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**WisDOT 2026-2031 Local Bridge Program Application**

**NOTE:** This application is required for each new potential 2026-2031 program cycle project. Please review the application instructions (see link below) to assist you in completing the application.

 Please click here for access to the Local Bridge Application Instructions.

**Project Description**

Project Sponsor: Facility Owner:

Project Location:

 Municipality:  County:

 On Route:

 At Route (Start):  Offset:  (tenths of a mile)

 Toward Route (End):

**NOTE: Attach an 8½ x 11 map showing the project location. A WISLR map is REQUIRED (refer to the following link:** <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/wislr/default.aspx>

Existing Bridge ID#:

Length of Project:  (feet)

Average Daily Traffic (ADT): ADT Year: Posted or Statutory Speed Limit(s):  (mph)

Functional Classification:

**Existing Facility**

Bridge Type: If Other, specify:

Feature the Structure Passes Over:

Clear Roadway Width of Bridge:  (feet) Bridge Length:  (feet)

Number of Spans: Approach Pavement Width:  (feet)

Is the bridge on the current WisDOT Bridge Project Scope Eligibility List? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

**NOTE:** **If No, an application will only be considered if accompanied by an engineering study providing justification of the project. The justification should consider the timing of the proposed project, consideration of alternative scopes, safety of the traveling public, maintaining serviceability of the structure, and cost-benefit of the proposed scope versus other viable options.**

**NOTE: If the improvement type is different than what has been identified on the list, an engineering study is also required.**

**[ ]**  **By checking this box, I am confirming** **that the proposed project is not on the WisDOT Bridge Project Scope Eligibility List, and that the requested justification has been attached to this application.**

Most Recent Inspection Date:

Bridge Build Year:

Bridge Rehabilitation Year:

Is scour currently a problem? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

Has flooding (overtopping) of the bridge been observed? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

Is debris accumulation and clogging a current problem? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

Current Load Posting:

Existing sidewalk? **[ ]**  Yes, one side **[ ]**  Yes, both sides **[ ]**  No

Existing bicycle accommodations? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

If YES to either of previous two questions, are bicycle/pedestrian accommodations designated as part of a regional or local bicycle or pedestrian system?

 **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

**[ ]**  Lighting: Lighting Style:

Approach Pavement Type:

Sub-standard alignment? Horizontal: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

 Vertical: [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

Does a railroad facility exist within 1,000 feet of the project limits? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No If yes, specify:

Owner of Railroad facility:

**NOTE: Rail improvements are not eligible for Local Bridge program funding.**

**NOTE: If there are pertinent railroad considerations, design funds may be included for Railroad Review Costs.**

Known safety issues? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No If yes, specify:  **Consider applying for the Highway Safety Improvement Program [HSIP] funds if applicable.**

Is this project within a F4R site? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No **If yes, a completed 23 CFR 667 Resiliency Scope Certification form and a copy off the completed evaluation must be submitted with this application.**

**NOTE: Refer to the following link, *Facilities Repeatedly Requiring Repair and Reconstruction (F4R)***

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/f4r.aspx>

**Project Justification**

Explain why the project is needed, including the scope and appropriate detail on the project’s uniqueness and complexity. Describe specific deficiencies such as deck or abutment condition, structural element deterioration, substandard width or substandard features that are problematic. Include and separately identify any 100% locally funded components of the project that are part of the overall improvement.

**Proposed Improvement**

**NOTE: Applicants should refer to the traffic data and design standards information in the instructions prior to completing this section of the application.**

**NOTE:** **Per Trans 213, an engineering study must be undertaken prior to application for a project that is proposing work that has not been identified on the Bridge Project Scope Eligibility List. Please submit the engineering study to the Region by September 22, 2025, to ensure that the state (Bureau of Structures) review will be complete by the October 31, 2025 due date for the application.**

**NOTE: For project eligibility details for this solicitation, see** [**Trans 213**](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/trans/213)**. Note that certain sections of this chapter are affected by emergency rule EmR2509:** [**https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency\_rules/all/emr2509**](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency_rules/all/emr2509)**.**

**NOTE: The Bridge Project Scope Eligibility List created by the WisDOT Bureau of Structures is available at the WisDOT Local Project Tools webpage:** <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/tools.aspx>

Improvement Type: **[ ]** Bridge Replacement:

 **[ ]** Bridge Rehabilitation:

 **[ ]** Bridge Preservation:  If Other, specify:

Structure Type: If Other, specify:

Clear Roadway Width of Bridge: (feet) Bridge Length:  (feet) Number of Spans:

**NOTE: Approach costs are limited to only those costs that are necessary to render the bridge serviceable (to reach the attainable touchdown points using current standards.) WisDOT approval is needed at application for approach lengths greater than 100 feet. See FDM 3-20-1 for additional details.**

Total Approach Work:

Approach #1 – Direction from Bridge:  Approach #1 Length:  (feet)

Approach #2 – Direction from Bridge:  Approach #2 Length:  (feet)

Approach Pavement Type:  Approach Pavement Width:  (feet)

Approach Shoulder Type:  Approach Shoulder Width:  (feet)

**[ ]**  Sidewalk One side or both:  Width: (feet) Length:  (feet)

Are bicycle/pedestrian accommodations required as part of a local or regional plan?

**[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No If yes, specify:

**[ ]**  Lighting: Lighting Style:

**[ ]**  Bridge Rail

**[ ]**  Beam Guard

Preliminary Quantity Estimates *(please enter 0 if none anticipated)*

Asphalt Pavement: (tons) Concrete Pavement: (yd2) Excavation: (yd3)

Base Course: (tons) Bridge Deck Area: (ft2) Milling: (yd2)

Diamond Grinding: (yd2) Traffic Striping: (linear ft) Concrete Masonry: (yd3)

**NOTE: Refer to** [**FDM 19-5 Attachment 3.2**](https://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/fdm/fd-19-05-att.pdf#fd19-5a3.1) **for guidance on estimating each of these quantities.**

Traffic Management During Construction:

Do you anticipate submittal of an exception to standards request? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

If yes, please describe:

**Low-Risk Project Delivery Model**

WisDOT, in collaboration with the Federal Highway Association and Wisconsin counties, is continuing the efforts to reduce cost by streamlining delivery and oversight processes on low complexity Local Projects through the development of the Low-Risk Project Delivery Model.

More information on the low-risk delivery model can be found here: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/lpm/lowrisk-program.aspx>.

Please indicate if you are interested in discussing if your project fits the low-risk delivery model requirements:

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**Environmental/Cultural Issues**

Agriculture **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Archaeological sites **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Historical sites **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Lakes, waterways, floodplains **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

**If located in floodplain, specify [ ]**  Zone A **[ ]**  Zone AE - if **Zone AE,** provide Base Flood Elevation

Wetland **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Stormwater management **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Hazardous materials sites **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Hazardous materials on existing structure **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Upland habitat **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Endangered/threatened/migratory species **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Section 4(f) **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Section 6(f) **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

Through/adjacent to tribal land **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No **[ ]**  Not Investigated Comments:

**Miscellaneous Issues**

Construction Schedule Restrictions (trout spawning activities, migratory bird, local events): **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

If yes, please explain.

Has there been any real estate acquired or transferred in anticipation of this project? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No

If yes, please explain.

Right of Way: **(NOTE: Local funds must be used to acquire right of way.)**

Check all that are applicable.

**[ ]**  None **[ ]**  Less than ½ acre **[ ]**  More than ½ acre

**[ ]**  Parklands **[ ]**  Large parcels **[ ]**  Temporary interests

Other Concept Notes: Provide any additional relevant project information that has not been covered in another section of the application.

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**Cost Estimate, Project Priority, and Scheduling**

**Applicants should reference the following WisDOT web page prior to completing this section of the application:** <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/tools.aspx>

**NOTE: Requesting design and construction projects to be scheduled in the same fiscal year is not allowed.**

**NOTE: All applications must include a sheet documenting the calculations performed to create the estimate(s).**

**[ ]  Tied Projects? All requests for design must be tied to a construction project. Please indicate which projects will be tied (if applicable):**

**NOTE: Attach a completed version of the** [**Local Program Project Scheduling Tool**](https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/lpm/lpprojectscheduling.aspx) **to this application. This document is REQUIRED for application consideration.**

**[ ]** I confirm that I have attached a completed copy of the Local Program Project Scheduling Tool to this application.

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| **[ ]  Construction:****Project Priority:****[ ]**  FY 2027 **[ ]**  FY 2028 **[ ]**  FY 2029 **[ ]**  FY 2030 **[ ]**  FY 2031  |
|  | **Total** | **State/Fed Share** | **Local Share** |
| Participating Structure Cost | $ | $ | $ |
| Participating Approach Cost | $ | $ | $ |
| Total Participating Construction Cost | $ | $ | $ |
| Non-Participating Structure Cost (100% Local) | $ | $0 | $ |
| Non-Participating Approach Cost (100% Local) | $ | $0 | $ |
| Total Non-Participating Construction Cost | $ | $0 | $ |
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| **A. Subtotal Construction Costs** | $ | $ | $ |
| **B. Construction Engineering Costs** (Coordinate with WisDOT Region) | $ | $ | $ |
| **C. State Review for Construction** (Provided by WisDOT Region) | $ | $ | $ |
| **Total Construction Cost Estimate with Construction Engineering and State Review**  (sum lines A, B and C) | $ | $ | $ |

**Through September 30, 2026, federal law requires that bridges on roadways off the federal aid highway system funded through the federal Bridge Formula program be funded with 100% federal funds. These off-system bridges are on roadways that are functionally classified as a local road or rural minor collector.** **Additional guidance on off-system bridge eligibility after September 30, 2026, will be forthcoming based on future congressional action.**

**NOTE: All estimates will be reviewed by WisDOT Region staff for consistency with current practices and approaches. WisDOT Region staff, in agreement with the local sponsor, may revise estimates in these categories due to the complexity of the project or other factors. WisDOT will notify the sponsor of any changes to estimates within the application and determine whether the sponsor wishes to continue with the application with the revised estimate.**

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| [ ]  **Design:**[ ]  100% Locally Funded (state review is required to be included as 100% locally funded) **OR**[ ]  80% (federal-aid bridges) or 100% (off-system bridges) State/Federally Funded (“Design Only” projects are not allowed) **Project Priority:**       [ ]  FY 2027 [ ]  FY 2028 [ ]  FY 2029 [ ]  FY 2030 [ ]  FY 2031 |
|  | **Total** | **State/Fed Share** | **Local Share** |
| **A. Design Plan Development**  | $ | $ | $ |
| **B. State Review for Design**(Provided by WisDOT Region) | $ | $ | $ |
| **Total Design Cost Estimate with State Review** (sum lines A and B) | $ | $ | $ |

**NOTE: WisDOT Region staff, in agreement with the local sponsor, may revise estimates in the Plan Development, State Review for Design, and State Review for Construction categories based on the complexity of the project or other factors.**

**NOTE: Costs for Railroad Review of plans will be added to the design costs when there are railroad considerations.**

**[ ]  Real Estate:** (Must be funded with local funds.)

**Project Priority:**

 **[ ]**  FY 2027 **[ ]**  FY 2028 **[ ]**  FY 2029 **[ ]**  FY 2030 **[ ]**  FY 2031

**Total Real Estate Cost** (round to next $1,000) **$**

**[ ]  Utility:** (Compensable utility costs must be $50,000 minimum per utility. Recommend funding with local funds.)

**Project Priority:**

**[ ]**  FY 2027 **[ ]**  FY 2028 **[ ]**  FY 2029 **[ ]**  FY 2030 **[ ]**  FY 2031

**Total Utility Cost** (round to next $1,000) **$**

**WisDOT Utility Policy link:** <http://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/fdm/fd-18-00toc.pdf>

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**Additional Confidential Information**

**FOR WISDOT USE ONLY – enter the following information at application review**

Wisconsin Region Application Reviewer:  Date:

WisDOT Region Comments on Application:

**FOR WISDOT USE ONLY – enter the following information after project approval**

Approved Federal Funding Amount: Approved State Funding Amount:

Construction: **$** Construction: **$**

Design: **$** Design: **$**

Real Estate: **$** Real Estate: **$**

Utility: **$** Utility: **$**

**TOTAL: $      TOTAL: $**

**Key Program Requirements Confirmation**

Please confirm your understanding of the following project conditions by **typing your name, title and initials** in the boxes at the bottom of this page. **A Head of Government/Designee with fiscal authority for the project sponsor, not a consultant, must initial below AND sign the next page of this application.**

1. All Federal Funding will be limited at the estimate amount unless an increase is approved by WisDOT. Additional costs incurred over the limit will be 100% the responsibility of the project sponsor.
2. A federally funded design project must be tied to a construction project. Stand alone design projects are no longer eligible for funding.
3. Only new projects may apply. Existing projects are ineligible for additional funds through the rating and ranking process. Existing projects requiring additional funds are encouraged to use the existing Project Change and Cost Increase processes.
4. Federally funded projects must be designed in accordance with all application federal design standards (even if the design for a federally funded project was 100% locally funded).
5. The sponsor must provide matching dollar funding of at least 20% of project costs.
6. The sponsor must not incur costs for any phase of the project until that phase has been authorized for federal charges and the WisDOT Region has notified the sponsor that it can begin incurring costs. Otherwise, the sponsor risks incurring costs that will not be eligible for federal funding.
7. As the work progresses, the state will bill the project sponsor for work completed which is not chargeable to federal/state funds. Upon completion of the project, a final audit will be made to determine the final division of costs. If reviews or audits show any of the work to be ineligible for federal funding, the project sponsor will be responsible for any withdrawn costs associated with the ineligible work.
8. The project sponsor will pay to the state all costs incurred by the state in connection with the improvement that exceed federal/state financing commitments or are ineligible for federal/state financing. In order to guarantee the project sponsor’s foregoing agreements to pay the state, the project sponsor, through its duly authorized officers or officials, agrees and authorizes the state to set off and withhold the required reimbursement amount as determined by the state from any moneys otherwise due and payable by the state to the municipality.
9. If the project sponsor should withdraw the project, it will reimburse the state for any costs incurred by the state on behalf of the project.
10. For 100% locally funded design projects, costs for design plan development and state review for design are 100% the responsibility of the local project sponsor. Project sponsors may not seek federal funding for only state review for design projects.
11. The sponsor agrees to state delivery and oversight costs by WisDOT staff and their agents. These costs include review of design and construction documents for compliance with federal and state requirements, appropriate design standards, and other related review. These costs will vary with the size and complexity of the project. The sponsor agrees to add these costs to the project under the same up to 80% federal/state and minimum 20% local match requirements.
12. Transportation construction projects using federal funds, except sidewalks, are likely general improvements that primarily benefit the public at large and for which special assessments cannot be levied under s. 66.0703, Wis. Stats. Municipalities desiring to obtain the required local project funding through special assessments levied against particular parcels should seek advice of legal counsel. See Hildebrand v. Menasha, 2011 WI App 83.

I confirm that I have read and understand project conditions (a) through (l) listed above:

Name:  Title:

**Accepted (please type your initials here electronically):**

**Contact Information and Signatures**

Application prepared by a consultant? **[ ]**  Yes **[ ]**  No If yes, consultant information and signature required below.

Consultant Company Name: Company Location (City, State):

**Consultant Signature (**electronic only**):  Date:**

**NOTE:** It is **not permissible** for a consultant to fill out applications gratis (or for a small fee) for a municipality and then be selected to do the design work on a project **unless** the municipality either:

1. uses a one-step QBS process with the scope of work to include the grant application and the design services, if authorized; **or**
2. uses a two-step QBS process with the scope of work for the first selection for the preparation of the grant application(s) and the second selection for the actual design(s).

In both cases, all costs incurred prior to WisDOT project authorization are the responsibility of the municipality.

See FDM 8-5-3 for additional information: [**http://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/fdm/fd-08-05.pdf**](http://wisconsindot.gov/rdwy/fdm/fd-08-05.pdf)

Sponsor Agency:

Contact Person:  (Note: must be Head of Government or Designee)

Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Only one project sponsor is allowed per project. As a representative of the project sponsor, the individual that signs below confirms that the information in this project application is accurate. A local official, not a consultant, must sign the application. I understand that completion of this application does not guarantee project approval for federal funding.

**Head of Government/Designee Signature (**electronic only**):  Date:**

**Local Unit of Government Agency** (**when owner differs from sponsor**):

**Owner Signature (when owner differs from sponsor)** (electronic only): **Date:**

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**NOTE: Please add any WisDOT application comments in the comments section below.**

Subprogram: Project Improvement Type:

Region Reviewer’s Name:

Reviewer’s Title:

Date Received:

WisDOT Region Reviewers Signature:  Date:

**FOR WISDOT USE ONLY – enter the following information after project approval**

Project ID(s):

Additional WisDOT comments on application: