

Governor's Transportation Cost Share Program – FAQs

1. What types of projects are eligible?
 - a. Projects on any public road or bridge that satisfies a transportation need. Projects are selected based on their economic benefit to the State.
2. Who can apply?
 - a. Any public or private entity.
3. Does the project have to be on the state highway system?
 - a. No, the project can be on any public road or bridge.
4. How/who determines if a project is eligible for the 20% set-aside to be funded at 100%?
 - a. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) works in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) with project sponsors to determine when targeted investments can be made to generate economic development and may provide up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the project's construction contract costs from the twenty percent (20%) set-aside funds. If an applicant feels their project is eligible for the twenty percent (20%) set-aside funds, they must contact the DED Regional Engagement Team for feedback and guidance and receive a letter of support to be submitted with the application. DED Regional Engagement Team contact information is available at <https://ded.mo.gov/contact-us#mini-panel-contact-information2>.
5. Can you clarify the following statement within the Guidance document; "Funds shall not supplant, and shall only supplement the current planned allocation of road and bridge expenditures under the most recently adopted STIP, including all amendments thereto, as of the date of passage of this program by the General Assembly"?
 - a. Projects programmed in the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission's approved and amended 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are not eligible for this program.
6. Are stand-alone bike/pedestrian projects eligible? What about costs for incorporating bike/pedestrian features into a road/bridge project, especially if it's necessary to meet ADA requirements?
 - a. Stand-alone bike/pedestrian projects are not eligible; however, road and bridge projects incorporating ADA requirements are eligible.
7. Do all applicants need to fill out Section D-Economic Impact?
 - a. Yes, this is a scoring component of the application.

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8. Section D-Economic Impact requests a fair amount of information regarding the potential of current and future business investment. Why is all this necessary for a road or bridge project request?
 - a. Transportation-related infrastructure for economic development projects has long been an obstacle for Missouri communities, especially if the road or bridge is not part of the state highway system. Transportation infrastructure typically requires a large capital investment from all partners involved, but with the support of the Governor and the General Assembly, this \$75 million program can assist in closing the funding gap. To best evaluate the projects, DED and MoDOT need information regarding the anticipated development opportunities the infrastructure will serve as a catalyst for. The narrative and justification of needs articulate why the transportation project is critical to the business development project(s), whether it is a business expansion, attraction, or building out a business/industrial development site.
9. Is there a maximum amount that an entity can apply for?
 - a. No. (Total program funding is \$75 million.)
10. Since this is funded with a General Revenue appropriation, do all the funds need to be spent by June 30 or is MoDOT going to guarantee the money not spent by June 30 will be available the next year?
 - a. Funds are appropriated for State Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). MoDOT will request any funds not spent in State Fiscal Year 2023 to be available in State Fiscal Year 2024. MoDOT's request will require approval by the General Assembly.
11. Does the local entity need to follow federal guidelines if total project funding does not include federal funds?
 - a. No.
12. Can an application request both MoDOT's Cost Share and the Governor's Transportation Cost Share Programs as funding sources for a project?
 - a. No.
13. Is the project required to be let in State Fiscal Year 2023? Will preference be given to projects that can be awarded in State Fiscal Year 2023?
 - a. Project Readiness is a component of the evaluation process. Projects that can be delivered within the fiscal year will score higher. Economic impact, applicant's share of total project costs and transportation need are also part of the evaluation process.
14. Do project plans need to be signed and sealed by a registered Professional Engineer?
 - a. Yes.
15. Do applications need to show total project costs even though funds are only available for construction contract costs?
 - a. Yes, the total project costs are needed for the project rating matrix.

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16. Are projects already under construction eligible for this program?
 - a. No, the intent of the program is to fund projects that currently are not already funded.
17. How does a successful applicant receive the funds?
 - a. This is a reimbursement program. Successful applicants will submit invoices as costs are incurred to seek reimbursement.
18. Can in-kind be used as match?
 - a. No, the Governor's Transportation Cost Share Program funds are only eligible for construction contract costs and are required to be matched with cash and/or federal funds.