

Wayne County Local Partnering Initiative for Township Roads

The Wayne County Department of Public Services (DPS) will make available a pool of funds to repair, resurface or reconstruct existing local township residential zoned roads under Wayne County’s jurisdiction. The Local Partnering Initiative funding pool will be available to fund projects starting in the County’s fiscal year 2014-15.

Funding Availability

The Wayne County DPS will make available \$14,000,000 to fund this Initiative through fiscal year 2015-16. In fiscal year 2014-15, one half of the total amount of the Initiative (\$7,000,000) will be available to fund projects in each Wayne County township. In fiscal year 2015-16, the remaining half (\$7,000,000) will be available to fund projects in each Wayne County township. The Initiative will be a reimbursement based program. To qualify for project cost reimbursement, a Wayne County township must match at least 20% of the total cost of a project with local funding. Wayne County will fund up to 80% of project costs capped at the amount available for each township to utilize through the Initiative. Equitable funding allocations will be based on township population according to the following scale:

Population	Annual Initiative Amount
85,000 +	\$ 1,500,000
65,000 to 84,999	\$ 1,250,000
45,000 to 64,999	\$ 1,000,000
25,000 to 44,999	\$ 750,000
5000 to 24,999	\$ 500,000
Under 5000	\$ 250,000

Population figures will be based on the most current population estimates published by SEMCOG. Under SEMCOG’s 2014 published population reports, projects in each Wayne County township in fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 will be eligible for the following amounts in each of those fiscal years:

Community	Population	Annual Initiative Amount
Canton Township	92,610	\$ 1,500,000
Redford Township	47,166	\$ 1,000,000
Northville Twp	30,582	\$ 750,000
Brownstown Twp	30,257	\$ 750,000
Van Buren Twp	28,984	\$ 750,000
Plymouth Township	27,166	\$ 750,000
Huron Township	15,467	\$ 500,000
Grosse Ile Twp	10,422	\$ 500,000
Sumpter Township	9,481	\$ 500,000

This Initiative will end after 2015-16 and no funding commitments under this program will extend beyond fiscal year 2015-16.

Project Eligibility

The Initiative shall be used to fund projects to repair, resurface or reconstruct existing residentially zoned roads in townships that are under Wayne County's jurisdiction and are either not eligible to receive federal aid funding or are determined by Wayne County to be federal aid challenged. Federal aid challenged roads are roads that are technically eligible for federal aid funding, but will likely never be chosen for federal funding due to factors like low traffic counts, right of way constraints, lane width restrictions, etc.

Applicant Eligibility

Wayne County townships are eligible to apply.

Local Match Requirement

Projects must have at least a 20% local funding match commitment from the township to be considered. The township's local match may consist of local funding sources including township funds, in-kind services (for example, design engineering) and private sources such as homeowner association contributions. The value of the township's in-kind contribution shall be determined by agreement with the County prior to approval of the township's Initiative project application. The County's permit, inspection and plan review fees shall be waived for Initiative projects, and shall not be credited against a match.

Design and Construction

Design of the project must be performed by a qualified engineer. Construction of the project must be performed by a qualified contractor engaged and paid for by the township. Contracts for all work will be bid and awarded by the township, with agreement executed between the township and the contractor, with copy supplied to Wayne County DPS. All design and construction work must be approved, permitted, and inspected by the Wayne County Department of Public Services, Engineering Division.

Application Process

By November 30 of the year before the proposed construction year and township's Initiative eligibility year, written proposals from the township should be sent to:

Wayne County Department of Public Services
Local Roads Initiative Program
Engineering Division
400 Monroe, Suite 300
Detroit, MI 48226

Proposals must include a detailed scope of the project, engineer's estimate and a statement certifying that the township has or can secure the funding required to pay for the entire cost of the project up-front with County reimbursement of agreed to costs up to the amount of the Initiative award being made after work is performed.

The proposal should acknowledge that the township's selected contractor must comply with Wayne County permit requirements which will require the contractor to be insured and may require the contractor to provide security in the form of a cash bond or irrevocable bank letter of credit.

Selection

Based on township recommendation and project feasibility, Wayne County will make final project selections and will send an Initiative award notice to the township by December 31. Upon receiving approval from Wayne County DPS, a project shall require an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the township and Wayne County to formalize project requirements, responsibilities, costs and reimbursement terms. Project Initiative awards will be deemed final once the Wayne County Commission approves the IGA between the township and the County. The only agreement between the township and Wayne County will be the approved IGA, and this statement of policy does not constitute an agreement. In cases of different interpretation, the approved IGA will control.

Commission Approval and Reimbursement

Wayne County will not provide funds in advance of project completion, but will reimburse the township for project costs up to the amount approved in the Initiative award and IGA. Final project funding is dependent on the Wayne County Commission approving the IGA. No work shall commence until the IGA is approved. After project completion, the township shall timely submit invoices, waivers of lien and other required documentation. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of county commitment included in the IGA. If the IGA is rejected by the Wayne County Commission, the project will be null and void.

Unused Funds

In the event a township does not apply for a project under this initiative or fails to submit a project that meets eligibility requirements, or the proposed IGA does not receive County Commission approval, or the total amount for projects available in a township is not fully utilized, Wayne County DPS may, in its discretion, undertake a road improvement project in that township which meets the project eligibility requirement of this initiative utilizing the remaining funding of the amount available for projects in the township for that fiscal year.