

# Local Agency Program Information Advisory

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## CALL FOR PROJECTS Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 through FY 2018

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The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Eastern Federal Lands (EFL) Division will be accepting applications for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding, in order to develop a four year program of projects for Fiscal Years (FY) 2015 through FY 2018. EFL will accept applications via electronic submittal only, from November 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015.

This program is authorized as part of the current National Highway funding legislation, established under Section 1119 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141, and is the successor to the Federal Forest Highway program, funded as part of previous federal transportation bills. This call for projects will be for fiscal years FY 2015 through FY 2018.

Projects eligible for FLAP funding include transportation facilities such as a public highway, road, bridge, trail, or transit system that is located on, adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in a State, county, town, township, tribal, municipal, or local government. Generally, a 20% matching share of the project total is required for this program. Other Federal (non-title 23 or 49, with the exception of FLTP) funds may be used as match.

Examples of projects that are eligible for funding include transportation planning, research, engineering, preventive maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of Federal Lands located on or adjacent to, or that provide access to a Federal land (adjacent vehicular parking areas; acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites; provisions for pedestrians and bicycles; environmental mitigation in or adjacent to Federal land to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas, including sanitary and water facilities); Operation and maintenance of transit facilities. However, Michigan projects should focus on construction or preventative maintenance of the existing eligible transportation facilities.

Michigan applicants must be Act 51 agencies, eligible to receive federal aid funds. All projects that are funded will require the local agency to provide matching funds equaling at least 20 percent of the FLAP funds. Soft or in-kind match is discouraged. The maximum request for FLAP funding should not exceed \$500,000 per eligible project application. FLAP funds should be used for construction costs. The local agency will also be expected to provide other project services such as preliminary (design) engineering, construction engineering and administration services, and property acquisition, and costs for these items should not be included in the grant application.

Information relating to the program and the application is available at the FHWA website at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>. At that site, follow the links to the Michigan FLAP website to download the application, review the state's program goals, and view the call for projects standard operating procedure and associated scoring criteria. Applications should be submitted via email to [EFL.planning@dot.gov](mailto:EFL.planning@dot.gov) by February 15, 2015.

All projects must be submitted using the EFL Access Program Application form, available from the FHWA website. The applicant must be the facility owner and/or have maintenance responsibility of the facility. The application may be submitted on behalf of the facility owner/maintainer contingent on written notification to FHWA-EFL by the facility owner/maintainer indicating that the application is being submitted on their behalf. Project applications must have concurrence by the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) and signature on the application and/or letter of support from the FLMA.

Each local agency is limited to submitting not more than three applications. If multiple applications are submitted that are intended to serve the same Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA), then the FLMA will be asked to provide their prioritized project listing within 5 business days after the closing of the call for projects.

Because these funds are federal transportation funds, the MDOT Local Agency Program (LAP) unit will assist local agencies in delivering the selected projects for this program as other local agency Federal Aid eligible projects are delivered.