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Introduction

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has compiled this brief description of some key state and federal funding programs for local governments. It provides some of the information local officials need to apply for funding in the areas of economic and community development, emergency services, recreation, historic preservation, transportation, and many others.

DCEO recommends that this information be used only as a reference guide. It is primarily designed to help local officials decide whether a particular program is of potential interest or not. Remember, program requirements are subject to change. For additional information regarding a program one should contact the number given in the reference.

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Bureau of Business Development

AFFORDABLE FINANCING OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: Provides loan assistance to local governments, public entities, medical facilities and public health clinics to help make affordable needed public infrastructure improvements.

Uses and Funding Levels: The maximum loan amount is \$100,000

Application Process: Applications are accepted on a continual basis throughout the year.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Business Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6193; TDD (800) 785-6055

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to provide low-interest loans to units of government for public improvements on behalf of businesses undertaking expansion or relocation projects that demonstrate great potential for creating and retaining jobs.

Uses and Funding Levels: The infrastructure improvements must be made on public property and must directly result in the creation or retention of private sector jobs. The maximum loan amount is \$500,000.

Application Process: Application are accepted on a continual basis throughout the year

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Business Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6193; TDD (800) 785-6055

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to create and retain jobs by assisting communities in attracting or expanding businesses in the community. General local governments with populations of 50,000 or less and not located in one of eight entitlement counties (i.e., Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, St. Clair and Madison) are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants up to \$750,000 may be available for loan by a local government to businesses locating or expanding in the community. Funds may be used for machinery and equipment, working capital, building construction and renovation, and improvements to public infrastructure that support the development.

Application Process: Applications are accepted on a continual basis throughout the year.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Business Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6193; TDD (800) 785-6055

Bureau of Community Development Community Development Assistance Program

PUBLIC FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN ENGINEERING

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this grant is to improve public infrastructure in local communities. Cities, villages, townships and counties with populations of 50,000 or less and not located in one of the entitlement counties (i.e., Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, St. Clair and Madison) are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: The use of funds is to eliminate conditions detrimental to public health, safety and public welfare. Grants may be requested up to \$100,000 for Design Engineering and up to \$400,000 for public facilities construction to undertake projects designed to alleviate the health and safety problems. The funding priority is water, sanitary and storm sewer projects.

Application Process: Applications are submitted during yearly open application period for this program, and are judged competitively. Application forms and procedures obtained from DCEO.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Community Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6142; TDD (800) 785-6055

HOUSING REHABILITATION

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this general-purpose grant is to provide safe and sanitary living housing conditions for low-to-moderate income families. Local governments with populations of 50,000 or less and not located in one of the entitlement counties (i.e., Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, St. Clair and Madison) may request grant funds.

Uses and Funding Levels: These grants are used to rehabilitate housing stock in the community applying. Funds up to \$400,000 may be requested. The Mobility and Accessibility Rehabilitation supplement provides grant funds up to \$100,000 to rehabilitate and retrofit owner-occupied and rental units for occupancy by persons with physical impairments.

Application Process: Applications are submitted during the yearly open application period for this program, and are judged competitively. Application forms and procedures obtained from DCEO.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Community Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6142; TDD (800) 785-6055

EMERGENCY PUBLIC FACILITIES SET-ASIDE

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this grant program is to provide for emergency projects in the event of emergencies within a community. General local governments with populations of 50,000 or less and not located in one of eight entitlement counties (i.e., Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, St. Clair and Madison) may apply.

Uses and Funding Levels: The use of funds are to undertake projects that improve sewer and water facilities and eliminate conditions that are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare.

Application Process: Applications may be submitted at any time.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Community Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6142; TDD (800) 785-6055

PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this grant is to provide for planning activities necessary to address deficiencies in capital infrastructure, with an emphasis upon water and sewer needs. General local governments with populations of 50,000 or less and not located in one of eight entitlement counties (i.e., Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, St. Clair and Madison) may apply.

Uses and Funding Levels: The funds may be used for analysis, data gathering, identification of implementation actions data gathering, studies, analyses, and preparation of specific plans. Funding grants up to \$25,000 may be requested.

Application Process: Applications are submitted during the yearly open application period for this program and are judged competitively. Application forms and procedures obtained from DCEO.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Community Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6142; TDD (800) 785-6055

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: Provides federal grants to not-for-profit agencies and units of local government to rehabilitate, renovate or convert emergency shelters for the homeless. Grant money can also be used for homeless prevention, operational expenses and essential services.

Uses and Funding Levels: The maximum grant amount is \$75,000 and requires a 50% local match.

Application Process: Applications are accepted on an annual competitive basis.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Community Development
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6142; TDD (800) 785-6055

ILLINOIS FIRST

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to assist local governments in partial financing of infrastructure construction projects and purchases of critical equipment needed to maintain the local infrastructure or to maintain the safety and well being of the people residing within the boundaries of the local government.

Uses and Funding Levels: Money can be used in a wide range of applications. Applicants may submit proposals to their local state senator and/or representative for discussion.

Application Process: No formal application is required. Requests are made through your local legislator and may be made anytime throughout the year.

Contact:

Local State Senator or Representative

Bureau of Energy and Recycling

ILLINOIS RECYCLING GRANTS PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The program's purpose is to reduce the amount of waste that is directed to the state's landfills.

Uses and Funding Levels: To promote recycling programs within the public and private sectors to both for-profit and not-for-profit entities and to increase the self-sufficiency of the recycling industry. The maximum amount of a grant is \$50,000 for collection projects and \$100,000 for processing projects. An applicant investment of cash and/or in-kind services is required.

Application Process: Applications are usually received during the fall of each year and awards announced early the following year.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Energy and Recycling
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-2800; TDD (800) 785-6055

Bureau of Tourism

www.illinoistourism.org

LOCAL TOURISM AND CONVENTION BUREAU PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to provide dollar-for-dollar matching grants to certified local tourism and convention bureaus to conduct promotional activities that increase the number of business and leisure travelers visiting the service area.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants may be used to produce brochures and other publications, place advertising, produce specialty items to promote their destination, participate in travel and trade shows and hire sales and marketing personnel. No more than 10 percent of grant funds may be used for administrative purposes.

Application Process: A local bureau must request certification on or before March 31 of any year. Once certified, a grant application may be completed and sent to the Department.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Tourism
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6355; TDD (800) 785-6055

TOURISM ATTRACTION GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: Provides financial assistance in the form of grants to counties, municipalities, not-for-profit organizations, local promotion groups, and for-profit tourism entities to match from sources in the private sector for the development of new or improvement of existing tourism attractions in Illinois which will increase travel into and throughout the State.

Uses and Funding Levels: The grants may include, but are not limited to, land purchase, construction or renovation of buildings, equipment purchases, conduct research or feasibility studies, and the creation, implementation and/or staffing of interpretive programs. The maximum grant is \$1,000,000 and requires a dollar-for-dollar match.

Application Process: Call for the latest information.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Tourism
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6337; TDD (800) 785-6055

TOURISM MARKETING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: Provides financial assistance to counties, municipalities and local not-for-profit organizations for the promotion and marketing of tourism attractions and events to increase hotel/motel occupancy and travel into and throughout the state.

Uses and Funding Levels: The total project cost must equal or exceed \$3,000 to be eligible for a grant. The maximum grant amount for any one grantee in a fiscal year will be \$50,000, unless a project is a cooperative marketing promotion across multiple jurisdictions.

Marketing Partnership: Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, design and printing brochures; TV, radio, print and billboard advertising, and web-site development.

Application Process: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, as long as funds are available.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Tourism
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 557-2409; TDD (800) 785-6055

TOURISM PRIVATE SECTOR GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: Provides grants to Illinois for-profit entities, counties, municipalities or not-for-profit local promotion groups for the purpose of attracting and hosting national or international conferences, trade shows and major sporting activities that produce significant economic impact for Illinois.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants may be used to fund up to 50% of eligible costs associated with these events, with remaining costs financed by private sector funds. Total project costs must be a minimum of \$20,000.

Application Process: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Tourism
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6355; TDD (800) 785-6055

Bureau of Technology & Industrial Competitiveness

Workforce Development - Eliminating the Digital Divide

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of the program is to make available grants to plan, establish, administer, and expand Community Technology Centers and assist public hospitals, libraries, and park districts eliminate the digital divide through the provision of technology access programs and services.

Uses and Funding Levels: Allowable activities include, but are not limited to, volunteer recruitment and management, training and instruction, infrastructure, and related goods and services for Community Technology Centers and public hospitals, libraries, and park districts. Grants may not exceed \$50,000 in a single fiscal year for approved projects.

Contact:

DCEO
Bureau of Technology & Industrial Competitiveness
620 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 558-6448; TDD (800) 785-6055

Illinois Development Finance Authority (IDFA)

www.idfa.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to assist local governments in financing capital improvement projects. Any unit of local government entitled to issue municipal bonds under Illinois law is eligible. Principal tools that reduce cost of borrowing through IDFA: Tax and revenue intercept mechanism and double tax exemption.

Uses and Funding Levels: Borrowers may obtain fixed rate or variable rate financing through the IDFA. There is no minimum amount for borrowing.

Application Process: Application may be submitted anytime during the year.

Contact:

Townsend S. Albright
Sears Tower
233 South Wacker, Suite 4000
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 627-1434

Illinois State Library

www.library.sos.state.il.us/ls/is.html

PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANTS PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: These grants are designed to help public libraries improve services to their communities.

To be eligible for grants under this Section, a public library must:

- (1) Provide, as determined by the State Librarian, library services which either meet or show progress toward meeting the Illinois library standards, as most recently adopted by the Illinois Library Association.
- (2) Be a public library for which is levied a tax for library purposes at a rate not less than .13% or a county library for which is levied a tax for library purposes at a rate not less than .07%.
- (3) Be a member of a regional library system.

Uses and Funding Levels: The State Librarian shall make grants annually to all qualified public libraries in the State from funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Such grants shall be in the amount of up to \$1.25 per capita for the population of the area served by the respective public library.

Authorized uses of funds include expenditures intended to improve library services.

Application Process: Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15.

Contact:

Illinois State Library
300 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(800) 665-5576

LIVE & LEARN CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

NOTE: Due to severe budget restrictions during FY2001, the Live & Learn Construction Grant Program was reduced from \$4.9 million annually to approximately \$320,000 annually. The program no longer funds new library construction projects. During FY2001, the program was revised to only award mini-grants and ADA update grants.

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to assist public libraries improve their facilities. Projects include, but are not limited to, new carpeting, new furnishings, remodeling and interior or exterior painting. ADA projects are used specifically for remodeling an existing building to bring it into ADA compliance. Those eligible for mini-grants are public libraries. Those eligible for ADA grants are public libraries and regional library systems.

Uses and Funding Levels: Mini-grants do not require any local matching funds and are defined as special grants to enable public libraries with limited funds to remodel or refurbish the library. Public libraries with limited funds refers to public libraries which would have received an income of less than \$10 per capita in the preceding fiscal year by using a formula whereby the library's equalized assessed valuation is multiplied by .13% and divided by the population of the library's service area. The maximum mini-grant is \$25,000.

ADA grants are projects where 70% to 100% of the total project funds are to be used specifically for remodeling an existing building to bring it into ADA compliance. These grants require 50% local matching funds. The maximum ADA grant is \$50,000.

Application Process: Applications are submitted according to timetables established by the Illinois State Library, as funds are available.

Contact:

Nancy Orteiger
Illinois State Library
Gwendolyn Brooks Building
300 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(800) 665-5576

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

www.dnr.state.il.us

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to increase the coverage of fire protection in rural and small communities. Communities with populations under 10,000 are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants are awarded on a 50 percent reimbursement basis.

Application Process: Applications are due annually, check with the grant administrator for specific dates and requirements. Applications on the web at www.dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/index.htm.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forest Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702 - 1271
(217) 782-2361

FEDERAL EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to improve rural fire protection in Illinois. Those eligible are local governments and independent fire departments.

Uses and Funding Levels: Equipment loaned to the state by the federal government is loaned to local fire departments at no cost. The local department is responsible for maintenance and insurance.

Application Process: Those interested should contact the Department of Natural Resources.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
Division of Forestry
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702 - 1271
(217) 782-2361

or Regional Offices:

Alton	(618) 462-1181	Benton	(618) 435-8138	Champaign	(217) 333-5773
Sterling	(815) 625-2968	Wilmington	(815) 476-0109		

ILLINOIS BICYCLE PATH GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to acquire and develop local areas for public non-motorized bike paths. Those eligible are any unit of local government with statutory authority to provide lands for public bicycle path purposes.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible costs include: linear corridor acquisition and bicycle path development or renovation. Financial assistance up to 50% of approved project costs is available. Maximum grant awards for development projects are limited to \$200,000 per annual request; no maximum exists for acquisition projects.

Application Process: Applications must be filed between January 1 to March 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

ILLINOIS BOAT ACCESS AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is acquisition and/or construction/renovation of public boat and canoe access areas in Illinois. Those eligible to apply are any unit of local government or special taxing district with statutory authority to acquire and develop lands for public boating purposes.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible costs include land acquisition, launching ramps and courtesy docks, rest rooms, security lighting, parking areas and access roads. The program provides up to 100% of approved project development costs and 90% of approved land acquisition costs. Maximum assistance for any one project or project element in a fiscal year is limited to \$200,000 for powerboat access facilities and \$50,000 for non-motorized boat launch facilities.

Application Process: Applications must be filed between July 1 to September 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

ILLINOIS SNOWMOBILE GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to assist in the purchase, development/rehabilitation and patrol of public snowmobile areas, trails and facilities for public use in Illinois. Those eligible to apply are any unit of local government with statutory authority to acquire and develop lands for recreational purposes.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible costs include land acquisition for snowmobile trails trail development, trail facilities, purchase of trail equipment and signing of trails. May be funded up to 50% for development of snowmobile facilities, 90% for land acquisition and up to 100% for directly related equipment.

Application Process: Applications are due by May 1st of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

ILLINOIS OPEN SPACE LANDS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to provide funding assistance for the acquisition and/or development of land for public outdoor recreation. Those eligible are any unit of local government with statutory authority to acquire and develop lands for public parks and outdoor recreation purposes.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible costs include park development, land acquisition, campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, outdoor swimming pools, and support facilities for public park areas. Funding assistance of up to 50% of approved project costs is available, with a maximum of \$750,000 for acquisition and \$400,000 for development.

Application Process: Applications must be filed between May 1 and July 1 of any given year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to develop attractive outdoor recreational services at the local level. Those eligible are: local governments, municipalities, counties, townships, park districts, forest districts, conservation districts, and river conservancy districts.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible costs are: park development, land acquisition, campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, outdoor swimming pools, and others. Funding assistance of up to 50% of approved project costs is available, with a maximum of \$750,000 for acquisition and \$400,000 for development.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted between May 1 and July 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to develop, operate, maintain and acquire land for off-highway parks and trails that are open and accessible to the public. Those eligible include government agencies, not-for-profit organizations and individuals.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible project costs include: construction, rehabilitation and maintenance for OHV trails and scramble areas, rider education and safety programs, restoration of areas damaged by OHV usage and necessary facility security. The acquisition of land from willing sellers is also eligible. Funding up to 100% of approved project costs is available.

Application Process: Applications must be filed between January 1 and March 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to provide funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. Eligible applicants include federal, state and local government agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible costs include acquisition from willing sellers of trail corridors, trail construction and rehabilitation, construction of trail-related support facilities and restoration of areas adjacent to trails damaged by unauthorized trail uses. The program can provide up to 80% federal funding on approved projects and requires a minimum 20% nonfederal funding match.

Application Process: Applications must be filed between January 1 and March 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Division of Grant Administration
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
(217) 782-7481

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

www.state.il.us/HPA

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to preserve elements of Illinois. Only federally certified local governments are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants are 60 percent reimbursements.

Application Process: Applications are accepted seasonally, usually in the summer.

Contact:

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Division of Preservation Services
1 Old Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-4933

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

www.dot.state.il.us

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to develop a statewide system of public airports. Any county, municipality, airport authority or other public agency sponsoring an airport is eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Funds may be used for planning, land acquisition, engineering, construction and improvements. Federal program funding for most airports is 90 percent federal money, 5 percent state and 5 percent local. For large and medium hub primary airports (Chicago O'Hare and Chicago Midway) the federal share is 75 percent (except for noise program implementation which is 80 percent). State-Local projects at most small airports are funded on an 80 percent state-20 percent local basis, while many state-local projects at larger airports are funded on a 50 percent state-50 percent local basis.

Application Process: A pre-application must be filed; a final application will be requested.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Aeronautics
Capital Airport
One Langhorne Bond Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62707-8415
(217) 785-8514

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION LAPSED POOL PROGRAM FOR TOWNSHIPS

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to provide safe transportation on townships road district roads. Those eligible are township road districts.

Uses and Funding Levels: Funds may be used to construct bridges of 20 feet or more in length, and to pay for necessary engineering and right-of-way costs. Funding is usually \$300,000 to \$500,000 each year; however, awards are only made periodically when sufficient funds have accumulated to fully fund a project.

Application Process: Solicitations for projects are requested as funds become available through IDOT's District Office, Bureau of Local Roads.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation District Offices:

1. Schaumburg	(847) 705-4000	6. Springfield	(217) 782-7301
2. Dixon	(815) 284-2271	7. Effingham	(217) 342-3951
3. Ottawa	(815) 434-6131	8. Collinsville	(618) 342-3951
4. Peoria	(309) 671-3333	9. Carbondale	(618) 549-2171
5. Paris	(217) 465-4181		

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OR REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to replace or rehabilitate bridges. Counties, township road districts and municipalities are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Funds may be used to pay the costs of constructing or rehabilitating a bridge. Projects are funded with amounts up to 80% of costs, with the local governments providing remainder.

Application Process: IDOT solicits proposals around January 1 of any year, and applications are due by March 1 of any year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation District Offices:

1. Schaumburg	(847) 705-4000	6. Springfield	(217) 782-7301
2. Dixon	(815) 284-2271	7. Effingham	(217) 342-3951
3. Ottawa	(815) 434-6131	8. Collinsville	(618) 342-3951
4. Peoria	(309) 671-3333	9. Carbondale	(618) 549-2171
5. Paris	(217) 465-4181		

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to improve the streets and highways in urban areas. Municipalities of 5,000 or more populations are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Individual projects are funded with amounts up to 80% of costs, with the local governments providing the match.

Application Process: Municipalities should confer with IDOT in January; applications are due by March 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation District Offices:

1. Schaumburg	(847) 705-4000	6. Springfield	(217) 782-7301
2. Dixon	(815) 284-2271	7. Effingham	(217) 342-3951
3. Ottawa	(815) 434-6131	8. Collinsville	(618) 342-3951
4. Peoria	(309) 671-3333	9. Carbondale	(618) 549-2171
5. Paris	(217) 465-4181		

ILLINOIS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of all these programs is to increase highway safety in Illinois. County and municipal law enforcement agencies are eligible as well as some state agencies.

Uses and Funding Levels: IDOT reimburses up to 100 percent on most first-year approved grant type projects.

Application Process: Applications may be submitted by April 1 of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Traffic Safety
Annex Building
Springfield, Illinois 62794
(217) 782-4972

HIGHWAY SAFETY HAZARD ELIMINATION PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of accidents on Illinois streets and highways. Counties, township road districts and municipalities are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants are for 90 percent of project costs, with the local governments providing the remaining 10 percent.

Application Process: Applications are solicited in October of each year.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation District Offices:

1. Schaumburg	(847) 705-4000	6. Springfield	(217) 782-7301
2. Dixon	(815) 284-2271	7. Effingham	(217) 342-3951
3. Ottawa	(815) 434-6131	8. Collinsville	(618) 342-3951
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RAILROAD-HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to reduce deaths and injuries at railroad crossings. Counties, municipalities, township road districts are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Projects must reduce the hazards at rail-highway crossings. Funded up to 100% of project costs.

Application Process: Solicitations for projects are requested annually through IDOT's District Office, Bureau of Local Roads.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation District Offices:

1. Schaumburg	(847) 705-4000	6. Springfield	(217) 782-7301
2. Dixon	(815) 284-2271	7. Effingham	(217) 342-3951
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PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NON-URBANIZED AREAS

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to improve public transportation services in the rural and small urban areas of Illinois. Those eligible are counties, rural local mass transit districts and municipalities between 20,000 and 50,000 population.

Uses and Funding Levels: Funds cover up to 50 percent of the operating deficit and 80 percent of the administrative or capital costs.

Application Process: Applications are due annually; however due to funding constraints it is not an open competitive process. The Department funds the same recipients annually.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public Transportation
310 South Michigan Avenue, Room 1608
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 793-2111

PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to improve the mass transportation facilities in Illinois. Any public transportation provider in northeastern Illinois or downstate Illinois is eligible for this program.

Uses and Funding Levels: Funds may be used to acquire, construct, and extend public transportation facilities. Funding up to 100% matching federal funds.

Application Process: Contact IDOT for information.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public Transportation
310 South Michigan Avenue, Room 1608
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 793-2111

SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to maintain a fleet of vehicles to service the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities, to provide for equitable distribution of statewide resources and to maximize allocation of resources among recipients. Authorized by the Federal Transit Administration, eligible applicants for assistance are private nonprofit corporations and associations organized for the specific purpose of assisting in transportation services of elderly persons, person with disabilities and or persons for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Public bodies approved by IDOT and local service providers for elderly persons and those which certify to IDOT that no non-profit organizations are readily available to provide the service are also eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: The program will award vehicles to qualifying eligible applicants.

Application Process: Contact IDOT for information.

Contact:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Attn: Sec. 5310 Application Request
Division of Public Transportation
310 South Michigan Avenue, Room 1608
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 793-2111

Department of Central Management Services

www.state.il.us/cms

FEDERAL SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY DONATION PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The program is to allow organizations to obtain federal surplus property. Eligible are local governments, intergovernmental agencies, public health agencies, public airports and non-profit organizations.

Uses and Funding Levels: Federal agencies transfer surplus property to appropriate state agencies for distribution to those eligible.

Application Process: Applications for eligibility may be forwarded anytime during the year. Those eligible will be placed on an eligibility list.

Contact:

Department of Central Management Services
Federal Surplus Property Management
3550 Great Northern Avenue, RR 4
Springfield, Illinois 62707
(217) 785-6903

State Surplus Property Management
1924 S. 10 ½ Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
(217) 782-7786

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.state.il.us

LOW INTEREST PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The program is to allow local governments to obtain low interest loans for various water projects. Eligible are municipalities and water districts.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible projects include upgrade of existing water facilities to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and the State Environmental Protection Act; construction of new distribution or treatment system; or renovation of facilities at the end of their useful life. The program can loan up to 100% of the cost of the project.

Application Process: Pre-applications must be filed before March 31. Final application requirements include project planning, plans and specifications, and an enacted local ordinance authorizing the loan indebtedness along with identified revenues for loan repayment.

Contact:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Financial Assistance Section, Bureau of Water
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
(217) 782-2027

LOW INTEREST WASTEWATER LOAN PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The program is to allow local governments to obtain low interest loans for various wastewater projects. Eligible are municipalities or sanitary districts.

Uses and Funding Levels: Eligible projects include construction of new wastewater collection and treatment facilities; replacement, rehabilitation or extension of collection systems; and separation of combined sewers.

Application Process: Pre-applications must be filed before March 31 for consideration for assistance during any federal fiscal year commencing October 1. Final application requirements include project planning, plans and specifications and an enacted local ordinance authorizing the loan indebtedness along with identifiable revenues for loan repayment.

Contact:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Financial Assistance Section, Bureau of Water
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
(217) 782-2027

Illinois Rural Bond Bank

www.irbb.org

BOND FINANCING

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The Bond Bank is authorized to provide low cost financing to qualified units of local government in every county within the State of Illinois. Local governments eligible for financing through the Bond Bank include; cities, villages, towns or townships, school districts, fire protection districts, county governments, community colleges, library districts, park districts, water and sewer districts, special purpose districts, and public building commissions.

Uses and Funding Levels: The Bond Bank can help your local government finance public capital improvement projects, refinance existing debt or raise short-term working cash. The Bond Bank can provide capital for entire projects or matching funds for: water or sewer systems, fire protection equipment, correctional facilities, park improvements, streets and roads, airports, libraries as well as other municipal projects. There are no funding limitations. Borrowers may obtain fixed rate or variable rate financing through the IRBB. Loans through the Bond Bank receive the moral obligation backing of the State of Illinois and are double tax exempt resulting in a reduction in costs and interest rates to the borrower.

Application Process: Applications may be submitted at anytime during the year. The twice per year Pooled Bond Program is generally held in June and December each year.

Contact:

Illinois Rural Bond Bank
427 East Monroe, Suite 202
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 524-2663
E-mail irbb@cms.state.il.us

U.S. Department of Justice

www.usdoj.gov

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS UNIVERSAL HIRING PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to pay for salaries and benefits of new or rehired police officers under the Universal Hiring Program. Counties and municipalities with legally constituted law enforcement organizations are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants will fund up to 75% of the approved salary and benefits for each officer for a three-year period unless a waiver is obtained, up to a cap of \$75,000 per officer. Federal share decreases and local share increases from year to year. Local governments are expected to retain newly hired officers after grant expires.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted as a package, which includes UHP Application Form, Community Policing Information Worksheet, Budget Information Forms, Assurances, Certifications, and Disclosure forms. Application kits may be obtained from the contact address.

Contact:

COPS Universal Hiring Program
US Department of Justice
1100 Vermont Avenue
Washington, DC 20530
(800) 421-6770

U.S. Department of Commerce

www.doc.gov/eda

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to make economic development in distressed areas effective. Those eligible are local governments, not-for-profit organizations and educational institutions.

Uses and Funding Levels: The grants are for up to 75 percent of the costs of the particular economic development project planning procedure.

Application Process: A pre-application must be sent to the EDA. A follow-up application may be requested. Appropriate forms and information may be obtained from EDA.

Contact:

Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration
111 N. Canal Street, Suite 865
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7204
(312) 353-7706

SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to financially assist areas that are experiencing sudden and severe damages to their local economies, or are undergoing long-term economic deterioration. This may be through plant closings or low per capita income.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants are available to cover up to 75 percent of the costs of planning project. Grants are based upon extent to which event will strengthen economic base.

Application Process: A pre-application must be submitted. EDA then invites a full application from those who have a probability of being funded.

Contact:

State Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration
111 North Canal Street, Suite 855
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7204
(312) 353-7706

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES GRANT

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to help distressed communities attract new industry, encourage business expansion, and generate private sector jobs. Local governments, counties, and municipalities are eligible when in an EDA designated area.

Uses and Funding Levels: Available for 50 percent of project costs; up to 80 percent in some cases. Projects include water and sewer facilities, access roads and business incubator buildings.

Application Process: Interested applicants should contact the EDA. Complete program information appears annually in the *Federal Register*.

Contact:

Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration
111 North Canal Street, Suite 855
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7204
(312) 353-7706

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.gov

FEDERAL DISASTER PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental assistance to local governments. Those eligible are local governments who have been declared a disaster area.

Uses and Funding Levels: Grants are for removal of wreckage and debris, repair, restoration or replacement and other emergency needs after a declared disaster. Those eligible are local governments who have been declared a disaster area.

Application Process: After Presidential declaration, local governments may apply for disaster assistance through the Governor.

Contact:

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region V Office
536 S. Clark Street 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 408-5500

Illinois Emergency Management Agency
Administrative and Fiscal Division
110 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-9963
(217) 782-5917

National Trust for Historic Preservation

www.nthp.org.

NATIONAL TRUST PRESERVATION SERVICES FUND PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to secure the preservation of historic sites and districts. Local governments and non-profit organizations are eligible. They must be National Trust Forum members, or become a member.

Uses and Funding Levels: Funds are used to conduct preservation planning or public education on historic preservation.

Contact:

National Trust for Historic Preservation
Midwest Regional Office
53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 350
Chicago, Illinois 60607
(312) 939-5547
E-mail: mwro@nthp.org

USDA/Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN PROGRAMS

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to improve the water and waste systems of small communities. Those with a population of 10,000 or less are eligible; local governments and special purpose districts are eligible. Solid waste management grants for technical assistance are also available.

Uses and Funding Levels: The construction, repair, improvement or expansion of water supply or waste disposal systems and auxiliary facilities. There is no dollar limit to a loan request. The maximum term is 40 years. Guaranteed loans may be fixed or variable and are determined by the lender and borrower. Certain direct loans may qualify for a lower interest rate, depending upon the median household income of the residents of the community to be served.

Application Process: Pre-applications may be submitted at any time, full applications are invited. USDA Rural Development field offices handle applications.

Contact:

USDA/Rural Development State Office
2118 W. Park Court, Suite A
Champaign, Illinois 61821
(217) 403 - 6200

COMMUNITY FACILITIES LOANS AND GUARANTEES PROGRAM

Purpose and Eligible Organizations: The purpose of this program is to improve the community facilities providing essential services in rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less are eligible; local governments and special purpose districts are eligible.

Uses and Funding Levels: The construction, extension and improvement of public safety facilities, such as fire department buildings and communications centers; health care facilities, such as nursing homes; public service facilities, such as community buildings, libraries, airports, and village halls; and housing, such as for group homes. The loan term is limited to the useful life of the facility not to exceed 40 years. There is no dollar limit to a loan request. The interest rate may be fixed or variable and is negotiated between the lender and borrower.

Application Process: Pre-applications may be submitted at anytime, full applications are invited. USDA Rural Development field offices handle applications.

Contact:

USDA/Rural Development State Office
2118 W. Park Court, Suite A
Champaign, Illinois 61821
(217) 403 – 6200