

RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- All projects must be eligible for federal aid through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- Projects must be ready or near ready with design, permits, and right-of-way needed to go out to bids for construction.
- Projects need to be in existing NHDOT programs such as the State Aid Bridge Program (SAB), State Aid Highway (SAH), and Transportation Enhancement (TE).
- Projects need to be included individually or as part of a program in the State's Ten Year Plan (TYP) and the State's Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2009-2012.
- Highways must be eligible for federal funding as determined by its federal functional classification. All public roads that are NOT classified as urban local, rural local, and rural minor collector roads are eligible.
- Approximately 50 municipalities have roads with qualifying functional classifications (see functional classification map available through NHDOT website)
- For bridge projects to be eligible, the new bridge must be 20 feet or greater in length.
- TE projects must meet program requirements for eligibility.
- Project estimate increases above the current guidelines (10%) will need to be reviewed by the TE Advisory Committee and, if approved, will be funded out of the current TE program at the agreed participation rate (typically 80/20).
- ARRA funding for each community will be reviewed for all programs in an attempt to balance the distribution of funds to as many communities as possible. Communities will be limited to funding for one ARRA project.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must execute a municipal agreement between NHDOT and the municipality similar to what is currently executed for the Transportation Enhancement/Congestion Mitigation and Air quality (TE/CMAQ) Programs.
- Must conduct an environmental review to result in the environmental classification needed to be approved for federal funding. Typically communities use the environmental checklist developed for the municipal-managed TE/CMAQ projects.
- Construction will need to meet Davis-Bacon wage rates, all federal labor compliance requirements, and Buy American provisions.
- Reporting will be required for all projects as per the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- ARRA funds need to be under contract before February 17, 2010.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING

- This is a reimbursement program similar to other federal programs. Municipalities may invoice NHDOT monthly seeking 100% reimbursement. The municipal invoice must be accompanied with the proof of payment.

If there are questions concerning how the economic stimulus funded programs will work, please contact NHDOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance at 603-271-2107.