

Local Road Improvement Program

Program Overview

The Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) provides funding assistance to local agencies and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes¹ for construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning projects. Funds for the program are appropriated based on Minnesota Statutes 174.52². The program was created in 2002 and began with two types of funding: Trunk Highway Corridor Account and Routes of Regional Significance Account. In 2005, the Rural Road Safety Account was added to the program. The program is administered by MnDOT's State Aid for Local Transportation Division.



Trunk Highway Corridor Account

This account is used for grants to cities, towns, counties, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to assist in paying the local or Tribal share of trunk highway projects that have local or Tribal costs related to the trunk highway improvement and are not funded or are only partially funded with other state and federal funds.

Routes of Regional Significance Account

This account is used grants to counties, cities, towns, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for the costs of constructing or reconstructing county highways, city streets, town roads, or Tribal roads with statewide or regional significance that have not been fully funded through other state, federal, local, or Tribal funding sources.

Rural Road Safety Account

This account is used for grants to counties for constructing or reconstructing improvement projects that are intended primarily to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities, injuries, and property damage crashes on rural County State Aid Highways.

Guidance and Criteria

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Eligible local agencies include counties, cities, townships, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. Non-state aid cities (generally those with populations less than 5,000) and townships must request the sponsorship of a county to apply for and implement their project.

Criteria

Projects are selected through a competitive solicitation process using the following criteria along with recommendations from the Local Road Improvement Program Advisory Committee.

- The availability of other state, federal, local, and Tribal funds
- The regional significance of the route
- Effectiveness of the proposed project in eliminating a transportation system deficiency
- The number of persons positively impacted by the project
- Project's contribution to other local, regional, state, or Tribal economic development or redevelopment efforts

- Ability of the local unit of government or Federally Recognized Indian Tribe to adequately provide for the safe operation and maintenance

In accordance with state statute, an Advisory Committee provides recommendations as to which projects will be funded. The committee is made up of one county commissioner, one county engineer, one city engineer, two city council members or city administrators (one each from cities with population less than and greater than 5,000), and one town board member (appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships).

Funding Summary

Funds available for the program vary with each legislative bond and/or general fund appropriation. Funds shown in the table under competitive LRIP do not include engineering costs.

Solicitation Year	Competitive LRIP		Earmarked LRIP	
	LRIP Funds (millions)	No. of Projects Funded	LRIP Funds (millions)	No. of Projects Funded
2014	\$54.4	43	-	-
2015	\$4.3	9	\$9.3	3
2016	\$0.0	n/a	-	-
2017	\$25.3	45	\$90.6	11
2018	\$35.0	53	\$75.4	16
2019	\$0.0	n/a	-	-
2020*	\$75.0	75	\$109.9	23
2021*	\$5.5	8	\$30.9	10
2022	\$0.0	n/a	-	-
2023*	\$102.967	86	\$235.56	38

*Competitive LRIP account is still open, so number of projects funded is subject to change

Matching Funds

Appropriations for the competitive LRIP from 2020, 2021, and 2023 total \$183.467 million. The state LRIP funding is expected to result in \$337.586 million in federal, local, and other matching funds.

For More Information

See LRIP program webpageⁱ or contact Rashmi Brewer, State Programs Engineer at Rashmi.Brewer@state.mn.us or 651-366-3830.

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¹ Federally Recognized Indian Tribes are eligible grant recipients in 2023

² [Sec. 174.52 MN Statutes](#)

ⁱ <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/lrip.html>