Alabama Transportation Funding Guide

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GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

In this document you will find information regarding state and federal programs that provide transportation project funding of interest to local governments and other entities. This information is intended to serve as a guide for preliminary funding searches. For more detail, we encourage you to contact the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) local transportation bureau listed for each program.
# HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS PROGRAM

High risk rural roads are defined as those roadways that are functionally classified as rural major collectors, rural minor collectors, or rural local roads with a fatal and incapacitating injury crash rate above the statewide average for those functional classes of roadway, or likely to experience an increase in traffic volume that leads to a fatal and incapacitating injury crash rate in excess of the average statewide rate. The High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP) is intended to help reduce high fatal and incapacitating injury crash rates by alleviating safety deficiencies on rural roads.

## ELIGIBILITY:

Projects must be located on a Rural Major Collector, Rural Minor Collector, or Rural Local Road and must be located outside of an urbanized area as defined by the U.S. Census. Any local public government agency, county or municipality, is eligible to sponsor a project application. Eligible project types include:

1. General Safety Projects - to reduce the number and severity of crashes on rural roads by improving or eliminating identified safety issues.
2. Unshielded Bridge Ends – installation of standard bridge end treatments at all bridge structures, including culverts that currently do not have bridge end treatments to reduce the severity of crashes.
3. Traffic Control Devices – improvement of traffic control devices at specific locations with the goal of reducing crash rates on rural roadways.

Project must be selected and approved by the HRRRP Committee, consisting of representatives from ALDOT Local Transportation Bureau, ALDOT Design Bureau – Traffic & Safety Operations Section, and the Alabama Division of the FHWA. All HRRR projects will follow the Local Transportation Procedural Guidelines for Federal Aid Projects (Section 4).

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBD

Applications shall be submitted to: HRRRP Project Application
ATTN: James Boyer, P.E.
1409 Coliseum Blvd
Montgomery, AL 36110

A copy of the application shall be submitted to the ALDOT Area Local Transportation Engineer.

## PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL FY 2021: $4.125M

Projects shall have a “soft” maximum of $100,000 in Federal-Aid per selected project. HRRRP projects shall have a 90% Federal and 10% Local split. Federal-Aid funding will be in the amount of 90% of the bid price. Any contract overruns will be the responsibility of the local governmental agency.

## ALLOWABLE WORK PHASES:

Due to the time constraints for authorization of HRRR funding, projects involving right-of-way acquisition and will not be eligible. Projects that require utility relocation will only be eligible as part of the contract let through State Services and cost breakdowns should be included in the application. Force account procedures will not be allowed for projects involving utility relocation.

## MORE INFORMATION:

## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

This program is a cost reimbursement program, therefore is not a grant. This means, once the sponsor is issued a notice to proceed, the sponsor must pay 100% project expenses and request reimbursement for 80% of eligible expenditures from the ALDOT.

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Half of the TAP funds are suballocated to areas with populations over 200,000 as defined by the U.S. Census and will be awarded and administered by the respective MPO. The remaining half is available for use in any other area of the State to be awarded and administered by ALDOT. Due to the limited availability of funds, only one project application may be submitted by an eligible sponsor per year.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBD

Applications shall be submitted to:

TAP Project Application  
ATTN: James Boyer, P.E.  
1409 Coliseum Blvd  
Montgomery, AL 36110

### TIMELINE OF PROJECT PLAN SUBMITTAL:

- **a.** Funding Agreement Execution by Sponsor: 3 months from ALDOT making the funding agreement available.
- **b.** Obtain Environmental Clearances/Permits/Right-of-Way: 1 year from project award.
- **c.** Project/Specification/Estimate (PS&E) Review to Region: 18 months from project award
- **d.** Final Plans/Certifications/Estimate (Ready for FHWA authorization) to Region: 2 years from project award.

### PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL: $13M – $15M

The total amount of Federal participating funding for each project application is limited to $800,000. The project amount is divided into 80% Federal and a 20% local match. The total project estimated costs may exceed the limit, but any amounts in excess will be the responsibility of the sponsor.

### ALLOWABLE WORK PHASES:

The sponsor will be responsible for the cost of required preliminary engineering. Projects shall only occur on property owned by the sponsor. Applications involving right-of-way acquisition, utility easements, or utility relocations will generally not be considered.

### MORE INFORMATION:

[https://www.transportation.gov/fastact](https://www.transportation.gov/fastact)
**ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - II**

ATRIP-II is an ALDOT administered transportation infrastructure grant program for projects of local interest created in the Rebuild Alabama Act of 2019.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Any local public agency, county or municipality, is eligible to submit an application. A sponsoring local government agency may not submit more than one project application per fiscal year. Project applications may be submitted for improvements to any state-maintained highway system, which may include local roads and bridges essential to such projects. Projects should be for public use and benefit the traveling public at large.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBD**

Applications shall be submitted to: ATRIP-II Project Application
ATTN: James Boyer, P.E.
1409 Coliseum Blvd
Montgomery, AL 36110

Applications may be submitted jointly for projects of interest to more than one local government, and this shall be deemed as the eligible project for each sponsoring agency.

**TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUIRED:**

Applications will be accepted and reviewed by ALDOT for compliance with program requirements and guidelines prior to final identification by the ATRIP-II Committee for project funding. ATRIP-II funded projects will be bid and let to contract by ALDOT in accordance with applicable state laws. Eligibility and constructability of all proposed project activities and work phases will be evaluated by ALDOT prior to final consideration by the ATRIP-II Committee for funding.

**PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL: $30M**

The maximum funding to be provided to an individual project in FY 2020 shall be $2M. Local or other funding sources to supplement ATRIP-II funds is not required, but projects containing a commitment to provide supplemental funding may be given favorable consideration by the ATRIP-II Committee.

**ALLOWABLE WORK PHASES:**

Right-of-way acquisition may be an eligible phase of work and will be reviewed on a case by case basis and shall be included in the application. Utility easements on the property of another entity shall be included in the application. Utility relocation is not an eligible phase of work for ATRIP-II funding. Preliminary engineering shall be administered by ALDOT as an eligible phase of work for funding.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

### REBUILD ALABAMA ACT ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAM

The Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) Annual Grant Program is an ALDOT administered transportation infrastructure grant program for projects of local interest created in the Rebuild Alabama Act of 2019.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Any local public agency, county or municipality, is eligible to submit an application. Project applications may be submitted for improvements to any classified road or bridge that is open to public traffic.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBD

Applications shall be submitted to:

TAP Project Application  
ATTN: James Boyer, P.E.  
1409 Coliseum Blvd  
Montgomery, AL 36110

A sponsoring agency may only submit one project application per application cycle. Each county and municipality will be viewed as an individual sponsor, any application submitted by multiple sponsor will be deemed as the eligible submission for all sponsors.

#### PROGRAM’S ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL: $10M

The maximum funding to be provided to an individual project in FY 2020 shall be $250,000.

#### ALLOWABLE WORK PHASES:

Program funding is only available for eligible construction activities. No preliminary engineering, right-of-way, utility relocation, construction engineering and inspection or materials testing costs will be eligible.

#### MORE INFORMATION:

[https://www.dot.state.al.us/RAgrantprogram/index.html](https://www.dot.state.al.us/RAgrantprogram/index.html)