



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND (FLEX FUND)

- Established by 68th Legislature
 - Provides flexible State funding
 - Focused on improving our interconnected transportation infrastructure
- Two Programs Available to Local Public Agencies:
 - 25% Set Aside
 - Non-oil producing counties & townships
 - Partner Allocation
 - All counties, townships, cities, and Tribal Nations



FLEX FUND 25% SET ASIDE

- Non-oil producing counties and townships
- Organized Townships must levy 18 mills
- Approx. \$43M available
- Selected by Flex Fund Committee
- Projects that improve or maintain county and township paved and unpaved roads and bridges



FLEX FUND – PARTNER ALLOCATION

- Open to any City, County, Township, or Tribal Nation
- Projects and funding determined by NDDOT Director



FLEX FUND...CONTINUED

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Support Economic Development
- Improve Safety
- Support Complete Streets
- Improve the Multi-modal Transportation Infrastructure
- Improve a roadway restriction (height or weight limitation)
- Are innovative



FLEX FUND WEBSITE

Apply for
either
program
using this
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Flexible Transportation Fund

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Flexible Transportation Fund Program (Flex Fund)

Application Deadline: December 31, 2023

The Flexible Transportation Fund was established by the 68th Legislative Assembly to complement the Federal Aid Highway program and further support an interconnected transportation system in our great state. The funds will be used to improve the transportation infrastructure on and off the state highway system, and to match local funds and federal discretionary grant funds that may become available.

The Flex Fund is comprised of two programs:

1. 25% Set-Aside – open to non-oil producing counties and townships.
2. Partner Allocation – open to any City, County, Township, or Tribal Nation in North Dakota.

[Apply for Flex Fund](#)

Resources

- [Program Guidance](#)
- [Application Instructions](#)
- [Oil Producing Counties Map](#) PDF
- Questions? [Contact flexfund@nd.gov](mailto:flexfund@nd.gov)

Frequently Asked Questions



FLEX FUND APPLICATION FORM

- Applicant Info
- Project Info
- Map
- Estimate

FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND PROGRAM (FLEX FUND) APPLICATION

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Local Government
SFN 62403

If you have questions on filling out the application or the program, please contact:
flexfund@nd.gov

Local Public Agency Type *

Please Select ▼

LPA Contact Information

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Title *

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TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

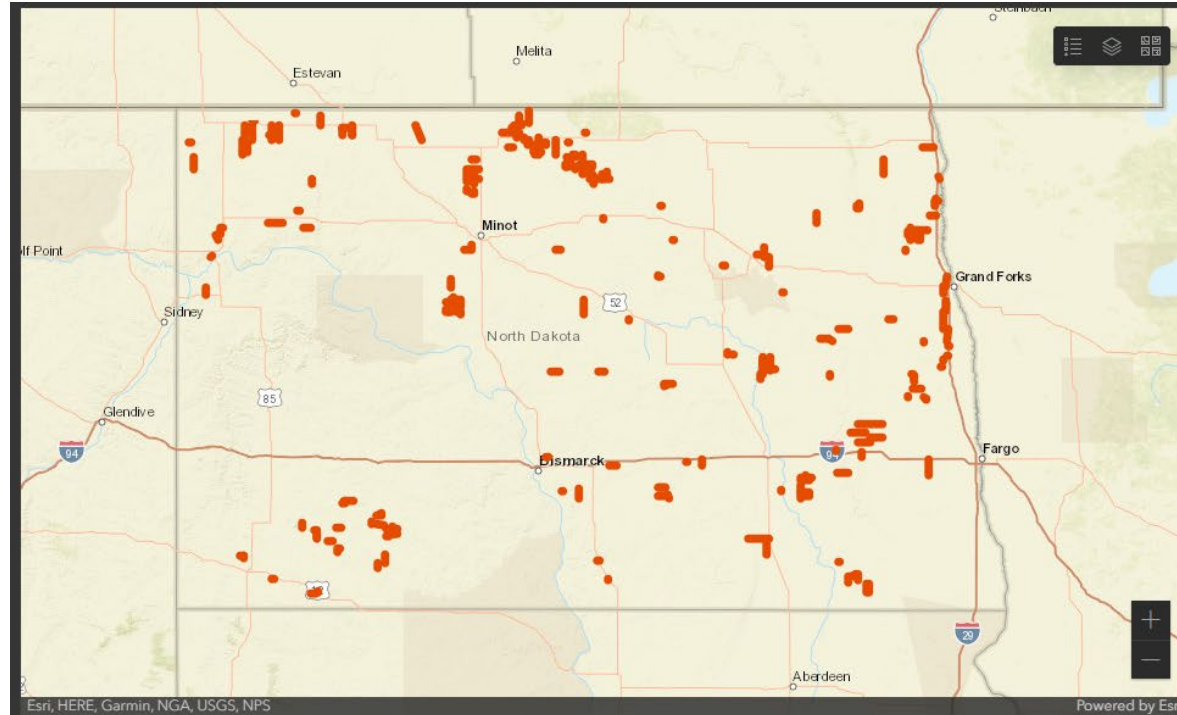
Objective: Improve roadways and bridges that serve as local corridors or economic generators:

- \$10 million allocated to 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



As of 10:30am
October 6th

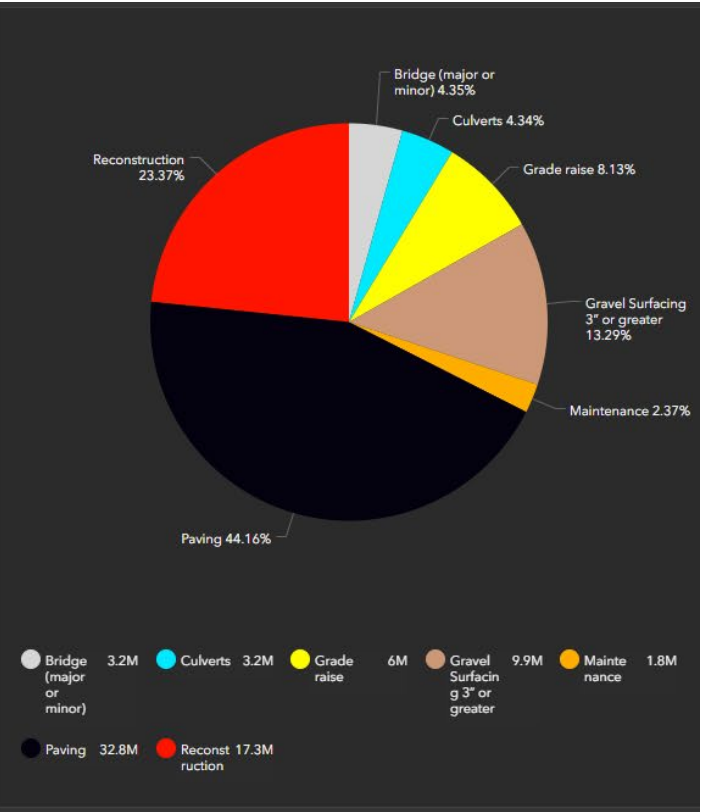
- 252 applications
- \$62M



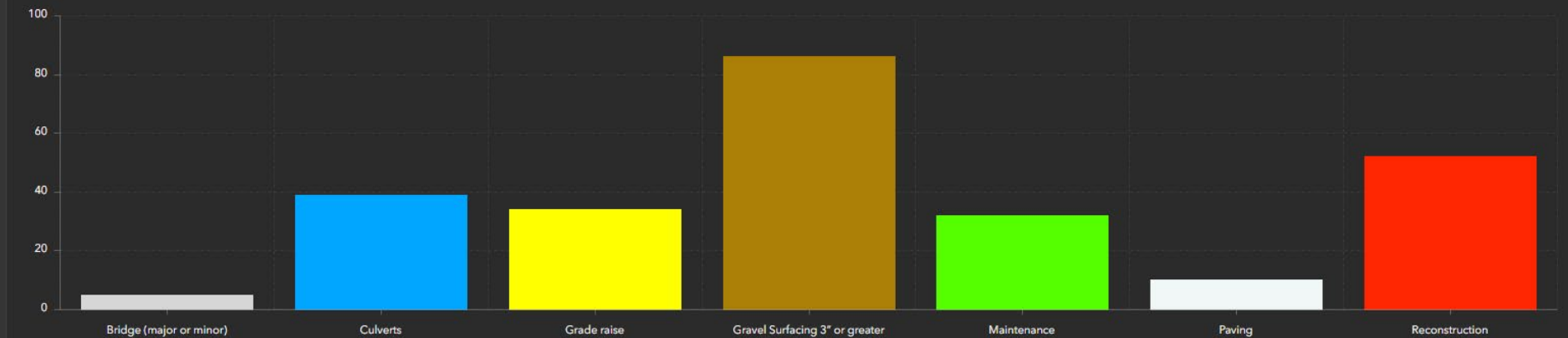
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Total Requested \$ = 62M



Number of Applications by Work Type



TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NEXT STEPS

- NDDOT is reviewing applications
- Committee will meet later this year to select projects
- NDDOT will notify townships once selections are made



NEW NDDOT LOCAL GOVT STAFF

- Two new FTE positions provided by the legislature to assist with Township and Flex Fund Programs – reach out with questions, we are here to help
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COUNTY FEDERAL AID - ROAD

- Approx. \$18M per year
- Distributed by formula to all 53 Counties
 - 1/4 CMC Miles
 - 1/4 Land Area
 - 1/4 Population
 - 1/4 FAS Taxes Levied (1204, 1212, 1233)
- Projects can range from gravelling to full reconstruction
- County Major Collectors (CMC)
- Bid through NDDOT
- 80/20 split



COUNTY FEDERAL AID - BRIDGE

- Approx. \$30M per year
 - Funding increased significantly under IIJA
- Application Based Program
 - Goal is to lower number of bridges that are:
 - Load Posted
 - In poor Condition
- Projects selected through 2026
- On-system (CMC) 80/20 split
- Off-system 100% federal funds



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TA)

Provides funding for projects that include:

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Safe routes to school projects
- Safe routes for non-drivers





- A. Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation.
- B. Construction of infrastructure related projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school.
- C. Construction of infrastructure related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- D. Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.



- TA funds require matching monies. The ratio is 80.93% federal funds and 19.07% local funds.
- TA funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive process that is reviewed by the TA Project Selection committee.



NDDOT APPLICATIONS ARE FOR FY 2026 CONSTRUCTION.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO NDDOT **DECEMBER 29, 2023**

For more information, please contact

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Special Road Fund Program

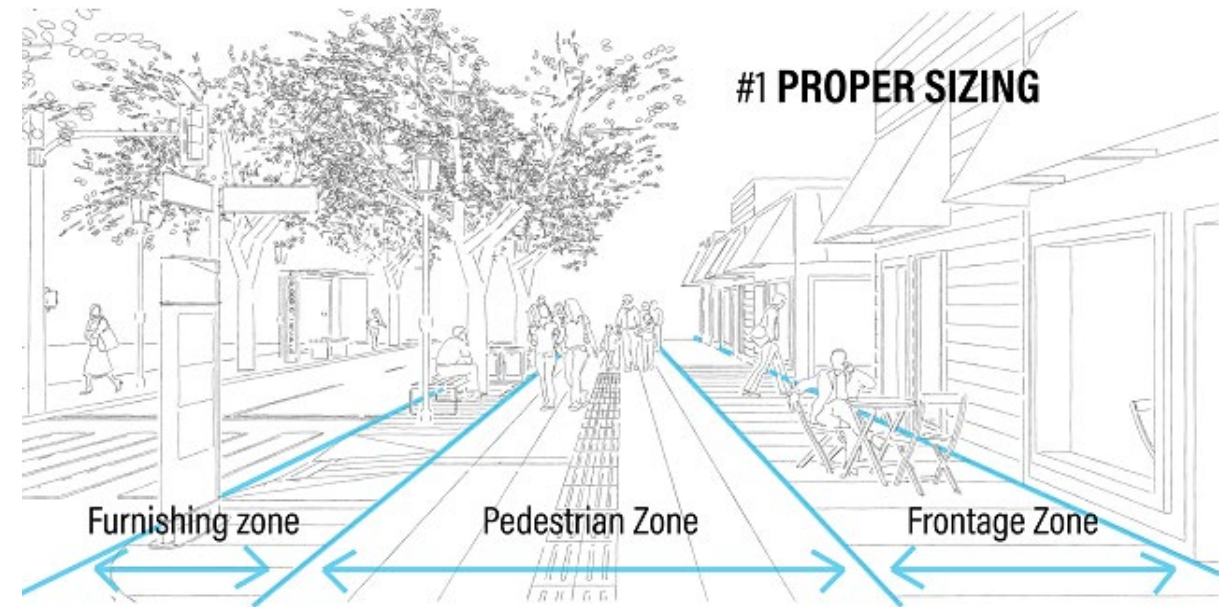
Special Road Fund (SRF) projects are limited to roads that provide access to and/or are within recreational, tourist, and historical areas.

The maximum NDDOT contribution will be limited to 60 percent, with the financial participation amount limited to \$300,000.



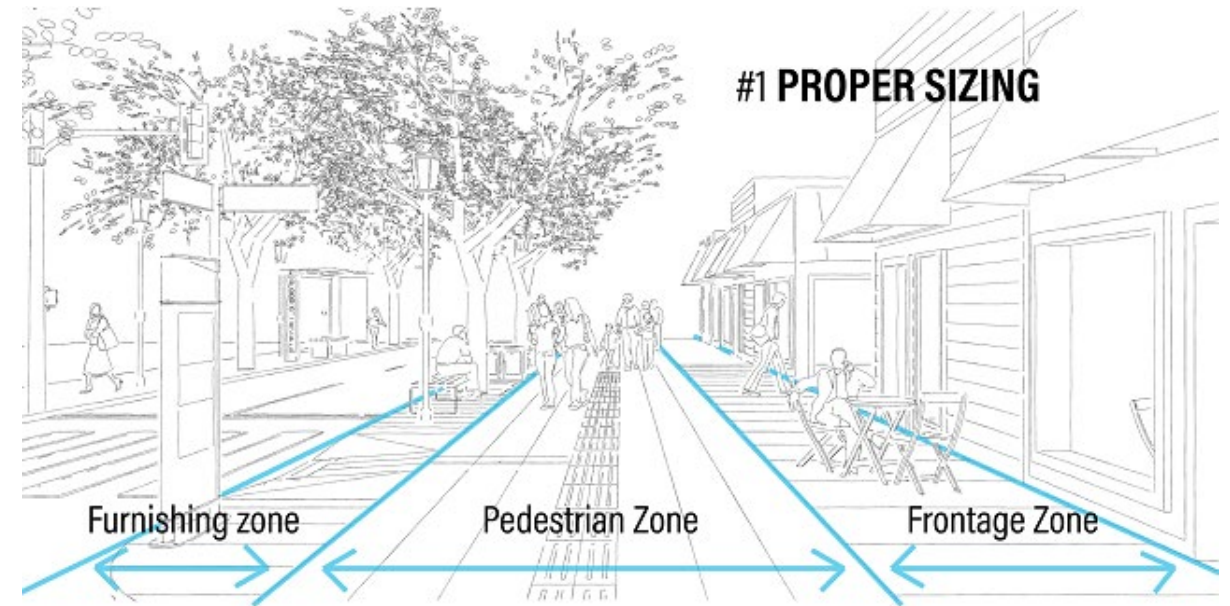
RURAL COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (RCEP)

(NEW) **Rural Community Enhancement Program (RCEP)** - Transportation enhancements to projects on state highways through North Dakota communities with a population of less than 5,000. The enhancements will be included with roadway projects and about \$2 million annually will be available for standalone projects.



RURAL COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (RCEP). . .CONTINUED

(NEW) **Rural Community Enhancement Program (RCEP)** - These standalone project cities will be identified by Department of Commerce and will relate to completed planning studies. This is federal aid funding so these projects must be on a federal aid route and the work must qualify for federal funding.



HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP)

This program makes \$8 million available annually for local public agencies to address highway traffic safety issues. This is federal aid funding so these projects must qualify for federal funding and be consistent with the state Vision Zero Plan. NDDOT does an annual fall solicitation for qualifying projects.

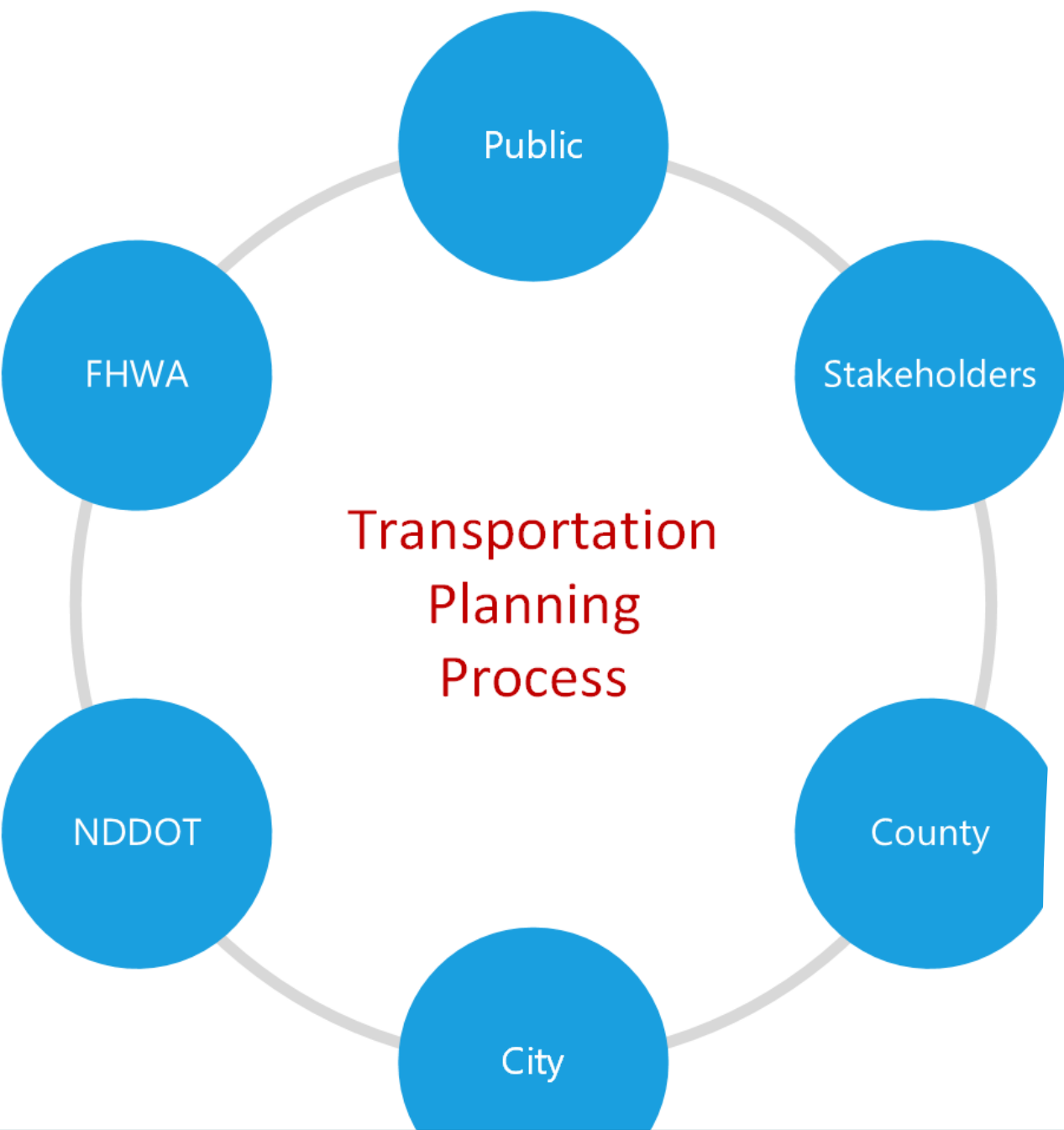




Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Goal of HSIP:

Achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads through implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.



STATE PLANNING & RESEARCH (SPR), LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Federal funding for local transportation planning:

- Long Range Transportation Plans, Transit Plans, Corridor Studies
- Approximately \$450,000 in federal funding annually
- Eligible entities are non-MPO cities over 5,000 and counties
- 80% federal funding with 20% local match
- NDDOT does an annual solicitation for qualifying projects.



QUESTIONS?

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