

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. In addition, local improvement projects on connecting highways are not eligible for STP-Rural funds.

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 the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

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. Flexible funding for federal-aid highways, safety projects and bridges under SAFETEA-LU is continued under MAP-21, FAST Act and BIL.

Application cycle:

To continue statewide program stability efforts, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will manage a full five-year (five state fiscal years) program of projects. This provides the department and local sponsors the ability to review and adjust the already scheduled first two state fiscal years of the programs (2025 and 2026) as needed, and add another three state fiscal years of approved projects to the schedule (2027, 2028 and 2029).

Current Local Transportation Facility Improvement Assistance (STP-Urban and STP-Rural) funding (based on the 2022-2023 Budget)

<u>SFY 2022</u>	\$ 138.2M (Federal Funds)
<u>SFY 2023</u>	\$ 138.2M (Federal Funds)

The WisDOT Region contact information is found of the corresponding WisDOT web page.