

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** County Commissioners, City/Town Managers, Clerks in municipalities without managers

**From:** Eric Bergman, Colorado Counties, Inc.  
Dianne Criswell, Colorado Municipal League

**Date:** September 23, 2016

**Re:** 2017-2019 Bridge Funds Available

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The Special Highway Committee is accepting applications for bridge funds for rehabilitation or replacement of substandard bridges. **County applications are due to CCI's offices and municipal applications are due to CML's offices, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2016.**

There is approximately \$5.2 million in anticipated bridge funds available for allocation between 2017 and 2019. Priority will be given to projects on bridges that have been deemed scour critical, have the lowest sufficiency ratings, and are ready for construction.

### Program Guidelines

- (1) The program generally funds projects on an 80% grant and 20% local funding basis. The maximum amount of the grant is 80% of the eligible project costs.
- (2) Federally-funded bridges must be included in the STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan) and, if an applicant entity is in a metropolitan planning organization area, in the regional TIP before the project can be funded. Inclusion in the STIP and TIP can be accomplished after the Special Highway Committee's recommendation process.
- (3) All federally-funded projects are administered according to CDOT and federal procedures, including review and oversight of the consulting engineer selection process, bridge design, and construction oversight.

### Eligibility

Bridges that are on the Select List of the federal bridge inventory with a sufficiency rating of 50.0 or less are eligible for replacement funding. Bridges on the Select List with a sufficiency rating of greater than 50.0 are eligible for rehabilitation funds only, unless the cost of rehabilitation is documented as exceeding the cost of replacement. Generally, any bridge with a sufficiency rating of 50.0 or less is on the Select List. **Bridges must be rated as Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete to qualify for funding.** You can check a bridge's eligibility

by consulting the Select List which is provided with this memorandum. If you have any questions regarding the bridges on the Select List, contact Behrooz Far, CDOT Staff Bridge Branch at (303) 757-9190 or by emailing [Behrooz.Far@state.co.us](mailto:Behrooz.Far@state.co.us)

Be sure to assess the need for bridge replacement or rehabilitation on the most current data. If you have a vehicular bridge, open to the public, that has never been inspected (it must have a span of 20 feet or greater, abutment to abutment), contact Mr. Far at CDOT to have the bridge added to the federal bridge inventory.

### **Application**

**NEW FOR 2016! We are asking that all local governments submit their applications electronically to the e-mail addresses provided below.** If you are unable to submit electronically, please contact CCI or CML for assistance.

The following information must be provided in the application for each structure submitted for funding:

- A copy of the bridge inspection report
- A brief narrative discussing the need for the work
- Cost estimate
- Estimated start date and project completion date
- Photographs of the bridge
- Average daily traffic (ADT) numbers for bridge in question

The enclosed Bridge Project Cost Estimate form can be used to provide much of the required information.

If you submit more than one off-system bridge project, please indicate your priority for funding among your projects. The Special Highway Committee makes an effort to recommend funding for at least one bridge project per applicant prior to funding additional projects for a single jurisdiction.

**County applications** should be sent to:

Eric Bergman  
Colorado Counties, Inc.  
800 Grant Street, Suite 500  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
[ebergman@ccionline.org](mailto:ebergman@ccionline.org)

**Municipal applications** should be sent to:

Dianne Criswell  
Colorado Municipal League  
1144 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203-2207  
[mradtke@cml.org](mailto:mradtke@cml.org)

**Notification of Approval**

The Committee anticipates that projects will be reviewed, funding recommendations made, and applicants notified by mid-December.

If you have any other questions concerning your applications, please call Eric Bergman at (303) 861-4076 or Dianne Criswell at (303) 831-6411.