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Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets
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CATEGORY: NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

2024 ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) SOLICITATION

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INTRODUCTION:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) beginning **August 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024** (Cycle 16). The ITEP provides funding for community-based projects that expand travel options and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure.

The program funding for this Cycle 16 is estimated at \$140,000,000. ITEP awards, including ITEP matching funds, will be capped at \$3 million. Awards are anticipated to be announced in Spring 2025. Pursuant to the Sunset Clause requirements, all funds must be obligated within four years from the award notification letter.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

ITEP applicants will be accepted through the ITEP Application Portal available through the [ITEP website](#). Attachment requirements are detailed on the ITEP website and will vary based on whether the applicant sponsor is subject to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). Local Public Agencies are exempt from GATA for transportation projects.

Non-exempt applicant sponsors must be registered through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, and all pre-award requirements must be fulfilled prior to application submission. The Grantee Portal link, the Notice of Funding Opportunity, and additional information on GATA requirements can be found at gata.illinois.gov. The sponsor cannot be on Illinois Stop Payment List at the time of application submittal and thereafter. All general GATA questions may be directed to DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov.

2024 ITEP INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS:

A series of webinars providing information about the program and application process is available on the [Active Transportation Alliance](#) website. The webinars will be recorded for later viewing. This series was made possible through partnership

with the Illinois State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program and funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Active Transportation Alliance, the Illinois Public Health Institute, and IDOT.

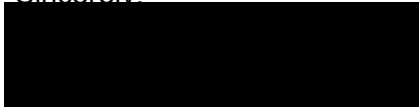
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Further guidance and requirements for the upcoming cycle is available on the [ITEP website](#). All ITEP questions may be directed to DOT.ITEP@Illinois.gov.

Completed applications must be submitted through the ITEP application portal by Monday, September 30, 2024.

For questions about this Circular Letter, please contact Holly Primm, Local Planning and Programming Unit Manager at Holly.Primm@illinois.gov or (217) 782-1662.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Gregory S. Lupton.

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