



# FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND

*North Dakota Township Officers  
Association Convention*

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# BACKGROUND

## 2023-2025 Biennium

**Set Aside** (*non-oil counties & townships*)

\$42.9 million

\$X million to townships

**Partner Allocation** (*cities, oil counties & townships*)

\$44.1 million

\$X million to townships

Total Applications Received

264

Total Requested Funds

\$432.3 Million

# MAJOR CHANGES

Township Grants

Flex Fund Grants for  
Townships

Prairie Dog Grants

\$31.1 Million

\$3.75 Million

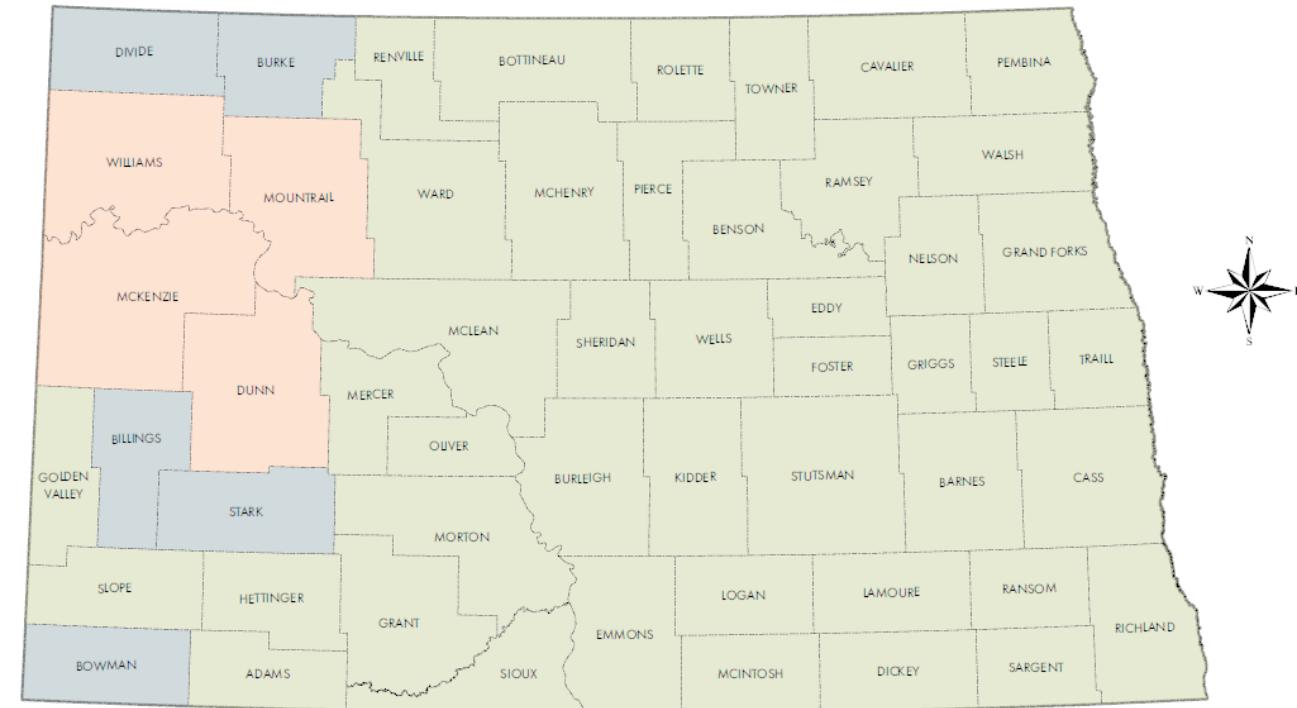
Ineligible

Eligible for:

- Flex Fund Distributions
- Flex Fund Grants
- Prairie Dog Grants

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# MISSION

*Invest in North Dakota's existing infrastructure by funding projects that **reduce** long-term maintenance and operations costs and **improve** the connectivity, efficiency, and safety of our transportation network.*

# GRANTS FOR TOWNSHIPS

Applications Received

184

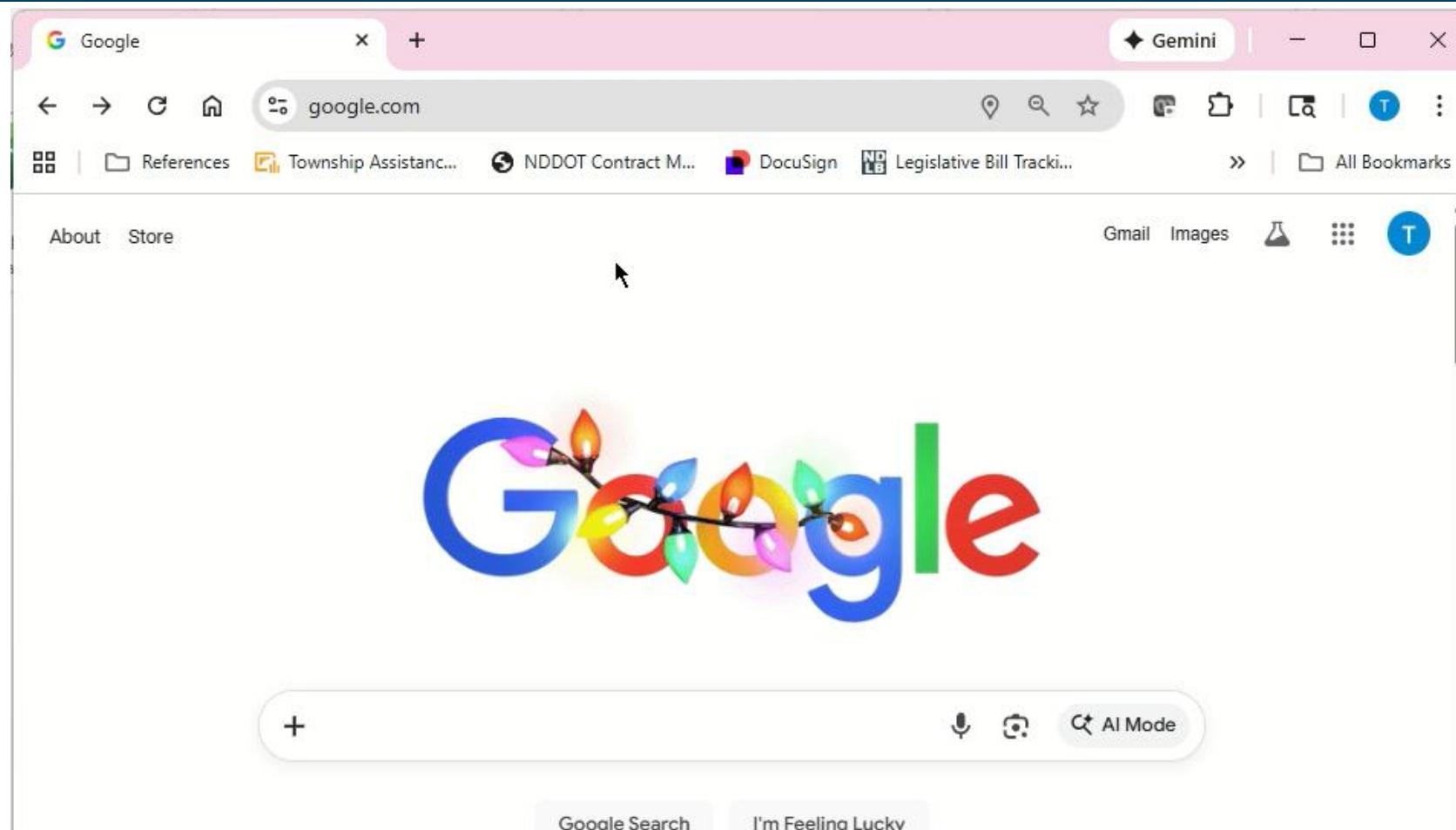
Requested Funds

\$108  
Million

# PROJECT SELECTION & TIMELINE



# TIPS & TRICKS: GRANT WEBSITE



# TIPS & TRICKS: GRANT GUIDANCE

## DEFINITIONS

**ADA:** The Americans with Disabilities Act set minimum requirements for newly designed and constructed or altered State and local government facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

**ADT:** Average Daily Traffic

**Bid Ready:** Project design, permitting, etc. is complete and the project is ready to be put out for bid as soon as projects are selected, and agreements are signed with NDDOT.

**Bridge:** A structure that is classified as a major structure. This structure has a span greater than 20 feet and has a federal structure ID number.

**CE:** Construction engineering; this includes oversight of the construction process and required documentation.

**Economic Generator:** A value-added business that is frequented by multiple people, businesses, farmers, etc. that impacts the local economy. Examples include elevators, mills, processing plants, grocery stores, gas plants, cities, etc.

**Large City:** A city with a population of 5,000 or greater as of the 2020 census.

**Local Corridor:** A primary route for people and goods. It connects on both ends to larger arterials, county major collectors, state highways, economic generators, or local areas of importance. They should support daily commutes, provide access to essential services, and/or connect local roads to regional routes. A local corridor will look different depending on the type of LPA it is located in.

**Local Funding:** Funding that the LPA has control over, i.e. general fund, road fund, Flex Fund distribution, Prairie Dog Funds, etc.

**LPA:** Local Public Agency (i.e. City, County, or Township)

**Multimodal:** Transportation systems that integrate and utilize multiple modes of transport, such as walking, biking, transit, vehicles, and freight.

## Priorities

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Match funds, such as discretionary grants, FEMA, private funds, etc. Does not consist of FHWA federal formula funds.
- Improve local corridors
- Received PE funding in the previous Flex Fund round
- Organized townships that levy at least 18 mills for general purposes as of December 31, 2025
- Unorganized townships applied for by counties that levy at least 18 mills for unorganized township road and bridge purposes as of December 31, 2025
- Organized townships with less than \$100,000 in their general fund as of December 31, 2025

## Example Projects

The focus is on non-maintenance projects that reduce operating costs, improve efficiency, or improve safety.

Example projects include:

- Closes a gap in the transportation network or connects an Economic Generator
- Grade Raises in areas that require routine work due to yearly damage
- Gravelling 3" or greater
- Minor structure replacement (>48" to ≤20ft)
- Curve realignment
- Correcting steep inslopes or widening narrow roads
- Address a road issue due to industry
- Converting pavement to gravel

# TIPS & TRICKS: PROJECT SELECTION/SCORING

Each project will be scored accordingly, some items below do not have direct application questions and should be addressed in the Project Need section:

Scoring Area	High	Medium	Low
<i>Mill Levy</i>	More than 18 mills	17-18 mills	Less than 17 mills
<i>General Fund (organized townships only)</i>	Less than \$100,000 in general fund	-	Greater than \$100,000 in general fund
<i>PE funded in previous Flex Fund round</i>	Yes	-	No
<i>Roadway Network*</i>	Closes a gap in the existing network	Reduces gap in the existing network	No improvements, or expansion of the existing network
<i>Safety*</i>	Removes hazard or roadway limitation (load limit, height restriction, single lane, etc.)	Widens roads or reduces ditch inslopes	No changes in existing road characteristics
<i>LPA Coordination</i>	Coordination or partnership with adjacent LPA	-	No coordination with adjacent LPA
<i>Reduces need for maintenance costs*</i>	Removes ongoing issues that require extensive resources regularly	Reduces personnel time (snow removal, blading, patching, etc.)	No change in maintenance cost or an increased maintenance cost
<i>Bid Ready</i>	Yes	-	No
<i>Outside Funding</i>	Outside funding > 50% of project costs	Outside funding < 50% of project cost	No outside funding
<i>Local Funding</i>	Local funding >50% of project costs	Local funding <50% of project costs	No local funding
<i>Local Corridor*</i>	Yes	-	No

\*Should be addressed in the Project Need section of the application

# TIPS & TRICKS: *HOW YOU CAN PREPARE YOURSELF*

Review your infrastructure

- Prioritize roads
- Prioritize structures

Future Needs

- 1 year
- 5 years
- Etc.

Frequent Problem Areas

- Eliminate
- Reduce



# QUESTIONS?

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