

RTA Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding Guidelines

Requirements and Eligible Activities

1. For construction projects, a minimum total project cost of \$100,000 (\$80,000 federal) with a minimum 20 percent match and federal-aid participation level of 40 percent.
2. Eligible activities include the following:
 - a. New construction, reconstruction, or resurfacing of roadways or bridges
 - b. Regional planning and planning studies
 - c. Transit capital purchases
 - d. Projects eligible under the RTA's Iowa Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - e. Roadway safety improvements
 - f. ADA-compliant ramp reconstruction in conjunction with an adjacent road reconstruction or resurfacing project
 - g. Minor utility adjustments and incidental utility work necessary to complete a roadway project
3. Ineligible activities include the following:
 - a. Design engineering and construction related services
 - b. Sidewalk maintenance
4. Roadway projects must be on federally classified routes that are Minor Collectors or above, or a Farm-to-Market route.
5. Applications must include a completed *STBG Project Submittal Form*. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
6. Project sponsors will participate in the Iowa DOT's federal-aid swap for all eligible road and bridge projects.

Project Selection Process

Submitted projects will be reviewed at a Technical Committee meeting. As part of the application process, project sponsors will be asked to provide information about their project, and each sponsor will be given the chance to present their project at the meeting. The Technical Committee will then prioritize projects for funding by considering project benefits, jurisdictional need, and the time and funding constraints of the program. The Technical Committee will also utilize the RTA's Funding Equity Guidelines, as needed, to help develop the draft program.