



TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

Funding Opportunities through NDOT

Project Submittal Program

The NDOT has initiated a program to fund transportation projects that might not meet the requirements of federal programs and/or are on a smaller scale than major construction projects. Such projects may include, but are not limited to studies, capacity improvements, safety, roadway upgrades, welcome and gateway community signs, and bridges repairs. Projects must be on functionally classed roadways (see http://www.nevadadot.com/reports_pubs/Class_Maps). Federal and State agencies, Tribal governments, county, city and local governments, local public agencies or private non profits can apply. The deadline for applications is early March of each year.

For more information, contact Sandi Stanio, (775) 888-7122

Transportation Enhancement Program

The Transportation Enhancement Program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, such as the restoration of historic transportation facilities, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautification, and mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff. Projects must be related to surface transportation open to the general public and serve a transportation need for the general public. Only applications submitted to NDOT by State agencies, eligible federal agencies, city, county governments or other eligible local public agencies (including general improvement districts), and Indian tribal governments will be accepted for consideration. Intent-to-Apply Form is due August 15 of even numbered years. Applications are due to NDOT on December 15th of the same year.

For more information, contact Leif Anderson, (775) 888-7121

Scenic Byways Program

National Scenic Byways Program (NSB) discretionary funds are available to develop scenic byways programs, and to implement projects on highways of outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, and archaeological qualities designated as National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads, America's Byways, State scenic or Indian tribe scenic byways. Scenic Byway grant applications are solicited from state agencies, local governments, and various local groups on an annual basis. Solicitation for grant applications generally begins in December with deadlines for submittal within three months from the announcement date.

For more information, contact Jennifer Cooper, (775) 888-7123

Landscape Community Match Program

The Landscape Community Match Program provides an opportunity for matching funds on a 50/50 (minimum \$50,000, maximum \$500,000) basis for landscape and aesthetic projects that might not otherwise be completed. Proposed projects must be located within NDOT right of way and must conform to the guidelines established in the *Landscape and Aesthetic Master Plan* and applicable landscape and aesthetics corridor plan. Only applications submitted to NDOT by city, county governments or other eligible local public agencies, and Indian tribal governments will be accepted for consideration. Applications must demonstrate that sufficient resources will be available to complete the project and include a cost estimate for design, construction, management, operations, and maintenance. Applications are accepted through the end of December of even numbered years.

For more information, contact Lucy Joyce, (775) 888-7537



Transit Programs

Many Nevada residents depend on transit services. Busses in rural Nevada provide more than 1 million rides and travel over 5 million miles per year. To help in the creation and continuation of these services, NDOT administers the following Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants on an annual basis: Elderly and Disabled (5310), Rural and Small Urban (5311), Job Access and Reverse Commute (5316) and New Freedoms (5317).

For more information, contact Trish Giomi, (775) 888-7463

Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School Program identifies obstacles to children walking and biking to school and assists communities in developing strategies to mitigate these impediments. The program is available in areas adjacent to grade K-8 schools including public, private and tribal schools. Federal money is available via a competitive application and review process. Government entities, local communities, school districts, tribal governments, parent teacher organizations, private and non-profit organizations and advocacy groups are encouraged to apply. NDOT is requiring that all non-government entities' proposed programs be partnered with a government entity for purposes of agreements.

For more information, contact Bill Story, (775) 888-7357

Other Programs of Interest

Interstate Maintenance Program (IMP)

The purpose of the Interstate Maintenance Program is to maintain a reasonably high level of serviceability on the road, while optimizing available funds and minimizing risks to the traveling public. Interstate Maintenance is designated for resurfacing, restoring, rehabilitation, or reconstructing any route or portion thereof on the Interstate System. The NDOT's Materials Division evaluates and prioritizes proposed Interstate Maintenance projects using the same process described under State Highway Preservation.

For more information, contact Coy Peacock, (775) 888-7124

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) requires the responsible state agency, NDOT, to develop and implement a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and submit annual reports to the Secretary of Transportation that describe the most hazardous locations, progress in implementing highway safety improvement projects, and their effectiveness in reducing fatalities and injuries. State projects are submitted to NDOT administration and are financed by annual construction allocations or maintenance funds. Local projects, which are not eligible for federal or state funds, are the responsibility of the local entity. Projects that qualify for federal-aid are then submitted to NDOT administration for inclusion in the Annual Work Program (AWP).

For more information, contact Fred Droes, (775) 888-7524

Highway Bridge Program

The Highway Bridge Program (formerly the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program) provides funding to replace or rehabilitate substandard bridges owned by public agencies, whether or not the bridge is part of the NDOT system. Bridges that are privately owned, carry railroads, or are predominately for pedestrian/bicycle use are not eligible under this program. Eligible project costs are funded at 95 percent federal and 5 percent local agency. Project costs eligible for Bridge Program funds include preliminary engineering, right of way, construction engineering, and actual construction costs.

For more information, contact Dave Severns, (775) 888-7545



Local Public Agency Program

The Local Public Agency Program (LPA, formerly known as the Stewardship Program) is a method for a local public agency to complete an approved, federally funded project on a reimbursement basis, with NDOT oversight. In order to qualify, the local public agency must have secured funding for the project, the project must be partially funded with Federal-Aid funds, and the local agency must be responsible for the design, advertising, awarding and administration of construction of the project.

For more information, contact Kristena Shigenaga, (775) 888-7490

Federal Lands Highway Programs (FLHP)

The Federal Lands Highways program (FLHP) provides for transportation planning, research, engineering, and construction of highways, roads, and parkways and transit facilities that provide access to or within public lands and Indian reservations. For general information, contact Dennis Taylor, (775) 888-7120

For information on the individual programs, go to <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/transportation.htm> or contact the program manager listed below:

Park Road and Parkways: Rick West (702) 963-3730

Indian Reservation Roads: Robert Sparrow (202) 366-9483

Forest Highways: Ryan Tyler (702) 963-3729

Refuge Roads: Bob Gansauer (720) 963-3722

Discretionary Funding: Dennis Taylor, (775) 888-7120

Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Federal transportation monies benefit recreation by making funds available to the states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non motorized and motorized recreational trail users. Applications for recreational trail funds are submitted to the State Parks Division (not NDOT) and are then prioritized by the State Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. The deadline is generally early December.

For more information, contact Randy Moore, Nevada Division of State Parks, (775) 684-2775, rlmoore@parks.nv.gov

Bicycle & Pedestrian Program

The bicycle and pedestrian program at NDOT oversees the planning and development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities statewide, ensuring the traveling public has choices when determining their transportation needs. The program works with state and local entities as to ensure compliance with design standards and guidelines as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and works with the Department of Public Safety to provide information on safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. The program develops the State's Bicycle Plan, Bicycle Touring Map, and coordinates the Governor's Bicycle Advisory Board. The program works with national groups such as Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, as well as local bike and walking advocacy groups, to provide information, updates and resources (such as an annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Conference). The program also provides outreach in Nevada, and other states, to promote Nevada as a bicycle tourism destination.

For more information, contact Bill Story, (775) 888-7357



Aviation Planning

The Aviation Planning Section at NDOT is responsible for helping ensure that Nevada’s general aviation public-use airports meet applicable safety requirements and provide services to their communities and the flying public. Through annual safety inspections and education programs, the NDOT Aviation team facilitates the establishment of a viable, balanced and integrated system of aviation facilities. Our aviation team produces airport directories and aeronautical maps as well as assistance with management analysis, safety inspections, identifying funding sources, wind socks, and airport planning.

For more information, contact Bill Thompson, (775) 888-7354

Rail Freight

Railroads are an essential component of our interstate and intrastate transportation system. The Rail/Freight section at the NDOT administers and oversees federal funding, publishes statewide rail maps, and produces the statewide goods movement study.

For more information, contact: Eric Glick, (775) 888-7464

Research

The NDOT Research Section can provide information, literature searches, research opportunities, and coordinate information sharing. Information and literature are available through the NDOT Research Library. Research opportunities and coordination can help counties to solve transportation problems.

While deadlines for research projects are established (February), ideas for research can be submitted at any time.

For more information, contact Ken Chambers, (775) 888-7803

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