


**LIFTS Program
Funding Recommendation
2021 Funding Cycle**



Linking Iowa's Freight Transportation System Program

- Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed into law in 2015.
- Expands the eligibility of multimodal freight projects for federal transportation funding through the establishment of the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)
- 10% of Iowa's NHFP apportionment may be used for freight intermodal or freight rail projects.
- Transportation Commission chose to award this funding through the administration of the LIFTS program.
- \$1.46 million was previously awarded in the October 2019 funding cycle (includes two years worth of funding)
 - Roughly \$1.4-\$1.6 million annually thereafter.

Project Evaluation Criteria

- Freight mobility Benefits (25%)
- Economic Benefits (25%)
- Public Benefits (20%)
- Project Readiness (20%)
- Innovation/Process Improvement (10%)

Available Funding and Application Summary

- **Available Funding**
 - 2021 \$1.6 million
- **Application Summary**
 - Total number of projects: 1
 - Total project costs: \$1,920,000
 - Total amount requested: \$1,536,000

List of Applications Recommended

PROJECT NAME	SPONSOR	SCORE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	REQUESTED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT (% of Total Project Cost)
<u>TSL Container Freight Station Phase 1</u>	TSL Company	81.3	\$1,920,000	\$1,536,000 (80 %)	\$1,536,000 (80%)



QUESTIONS?



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TSL Container Freight Station

The project includes redevelopment and expansion of the existing container terminal in Council Bluffs, IA in three phases. This first phase will upgrade the current lot to concrete. Doing so will minimize maintenance costs and ensure that tractors and yard equipment can operate safely and efficiently. In addition, TSL will construct a temporary transload, capable of transloading from hopper trailer to container. They will transload up to 300 containers of grain per week.

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