

LOCAL SYSTEMS BUREAU UPDATE MPO/RPA QUARTERLY MEETING MARCH 22, 2023

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FUNDING AGREEMENTS

1. DO YOU WANT TO KEEP RECEIVING COPIES OF THE CITY BRIDGE AGREEMENTS?
2. ARE THEY GOING TO THE CORRECT PERSON?
3. ARE YOU GETTING THEM AT THE RIGHT STAGE OF THE AGREEMENT PROCESS?

FEDERAL-AID GRANT APPLICATION REMINDERS

- “NON-FEDERAL MATCH” OR “LOCAL MATCH” INCLUDED IN A GRANT APPLICATION **BECOMES FEDERALIZED** AND MUST FOLLOW FULL FEDERAL-AID PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES.

- This includes following [I.M. 3.310](#), Federal-aid Participation in Consultant Costs, if included in the grant as “match”
- Plan 6-12+ months until costs can begin being incurred after grant award notification
- Be mindful of Federal-aid programs; include appropriately in application
 - County and City Bridge programs = Federal-aid
 - STBG to Counties = Federal-aid
 - STBG to Cities through MPO/TMA = Federal-aid
 - STBG to Cities through RPA = Federal-aid Swap
- THE ABOVE LISTED FUNDS ARE TO BE USED FOR **CONSTRUCTION ONLY**
- **REALLY IMPORTANT** TO TALK THROUGH PROPOSED FUNDING MATCHES WITH THE IOWA DOT **BEFORE** SUBMITTING ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS
 - Do NOT promise Swap funding as a matching fund source (unless the RPA has already awarded STBG-Swap funding)
 - Do NOT promise PE or CE as a non-federal match unless you plan to wait for federal approval to proceed and you plan to follow the Federal-aid consultant selection process



Apply for DOT Grants

Resources to help understand the federal grant-making process and key federal requirements

[FHWA Grant Navigator](#)

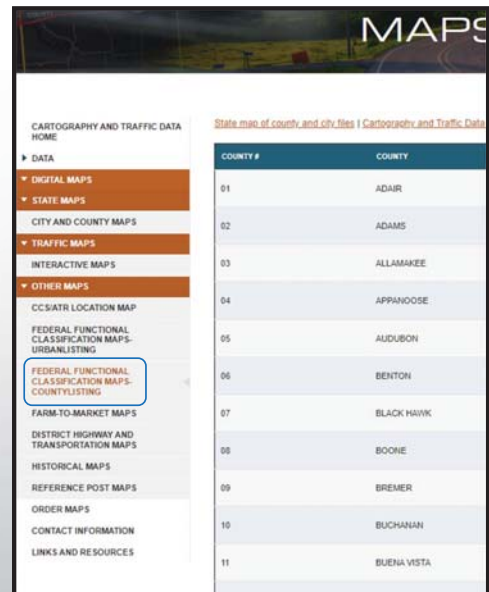
PROGRAMMING REMINDERS FOR FEDERAL-AID

- FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM
 - On-System = Major Collectors and higher
 - Off-System = Minor Collectors and Local Routes
- HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM (HBP) PROJECTS
 - On-System Bridges – 80% Federal-aid HBP + 20% Swap HBP

Funding		2024
Source		
SWAP-HBP (SWAP)		\$70,000
HBP (FA)		\$280,000
Total		\$350,000

- Off-System Bridges – 100% Federal-aid HBP

Funding		2025
Source		
HBP (FA)		\$1,000,000
Total		\$1,000,000



PROGRAMMING REMINDERS FOR FEDERAL-AID CONTINUED

- STIP Amendments
 - Needed if the Engineer's Estimate of an HBP project has increased $\geq 1.5\%$ above programmed amount
 - Must be initiated BY THE RPA/MPO
 - Plan ahead to avoid last-minute time crunches
- Mapping accuracy and location descriptions are critical
- Set realistic letting dates!!
- Workload management for LS
- Funding/cash flow management for DOT



PROJECT FUNDING

KEEP THE FUNDING AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE

- The more funding sources there are in a project, the more complicated it is to develop and administer the project.
- This creates inefficiencies, increases the likelihood of errors, and creates situations that are not well handled by software used to make payments to contractors.
- Each funding source has its own strings and has to be accounted for separately on the plans, in the quantities & estimates, and during construction.

MORE STRINGS = MORE KNOTS!

What can your RPA/MPO do to make funding more efficient?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION



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