Funding Programs for Local Infrastructure Improvements

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- NJDOT Local Aid provides $330 million annually in grants to counties, municipalities, and other local public agencies for local public transportation projects.
**NJDOT Local Aid Programs**

**State Funded Programs**
- Municipal Aid
- County Aid
- Local Bridges
- Safe Streets to Transit
- Transit Village
- Bikeways
- Local Aid Infrastructure Fund
- Safe Corridors – Highway Safety Funds

**Federal Funded Programs**
- Local Lead
- Transportation Alternatives
- Safe Routes to School
- Local Safety/High Risk Rural Roads
- Emergency Relief
- High Priority Projects
- Transportation and Community System
- Preservation
State Aid Programs

- Funded by the Transportation Trust Fund
- Governed by Municipal Aid and County Aid regulations; N.J.A.C. 16:20A & 16:20B
- Projects must be awarded to construction within 24 months of notification
- 75% of award/grant amount available at time of award
- 25% at construction completion and final acceptance
County Aid

- All counties eligible
- Non-competitive. Counties select projects.
- $78.75 M – TTF
- Allocations based on county population and road mileage
- Target Projects: Transportation projects including improvements to county owned roads and bridges
Municipal Aid

- All municipalities eligible
- Competitive process
- $78.75 M – TTF
- Target Projects: Road & bridge preservation, roadway safety, pedestrian safety, bikeways, mobility, and quality of life
Bikeway Program

- Municipalities and counties eligible
- Competitive process
- $1M – TTF
- Target Project: Promotes bicycling as an alternate mode of transportation
- Primary objectives: 1,000 new miles of dedicated bike paths
Safe Streets to Transit Program

- Municipalities and counties eligible
- Competitive process
- $1 M – TTF
- Target Project: Improves pedestrian access to transit facilities and all modes of public transportation
Transit Village Program

- Designated Transit Villages eligible (32 currently)
- Competitive process
- $1.0M – TTF
- Target Project: Promotes transit oriented development for municipalities that have made a commitment to grow in the area surrounding a transit facility
Local Aid Infrastructure Funds

- Municipalities and counties eligible
- Discretionary. Non-competitive, need-based review.
- $7.5 M – TTF
- Established to address emergent or regional needs
Local Bridges, Future Needs

- Counties eligible
- $25.0 million TTF
- $1.0M per County
- $4.0M discretionary. Competitive based on cost benefit assessment
- Eligibility Criteria: Structurally deficient, functionally obsolete, and scour critical County owned bridges
Federal Aid Program

- Funding Source– Fast Act FHWA Federal Aid Highway Program
- Governed by 23 CFR–Title 23– Highways
- Funds provided on a reimbursement basis
- NJDOT serves as the pass-through
- Local Public Agencies (LPAs) are sub-recipients of federal aid
- NJDOT responsible for ensuring project sponsors comply with federal requirements
- NJDOT responsible for ensuring project sponsors have adequate internal controls and resources to manage federal funds.
Transportation Alternatives

- Eligible recipients
  - Local governments
  - Regional transportation authorities
  - Transit agencies
  - Natural resource or public land agencies
  - Tribal governments
  - Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation (other than an MPO or State agency)

- Competitive process
- $13.2 programmed in FY 2016
- Target Project: Non-traditional transportation related projects
Transportation Alternatives

- Eligible Categories
  - Provision of facilities for bicycles and pedestrians
  - Scenic or historic highway programs
  - Landscaping and other scenic beautification
  - Historic preservation
  - Rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
  - Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion to pedestrian and bicycle trails)
  - Environmental mitigation to address water pollution
Safe Routes to Schools

- Municipalities, counties & school districts eligible
- Competitive process
- Infrastructure projects only. Construction only.
- $5.6M programmed in FY 2016
- Target Project: Provides funds for projects that encourage and enable children in grades K–8 to walk and bicycle to school
Local Lead Program

- MPO sub-regions eligible
- Competitive selection process
- Federal-aid routes and bridges eligible
- $105 million federal
- Target Projects: Provides funds to advance projects through preliminary engineering, final design, right of way, and construction
Highway Safety Improvement Program

- Includes Local Safety & High Risk Rural Roads – LS/HRRR
- Program goal: To significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
- MPO project selection. Competitive, data driven, process.
- FY 2016 – $20.0 million
- Funds Design, ROW & Construction
- LS project types – new and upgraded signalization, signage, pedestrian indications, crosswalks, curb ramps & pavement markings
- HRRR project types – skid resistant surface treatment, guiderail, reflective pavement markings, rumble strips and rumble stripes, safety edge, enhanced and advance warning signs, & roundabouts
Emergency Relief

- Provides funds in response to natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and severe storms
- Governor’s declaration required
- Federal-aid highways only
- Emergency or temporary repairs & permanent repairs
- Permits immediate repairs
- Purpose is to restore essential traffic, minimize the extent of damage, or protect remaining facilities
Local Aid Support and Resources

Website
- http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid
- Overview of Local Aid Programs
- Recent Grant Recipients
- Forms and Publications
- SAGE Access
- Contact information
Local Aid Support and Resources

Training

- Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT)
  - Federal Aid Compliance and LPA Stewardship
  - Highway Inspection Procedures for Federal-aid Projects
  - Design of ADA curb Ramps
  - Compliance to the American with Disabilities Act
  - Grant Management for Federal Aid Projects:
    [http://cait.rutgers.edu/cait/training](http://cait.rutgers.edu/cait/training)
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SRTS Design Assistance Program

- Establishes pool of design consultants for LPA’s use
- 2012/2014 SRTS recipients eligible
- Information posted on Local Aid’s website at: [http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/local_aid/srts.shtm](http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/local_aid/srts.shtm)
- Use of pool consultant is not mandatory
- LPA enters into agreement directly with consultant
Local Aid Support and Resources
SRTS Design Assistance

Program Benefits

- Simplified procurement process
- Shortened time and reduced costs
- Improved quality and performance
- Quicker review times
- Improved compliance with federal and state procurement requirements
District 1
Sussex County Bridge E-07 (Franklin Viaduct)
Franklin Borough, Sussex County
Construction Cost – $11.9M
Funding – Bridge Bond, LBFN, County Aid, County Capital
District 1
Route 22/Chimney Rock Road
Bridgewater Township, Somerset County
Construction Cost – $78.0M, Funding – STP, TTF
District 2
South Orange Avenue Traffic, Operational, and Roadway Improvements
Millburn, Maplewood and South Orange, Essex County
Construction Cost – $25.90M, Funding – Local Lead
District 3
Route 35 Sheet Pile Walls
Mantoloking Borough and Brick Township, Ocean County
Construction Cost – $23.4M, Funding – ER
District 3
Monmouth County Bridge S–17
Red Bank Borough and Middletown Township, Monmouth County
Construction Cost – $21.6M, Funding – STP
District 3
Pearl Street Parking Facility
Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County
Funding – 2010 Transit Village Program
District 4
CR 528 Roundabout
Chesterfield Township, Burlington County
Construction Cost – $2.0M, Funding-LS/HRRR, LAIF
District 4
Clearview High School Tunnel
Harrison Township, Gloucester County
Construction Cost – $500,000, Funding – LAIF
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