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TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

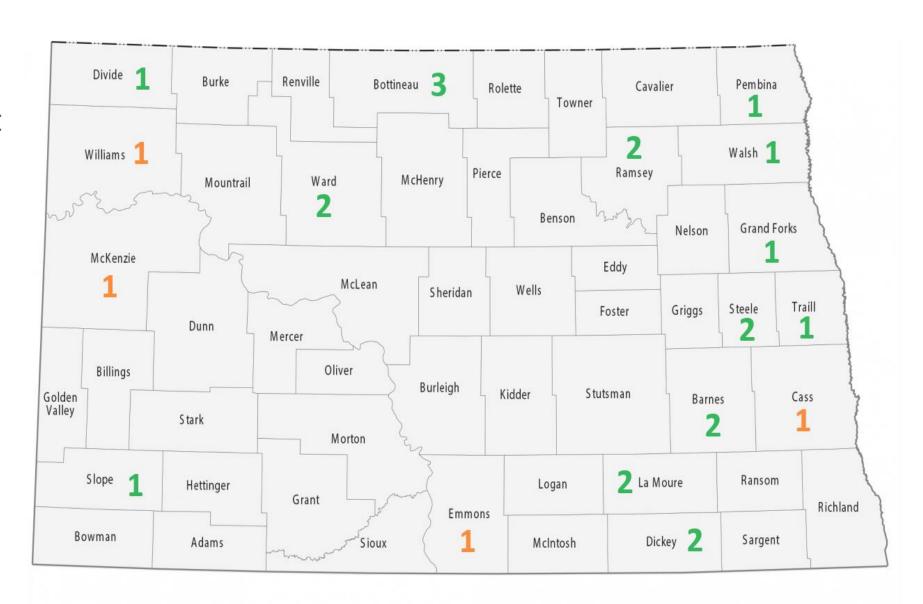
Improve roadways and bridges that serve as local corridors or economic generators.

- Repurposed by 68th Legislature
- \$10M allocated for all townships
- Applied for through counties
- Priority given to projects that:
 - Match FEMA funds
 - Improve local corridors
 - Support economic development
 - Are in townships with 18 mill general fund
- Picked by a selection committee

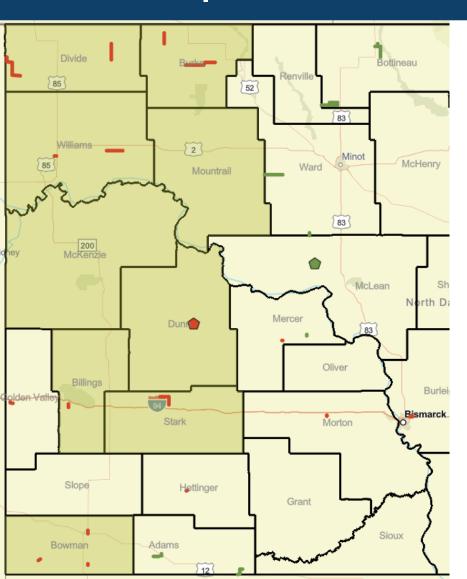


TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- 21 Projects Funded
- 1 Alternative Project



FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND | \$222.5M



- Improve transportation infrastructure off the state highway system, including within townships, cities & counties
- Provide match for federal funding
- Provide for support costs including staffing, facilities, and operational expenditures
- Provide sustainable flexibility to augment traditional funding and deliver projects of significance in a timely manner

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25% SET ASIDE

- Non-oil producing counties and townships
- Organized Townships must levy 18 mills
- Selected by Flex Fund Committee
- Projects that improve or maintain county and township paved and unpaved roads and bridges
- Approx. \$42.9M made available

PARTNER ALLOCATION

- Developed by the NDDOT to provide additional assistance to locals.
- Open to any city, county, township, or Tribal Nation
- Projects and funding determined by NDDOT Director
- Approx. \$44.1M made available

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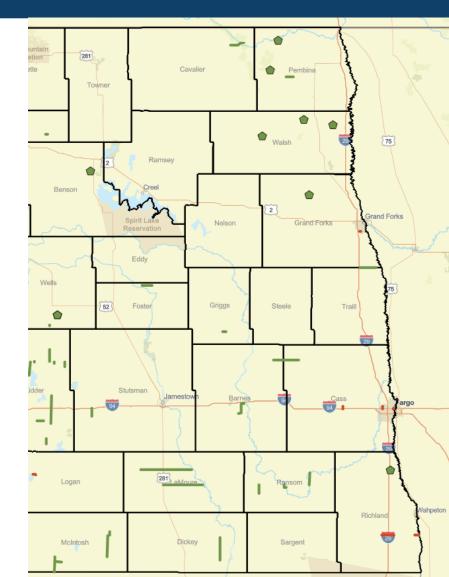
APPLICATION PROCESS

- 264 applications were received requesting \$432.3M in funds.
- 165 applications totaling \$205.5M in Flex Fund requests were eligible for the set-aside.
- 97 applications totaling \$225.2M in Flex Fund requests were eligible for the partner allocation.

RESULTS | 66 Total Projects totaling \$87M

- 19 Township Projects
- 10 City Projects
- 37 County Projects

Find results at dot.nd.gov/flexfund













AGENCY BILLS

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Regulation of Hydraulic Brake Fluid

The NDDOT has been provided authority under NDCC 39-21-30 to approve safety equipment. The NDDOT doesn't regulate the distribution, sale, or service of vehicles utilizing hydraulic brake fluid set forth in section NDCC 39-21-35.

Tourist-Oriented Direction Signs

This change will align language in the century code clarifying where tourismoriented direction signs are allowed with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Align NDCC with Federal Regulations Regarding Railroad Crossings

This change would allow NDDOT to mark crossings as exempt eliminating the requirement for busses and CMV's hauling hazmat to stop when there is no train.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Request for Bids

Eliminate the requirement to advertise for bids in the official county newspaper.

Ownership of Lake Oahe Bridge and Roadway

If a bridge is constructed over Lake Oahe on tribal land, NDDOT will need ownership of the bridge and adjacent roadways to provide maintenance to support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Variable Speed Limits

Provide NDDOT the ability to change speed limits in real time utilizing intelligent road data.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Delayed Bid Opening

NDDOT is requesting flexibility with the solicitation in publication requirements when there is a change delaying a bid opening. This change would allow NDDOT to continue with the original 21-day solicitation requirements when bids are delayed.

Tribal Access to Special Road Funds

This change would provide tribes access to Special Road Funds (SRF) by including them in NDCC 24-02-37 #3.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

State Highway System Regulated Size Limit

The state highway system may not exceed seven percent of the entire road mileage of the state, whether such roads are township, county, or state roads, which may be functionally classified as to service, and in no case may such highway system exceed seven thousand seven hundred miles [12391.95 kilometers] in length. Adjust NDCC 24-01-02 to 100 miles per biennium. (remove total restriction / keep 100 miles per biennium)

Highway Sponsorship

This bill would allow the NDDOT to enter into sponsorship agreements with entities to provide services that benefit the traveling public. The NDDOT may then acknowledge sponsors with a sign in the highway right of way.

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