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TO: Rural Task Force Program Agencies

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 - 2026 Local Rural Task Force Program Call for Projects

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in conjunction with the Rural Task Force (RTF) Program Advisory Board, is issuing a Call for Projects (CFP) in non-urban areas for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 - 2026. The purpose of this CFP is to solicit projects from local rural highway and transit agencies wishing to utilize Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and State Transportation Economic Development Fund-Category D (State D) funding for FY 2023 - 2026. Projects selected to receive STBG and State D funding will be included in the FY 2023 - 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The FY 2023 - 2026 STIP will cover the four fiscal years between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2026.

Through the CFP, it is anticipated that MDOT will designate approximately \$52 million of STBG allocation and \$6.63 million of State D funds annually to the RTF Program for FY 2023 - 2026. STBG funds require at least a 20 percent non-federal match and State D funds require at least 20 percent non-state match. STBG funds must be spent on construction costs, contingencies for highway projects, or transit capital projects unless the specific RTF committee approves their use on engineering and construction engineering. STBG funds shall not be used for right-of-way acquisition. State D funds shall be used for physical construction only and shall not include costs of right-of-way acquisition and engineering.

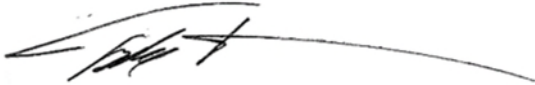
In FY 2018, the RTF Program Advisory Board set the policy to program projects to 100 percent of the allocation targets. The federal obligation authority averages 93 - 95 percent of the allocation targets. Programming above the obligation authority allows full utilization of the obligation authority and of any available federal August redistribution funding that becomes available. Funding targets may be adjusted in the future to reflect updated state and/or federal legislation or unanticipated factors.

Rural projects included in the STIP are scheduled to be obligated in the fiscal year they are shown. To be included in the STIP, each respective RTF must approve the projects and submit projects. Selected projects should be submitted utilizing the 1799 or 1797 data sheets, for FY 2023 - 2026 to their Regional Planning Agency (RPA) Representative no later than January 14, 2022. Because this is a S/TIP development year, local (county) RTF meetings are required to select projects to be brought forward for final approval by the regional RTF committee. RPAs will program their FY 2023 - 2026 projects in JobNet and forward their program/project lists to MDOT by no later than February 11, 2022. Programs submitted to the RPAs must be financially constrained to their annual allocation targets.

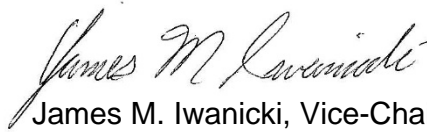
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The enclosed document provides more information regarding the CFP process. If you have any questions regarding the Local RTF Program or would like an MDOT representative to attend your RTF meetings, please contact the MDOT RTF Program Manager, Josh Grab, at GrabJ@michigan.gov or (517) 582-4970.

Sincerely,



Todd White, Chair
Rural Task Force Program Advisory Board



James M. Iwanicki, Vice-Chair
Rural Task Force Program Advisory Board

Enclosure

cc: Josh Grab, MDOT