofit
   d) Deck Resurfacing and Repair
   ** = 10% match required. Waived if proceed to construction by 2018.

For details: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Bridge/Funding.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Bridge/Funding.htm)

Safe Routes to School Program

- Purpose: The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program focus is to increase the number of children walking and biking to school safely. All projects must be within two-miles of a primary, middle, or high school (K-12).
- Funds from Washington State’s Transportation Budget.
- Estimated program size for this program and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program: $8 million.
- Preliminary engineering/design (including enforcement and education), right-of-way, & construction eligible.
- Free webinar: March 3, 2014, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Criteria:
- Safety
- Access and mobility
- Value (potential impact versus cost)
- Applicant commitment (% of match)
- Project delivery (timeliness)
- Other considerations (see web page)

Selection Process:
- Advisory committee will evaluate & recommend projects.
- Report to the legislature by December 15.
- Selections by June 2015.

For details: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/SafeRoutes/Funding.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/SafeRoutes/Funding.htm)
Pedestrian and Bicycle Program

- **Purpose**: To improve conditions for biking and walking and encourage “complete street” type projects that safely meet the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation users and motorists, and also protect and preserve community environment and character.
- **Funds from Washington State’s Transportation Budget**.
- **Estimated program size for this program and the Safe Routes to School Program**: $8 million.
- **Preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way, and construction phases eligible**.
- **Free webinar**: March 3, 2014, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Applications due**: May 11, 2014.

Criteria:

- Promoting healthy communities
- Improving safety
- Protecting the environment
- Preserving community character
- Other considerations (see web page)

Selection Process:

- Advisory committee will evaluate & recommend projects.
- Report to the legislature by December 15.
- Selections by June 2015.

For details: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Bike/Funding.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Bike/Funding.htm)

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

- **Funds from the Federal Transportation Act, currently MAP-21**.
- **Estimated program size**: $65 million
- **Two programs**:
  1) County Safety Program: est. $28 million
  2) City Safety Program: est. $37 million
- **Purpose**: Use engineering countermeasures/strategies to reduce fatal/serious injury crashes, to meet Washington State’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan (Target Zero) goal of zero fatal/serious injury crashes by the year 2030.

County Safety Program

- **Estimated program size**: $28 million.
- **Preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way and construction eligible**, for all public roads.
- **Must propose projects/countermeasures from a prioritized list developed from the county’s local road safety plan**.
- **Counties can learn more about developing a road safety plan by attending one of eight workshops held throughout the state**.
- **Each county submits one application**.
- **No min. or max. grant request amount**.
- **10% match required. Waived if proceed to construction by Sept. 30, 2016**.
- **Details**: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Traffic/FedSafety.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Traffic/FedSafety.htm)
Highway Safety Improvement Program

City Safety Program

- Estimated program size: $37 million.
- Preliminary engineering/design, right-of-way and construction eligible.
- Meet with city advisory committee in 2 weeks to verify approach:
  - $10 million for low cost, widespread, risk-based projects.
  - $27 million for spot improvement projects (intersections, midblock locations, or corridors)
  - No minimum or maximum grant request amount.
- For details: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Traffic/FedSafety.htm

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