

Dear [Potential Sponsor]:

The Governor's 5-year Capital Program continues the BRIDGE NY Program at an increased funding level of \$200M per year. This letter announces the availability of funding and makes you aware of key aspects of the BRIDGE NY program.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is implementing the BRIDGE NY Program through the existing capital program planning process, not the statewide solicitation used in recent years. This approach will continue to use many, but not all, of the elements of the prior BRIDGE NY Program process.

Eligible sponsors remain the same and include any city, county, town, village, or other political subdivision, including tribal nations/governments, authorized to receive and administer State and Federal Transportation funding. The program remains intended to focus on locally owned structures.

Eligible projects continue to include bridges and culverts on public highways carrying vehicular traffic, with bridges to follow the Federal-aid process and culverts following the State-aid process. Funding continues to be split within four general areas of the state including Upstate, Hudson Valley, Long Island and New York City (NYC).

NYSDOT anticipates three quarters of annual funding levels (\$150M/year) will be allocated to bridges, and the balance (\$50M/year) to culverts. This round of BRIDGE NY will initiate projects for two and a half years of the 5-years of available funding for the Upstate and Hudson Valley areas. In these two areas, bridge funding levels will be set for each county based on the extent and condition of local bridges in each county. Bridge funding levels for the NYC and Long Island areas will be allocated by NYSDOT Region, with project selections to begin for the full 5-years of available funding. Bridge funding for BRIDGE NY will rely largely on the federal Bridge Formula Program. This funding source has a significant requirement to fund 'Off-System Bridges', or bridges that carry highways that are not on the federal aid system. It is anticipated that nearly two thirds of the selected Upstate and Hudson Valley projects will be required to be such structures.

Two and a half years of culvert funding levels will be similarly allocated by NYSDOT Regions across the state, with funding based on a combination of the past rounds of culvert applications and the extent and condition of local bridges in each Region.

Project scoring continues to rely on review teams comprised of a mix of NYSDOT staff and government sponsors. Local government volunteers are welcome and encouraged to express interest with your respective NYSDOT regions.

This program continues to largely use the same scoring criteria categories used in past rounds, and Regions have the choice to use the same type of PDF format application shell to collect consistent project information. The primary change relative to past rounds is that there will no longer be a formal pre-review process for applications. This is anticipated to significantly accelerate the process.

Your NYSDOT Regional planning group and/or Metropolitan Planning Organization will be reaching out to share additional details and to initiate the project selection process. Please direct questions to the email addresses listed below. Additional information can also be found at the following site:
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/BRIDGENY>.

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Region 06 - Hornell	R06.BNY@dot.ny.gov
Region 07 - Watertown	R07.BNY@dot.ny.gov
Region 08 - Poughkeepsie	R08.BNY@dot.ny.gov
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