



Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning Grants



Application deadline: 10/01/2025



Available funding for FY2026: \$20M

Note: Current as of August 4th, 2025. Subject to change with future announcements (e.g., agency announcements, revised NOFOs).

Source: [BIP Planning Grants Notice of Funding](#)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BIP Planning grants fund planning, feasibility analyses, and revenue forecasting projects associated with the development of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for assistance under the BIP



Goals and merit criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on their alignment with how well the proposed planning grant is envisioned to lead to a Bridge Project or Large Bridge Project that would achieve one or more of the three BIP program goals of:

- Improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges
- Improving the condition of bridges in the United States
- Providing financial assistance that leverages and encourages non-Federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects

BIP Planning Grants details

Match funding
requirement: Yes¹

Direct Pay
applicability: No

Eligible grant uses Project for planning, feasibility analyses, and revenue forecasting associated with the development of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for assistance under the BIP

Ineligible grant uses Environmental review, preliminary engineering, design work, and other preconstruction activities apart from Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) activities

Award amounts	Minimum award	No minimum
	Maximum award	No maximum
	Period of performance	Begins on the date the grant agreement is executed by FHWA and ends according to the period of performance listed in the grant agreement
Previous awards (national)	2024 awards	28 awards (\$26M)
Previous awards (MI)	2024 awards	Michigan has not yet won any BIP Planning grants

1. The match should follow the amounts defined in 23 U.S.C. 120 or 90 percent for off-system bridges
Source: [BIP Planning Grants Notice of Funding](#), [Q&A Regarding Implementation of Bridge Investment Program](#), [DOT Bridge Investment Program](#)

High-level requirements to apply for a Planning grant

BIP Planning applications are open to local governments, state subdivisions, transit authorities, and other entities



Eligible Entities

- A State
- A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area with a population over 200,000
- A unit of local government or a group of local governments
- A political subdivision of a State or local government
- A special purpose district or a public authority with a transportation function
- A Federal Lands Management Agency
- An Indian Tribe
- A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described above



Key Grant Application Components

- Project description
- Statement of work
- Project location information identifying impacted location (a map in a PDF format)
- Project budget and funding information
- Narrative of how project meets selection criteria and DOT goals (25-page limit)

Examples of past winners



Bridge Network Prioritization Program (2024)

Applicant: Unified Government (UG) of Wyandotte County and Kansas City
Impacted locality: Wyandotte County
Funding: \$372K

Project description: The UG received funding for its plan to develop a risk-based prioritization process across its bridge-length structure inventory to identify and address a backlog of rehabilitation and replacement candidates



Planning for Tomorrow (2024)

Applicant: Minnesota DOT
Impacted locality: Southeast Minnesota
Funding: \$2.3M

Project description: This project will develop strategic asset management plans for seven high priority bridges across the State’s Trunk Highway System



Iowa City (2022)

Applicant: Iowa City
Impacted locality: Iowa City, IA
Funding: \$300K

Project description: The City of Iowa City will receive funding to plan for bridge improvements over the Iowa River in downtown Iowa City. The plan would replace two existing bridges on Burlington Street and State Highway 1 with a single structure

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