



Department of Transportation

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**RE: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT)
BRIDGE NY & CULVERT NY PROGRAMS**

Dear Transportation Partner,

The Governor's 5-year Capital Program continues the BRIDGE/CULVERT NY Program at a funding level of \$200M per year. This letter announces the availability of funding and makes you aware of key aspects of the Bridge NY & Culvert NY programs.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is again implementing the Bridge NY Program through the existing capital program planning 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.

Similar to the call for projects that occurred last year, bridge target funding levels will be set for each county based on the extent and condition of local bridges in each county. 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 just over half of the selected Upstate and Hudson Valley projects will be required to be such structures. Similarly, culvert funding will be 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.

While the <https://www.dot.ny.gov/BRIDGENY> webpage contains a project application form, both the Capital Region Transportation Council and the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council (AGFTC) will be issuing their own "call for projects". Both MPOs will be requesting candidate BRIDGE projects utilizing a modified version of their traditional capital program update format. It is anticipated that these "calls for projects" will occur over the next couple of weeks and will include application deadline information. So, for potential BRIDGE projects in either MPO area, please **DO NOT USE** the application from the NYSDOT webpage.

For potential BRIDGE projects in Greene and Essex Counties, please **DO USE** the application form found at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/BRIDGENY>. These applications will be due to R01.BNY@dot.ny.gov by 6:00PM on FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th 2024.

For ALL CULVERT candidate projects in NYSDOT Region1 (Albany, Essex, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties), please **DO USE** the application form found at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/BRIDGENY>. These applications will be due to R01.BNY@dot.ny.gov by 6:00PM on FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th 2024.

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 participate in candidate reviews. Please reach out to me if you are interested in participating on a review team.

This program continues to primarily use the same scoring criteria categories used in past rounds and will utilize a simplified PDF format application shell to collect consistent project information. There will again be no formal pre-review process for applications.

Please consider this notification a formal “call for candidate projects”. For program consistency, we are asking that comments or questions be directed to the following email address: R01.BNY@dot.ny.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Rice', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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