

Surface Transportation Rural Program (STP-Rural, STP-R)

Statute: Federal Aid: state and local funds: [§84.03](#)

Admin. Rule: N/A

Program objective:

The objective of the STP-Rural Program is to improve federal aid eligible highways outside of urban areas (primarily county trunk highways).

Program eligibility:

The STP-Rural Program provides funding to improve roads and streets in rural areas functionally classified as principal arterial, minor arterial or major collector. Rural minor collectors are no longer eligible for federal STP-Rural funds under the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Program definition:

Federal funding is provided for a wide range of transportation-related activities, including projects on higher function local roads not on the State Trunk Highway system, and local safety improvements. The program is funded through SAFETEA-LU.

Program description:

The STP-Rural Program allocates federal funds to complete a variety of improvements to rural highways (primarily county highways).

Program history:

Federal-aid highway programs that directed funding to local governments before enactment of ISTEA had well-established formulas that allocated funding based on population and mileage criteria. ISTEA eliminated these programs beginning in FY 92 and replaced them with programs that can be used to fund a broader mix of projects.

Application cycle:

WisDOT Regional Offices solicit STP-Rural projects in the spring of odd-numbered years, with approval occurring in the fall of odd-numbered years. The spring 2009 solicitation was delayed due to the need to solicit projects for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The 2009-2012 Program is currently in effect and WisDOT Regional Offices will be soliciting projects for the 2011-2014 program cycle in spring 2010. This allows WisDOT to monitor projects in two-year increments, refreshing the final two years of the 2009-2012 program cycle (2011 and 2012) and adding an additional two years (2013 and 2014) of STP-Rural projects.

Amount Programmed for the 2011 to 2014 Program Cycle: Estimated Chapter 20 federal funds available for the STP-Rural Program are \$99,563,892 (\$24,890,973 per year). The actual funds available will be determined by the State Legislature on a biennial basis.

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