



# Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Bridge Project Grants



**Est. application deadline:** TBD (prior release was to be due 11/01/2025)



**Available funding:** \$9.62B in total for BIP Bridge and Large Bridge across FY23-26

Note: Estimated based on prior NOFO. Subject to change with future announcements (e.g., agency announcements, actual NOFOs).

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

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

# BIP Bridge Project grants provide financial assistance to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory



## Goals and merit criteria:

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DOT has designated six Merit Criteria which will be used to evaluate applications:

- Project contribution to a state of good repair
- Improvement of the safety of the bridge and associated sections of roadway, including the reduction of accidents and related costs
- Expected economic impact of the project, particularly extent to which it increases the efficiency of freight movement and improves supply chains
- Whether the project will address climate change, improve resiliency, support environmental sustainability, and address environmental justice
- Improvement of the quality of life for local, regional, or national users of the facility
- Whether and to what extent the applicant describes and documents how the project will deploy innovative project designs or construction techniques, innovative technology, innovative financing, or innovative planning and environmental review process improvements and the benefits of those method

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# BIP Bridge Program details

Match funding requirement: 20%<sup>1</sup>

Direct Pay applicability: No

## Eligible grant uses

- i) Development phase activities, including planning, feasibility analyses, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities
- ii) Construction, which includes replacement and preservation, reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of real property, environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, acquisition of equipment, and operational improvements directly related to improving system performance,
- iii) Expenses related to the protection of a bridge<sup>2</sup>, including seismic or scour protection
- iv) Other costs, such as community engagement, that may be necessary for performance of a BIP award

<b>Award amounts</b>	Minimum award	\$2.5M award minimum (equates to a minimum \$3.125M in total eligible project costs)
	Maximum award	\$80M award maximum (equates to \$100M maximum for total eligible project costs)
	Period of performance	If a grant recipient will be a non-State DOT entity, DOT Payment System will be “DELPHI eInvoicing” and the start of the period of performance will begin and end on the dates listed in the grant agreement
<b>Previous awards (national)</b>	2024 awards	22 awards (\$635M)
<b>Previous awards (MI)</b>	2024 awards	1 award (\$34M)

1. Awards of BIP funds for Bridge Project grants may not exceed 80 percent of total eligible project costs

2. As described in 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(10)

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# High-level requirements to apply for a Bridge Project grant

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



## Eligible Entities

Eligible applications include:

- 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)

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# Examples of past winners



## Michigan Urban Bridges Revitalization (2024)

**Applicant:** Michigan DOT  
**Impacted locality:** Bay, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties  
**Funding:** \$34.2M

**Project description:** Replace seven deteriorating bridges to provide reliable infrastructure that connects residents and visitors with schools, jobs, and critical services



## One Bridge, Many Connections: Reinventing the Lafayette Bascule Bridge (2022)

**Applicant:** Michigan DOT  
**Impacted locality:** Bay City, MI  
**Funding:** \$73M

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



## Replacement of John Nolen Drive Bridges (2022)

**Applicant:** City of Madison  
**Impacted locality:** Madison, WI  
**Funding:** \$15.1M

**Project description:** Replace six bridges along the John Nolen Drive causeway, a major artery across Lake Monona into downtown Madison