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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY MATCHING GRANT PROJECTS



This is your last chance to apply for up to \$1.5 million in Community Crossing Matching Grants (CCMG) grants in 2024. Don't delay! The second Call for Projects in the 2024 CCMG program closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31.

The last call for 2024 CCMG grants is out and should be more competitive as the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), which oversees the program, increased the maximum award amount from \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

Indiana cities, towns and counties applying for the grant will need, however, to update their required Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and have it approved from the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). CCMG applicants must also comply with the Title VI and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) nondiscrimination and accessibility requirements.

In April, 252 Indiana cities, towns, and counties received a total of \$207.3 million in state grants for local road projects through the Community Crossings program.

The City of Rushville recently completed CCMG projects for the third phase of the 8th Street Reconstruction and the Hunt Road Culvert.

Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V) is currently assisting Rushville with its application to fund the first phase of the 5th Street Reconstruction this coming July.

The 5th Street Reconstruction project will span from its west dead end to Harrison Street and has been broken into two phases to keep the costs affordable through the CCMG program. The overall project is 1,920-feet (0.36 mile). Along with the reconstruction of the road, F&V's design includes

new ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, concrete curb and gutter, and storm sewer. The project also includes replacement of the watermain along the length of the project.

The Community Crossings initiative has provided funding to cities, towns, and counties to improve local roads and bridges since 2016.

For smaller communities like Rushville, with a population less than 10,000, and counties with populations under 50,000, funds can be obtained with a 75/25% match. Larger municipalities are eligible for a 50/50% matching grant.

"The matching grant percent adjustment, made back in 2017, has allowed us to get the most leverage for our limited funds," said Mike Pavey, Rushville's mayor. "This program has been critical for rural communities to expand new needs and maintain our road surfaces."

INDOT requires a comprehensive community-wide evaluation of your road network to determine necessary improvements over the next five years.

The TAMP should be risk-based and include:

- A summary of the community's pavement and bridge assets and their conditions
- Objectives and measures for asset management
- Identification of performance gaps
- Analysis of lifecycle costs and risk management
- A financial plan and investment strategies

F&V recommends communities assess underground assets in the right-of-way before road projects to minimize future disruptions. Sewer and Water Asset Management Plans and ADA Transition Plans should also be completed concurrently and considered when prioritizing road paving. Storm sewers, ditch reconstruction, and pipe replacements aimed at improving drainage are eligible under the CCMG, tied to specific road resurfacing or reconstruction projects.

Since its inception, F&V has supported numerous communities through the CCMG program. Given the time required to complete applications, prompt action is recommended. For assistance with your grant application or funding strategies, contact Tom Cicero at 800.494.5202 or tcicero@fveng.com.

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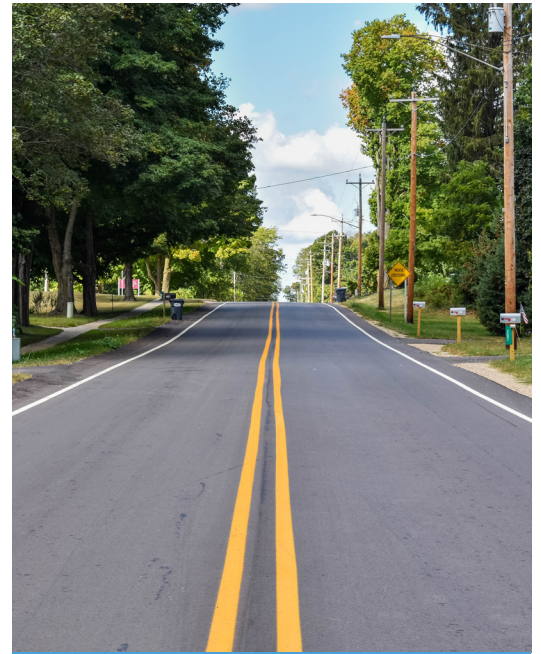
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