

2024 ARIP Project Award Recommendation Guidelines

At the Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Discretionary Selection Committee meeting held on 5/21/24, the committee established the following guidelines which will govern ARIP project recommendations for WisDOT Secretary award:

1. The Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Discretionary Selection Committee will ensure geographic distribution by allocating approximately 23 percent of available program funding to the Northwest, North Central, Northeast, and Southwest WisDOT regions and eight percent to the Southeast WisDOT region with the intent that any disproportionate result in the first round of project awards should be reconciled/compensated for in the second round.
 - a. (DOT Region Map: <https://wisconsin.gov/PublishingImages/doing-bus/civil-rights/labornwage/wisdot-map-regions-counties.png>)

2. Wis. Stats. 86.31 (30)(e) reads as follows:

(e) The department may make grants under this subsection of up to 90 percent of reimbursable costs.

Consistent with state statutory guidelines, the ARIP Discretionary Selection Committee will provide an approximate standard cost share percentage of 90% state – 10% local to awarded projects.

3. The ARIP Discretionary Selection Committee will prioritize funding roads and structures 20 feet and less (culverts) over projects that comprise standalone bridges, given there is currently 100% bridge funding available from other programs.

NOTE: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) made \$225 million available to Wisconsin for bridges over and above the standard bridge formula funding available in the FAST Act. This money was made available to local sponsors through the Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program. Additionally, any awarded Local Bridge project located on a lower functionally classed roadway (i.e., on an off-system local road or minor collector) must now be 100% federally funded.

4. In the first round of ARIP project selections, the ARIP Discretionary Selection Committee will attempt to award no less than three (3) projects per WisDOT region, except that no less than one (1) project will be awarded in the Southeast with the intent that any disproportionate funding result in the first round should be reconciled/compensated for in the second round.
5. No individual primary project sponsor (town, city/village, or county) will be awarded more than one ARIP project total in the 2023-2025 Biennium.
6. After projects are rated/ranked by the scoring model, the ARIP Discretionary Selection Committee will attempt to give deference/priority to applications for projects that would otherwise be unlikely to be selected for funding through another WisDOT program.