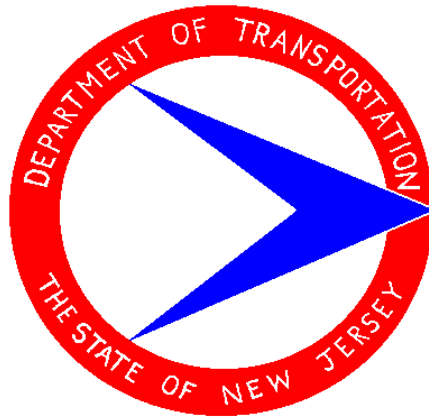


New Jersey Department of Transportation

Division of Local Aid and Economic Development

Program Description and Procedures for

Local Bridges, Future Needs



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Local Bridges, Future Needs

Program Goals and Objectives:

The NJDOT is committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation infrastructure by providing financial assistance to the state's 21 counties for improvement of county-owned bridges.

Counties may use Local Bridge grants for preventive maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of structurally deficient, scour critical and functionally obsolete bridges. The Local Bridge grant program is directly funded by the Transportation Trust Fund. NJDOT has dedicated \$25.0 million in the Transportation Capital Program to local bridge projects for 10 years. The objectives of the Local Bridges program are:

- To remove bridge(s) from the Structurally Deficient list
- To remove bridge(s) from the Scour Critical list
- To remove bridge(s) from becoming Structurally Deficient.
- To remove bridge(s) from the Functionally Obsolete list

Bridge Eligibility

The following categories of bridges are eligible for Local Bridges funds and are listed in priority order:

- Structurally Deficient
- Scour Critical
- Functionally Obsolete
- Structures Prevented from Becoming Structurally Deficient

Application Process

Annually, the Department will announce the availability of grant funds to counties. The county will then prepare and submit their application on-line using NJDOT SAGE at <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/sage.shtm>. A separate application and supporting documents must be submitted for each proposed project.

The Local Bridges, Future Needs Program is jointly managed by the Division of Local Aid and the Bureau of Structural Engineering. All applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Bureau of Structural Engineering and a recommendation is made for final approval by the Commissioner of Transportation. The Division of Local Aid will administer the projects once the projects are selected.

It is recommended that counties consult with the Manager of Bureau of Structural Engineering in determining project eligibility for funding.

Program Administration

The Local Bridges, Future Needs program will be governed by N.J.A.C. 16:20B and counties are required to comply with these rules and all provisions contained in the N.J.A.C. 16:20B as applicable. The rules establish guidelines and procedures to be followed by Counties when administering contracts. In addition, the rules provide the requirements for preparing plans and

specifications, contracts administration, contract completion and payment, state participation in cost as well as audit requirements.

Additional detailed information can be found in the State Aid Handbook at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/documents/StateAidHandbook-May272010.pdf>. The Handbook is intended to be used as a guide by County and Municipal Officials and Engineers in the processing of State Aid projects.

General Provisions

- NJDOT requires projects to be delivered to construction award within twelve months of grant agreement execution. Counties must provide information in the application to support their project's construction readiness. This information will be considered carefully in evaluation of applications.
- Work may be completed by county force account or by a low bid contracts.

Other Provisions

- Funding is for Construction only. No funding is provided for design or obtaining permits.
 - Contract completion and payment shall be administered in a manner similar to the administration of discretionary funds. Counties may invoice up to 75% of the awarded amount, or 75% of the allotment, whichever is less. The remainder of the eligible costs will be reimbursed upon receipt of the final Payment Voucher and supporting documentation.
 - Reimbursement will be made for county force account work after work is complete.

Contact Persons:

For questions concerning all aspects of the program, please contact the appropriate District Manager listed below:

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