

August 8, 2025

Subject: NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP)

The Iowa DOT is now accepting applications for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP). Eligible project activities continue to include improvements to motor vehicle traffic flow, public transit service expansions, and reductions in single occupant vehicle travel.

Program Intent: The intent of the ICAAP program is to help finance transportation projects and programs in Iowa that result in attaining or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) with a focus on volatile organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and under certain conditions particulate matter. Projects likely to be competitive will be cost-effective uses of federal funds that result in increased travel speed, reduce travel delay, or reduce single occupancy vehicle trips and reduce vehicle emissions in areas with higher transportation related air pollution or traffic congestion. Eligible activities and eligible project sponsors are identified in the program guidance available on the program website.

Available Funding: \$4 million is available for this application cycle.

Review of Applications: Complete applications will be evaluated and assessed based on the following criteria:

- Traffic flow improvement
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) or Single-Occupant Vehicle (SOV) trip reduction
- Vehicle emission reduction estimates
- Degree of transportation-related air pollution or traffic congestion
- Project cost effectiveness

Award Process and Funding Availability: ICAAP awards will be made by the Iowa Transportation Commission upon recommendation by Iowa DOT. Awards are anticipated in January 2026 with funds being available October 2026.

Cost Reimbursement and Required Match: Funds awarded through the ICAAP Program are provided to project sponsors on a reimbursement basis and are not provided as lump sum or cash payment in advance of costs being incurred. All projects require project sponsors to pay 100 percent costs up front. ICAAP funds may reimburse for up to 80 percent of eligible project costs or up to the approved grant maximum, whichever is less.

Treatment of Projects: Projects funded by the ICAAP program will be subject to applicable federal requirements including but not limited to Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements, Build America Buy America, planning, environmental review, letting, etc.).

Application: The program guidance and application materials are available on the program website. All of the following application components must be submitted in the form prescribed:

- Application Form (pdf)
- Minority Impact Statement (pdf)

- Additional Attachments (pdf preferred)
 - Detailed map
 - Itemized breakdown of total project costs
 - Time schedule
 - Official endorsement (resolution)
 - Adopted formal resolution from the appropriate MPO or RPA
 - Calculations for vehicle emission reductions and total project cost-effectiveness for the targeted pollutants (also include any applicable Excel files, as applicable, if used to calculate)

Complete applications are due **by email to jared.smith@iowadot.us no later than 5:00 pm on October 1, 2025**. The email subject line shall be ICAAP Application – Applicant Name. Applications received after the deadline will be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed. Incomplete applications may be disqualified from consideration. Iowa DOT is not responsible for any errors or delays caused by technical difficulties resulting from the emailing of applications.

To learn more about this funding opportunity and how to apply visit <https://iowadot.gov/transportation-development/local-systems/grant-programs/iowa-clean-air-attainment-program-icaap>. You may direct any specific questions to Jared Smith at jared.smith@iowadot.us or (515) 239-1713.