



# CATEGORY F — Urban Areas in Rural Counties

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Eligibility Requirements

Category F funding is available on a competitive basis through the Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF). These funds are available for road improvements in Federal Adjusted Census Urban Boundary areas of rural counties in order to provide system continuity with the secondary all-season road system. Statewide, \$2.5 million of state funding is available annually to fund these projects. Eligible applicants are county, city, and village road agencies within counties with a population of 400,000 or less. These projects will be evaluated according to how well they meet the criteria and will be scored according to the following factors: evidence of critical all-season system continuity, commercial traffic flow, road condition, and safety.

### Category Objectives

The objectives for Category F projects are to provide funding for transportation projects that:

- are coordinated with the secondary all-season system (TEDF Category D) or provide all-season routes within a city,
- improve all-season capabilities on routes having high commercial traffic, and
- improve access to the state trunkline system.

### Operating Guidelines

1. Projects should be coordinated with the secondary all-season system or provide all-season routes within a city.
2. Engineering, utility, and right-of-way acquisition costs are not eligible for funding under Category F.
3. A minimum local match of 20 percent is required. Overmatch is encouraged and will be considered when evaluating grant requests. Ineligible costs cannot be applied to the match calculation.

### Policy Guidelines

1. Proposed projects must be on the federal-aid system.
2. Grant awards are limited to a maximum of \$375,000.
3. Projects submitted for funding should be capable of being let or constructed within the fiscal year for which they are funded.
4. A grant award represents the maximum funds available for a project. Project costs that exceed the grant are the responsibility of the applicant.
5. Projects that are not selected for funding one year can be resubmitted the following year.
6. Multi-year phasing of Category F grants is not permitted.
7. If the project is part of a multiple grant proposal or is already programmed within another grant program, please identify in the project description field the project limits, funding sources, and time frame of the other grant components.
8. Preventative Maintenance (PM) activities are not eligible. Project scope can include Resurfacing (3R) or Reconstruction (4R).

