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Dear [Potential Sponsor]:

The Governor's 5-year Capital Program continues the BRIDGE 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 program.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is implementing the Bridge NY Program through the existing capital program planning process. This approach will continue to use the elements of the prior BRIDGE NY 2022 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. Bridge funding will be split within three general areas of the state including Upstate, Hudson Valley, and New York City (NYC). Culvert funding will be split within three general areas of the state including Upstate, Hudson Valley, and Long Island (LI).

NYSDOT announced 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 the remaining 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 area will reflect the amount of remaining funding not utilized in the prior round. 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.

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

Project assessment continues to rely on assessment 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 assessment categories used in the past round, and Regions will utilize the same type of PDF format application shell to collect consistent project information. As in the past round, there will not be a formal pre-review process for applications. This is anticipated to significantly accelerate the process.

Application Submission Process is summarized below:

- Bridges in MPO areas: please contact your MPO for submission instructions and details. MPO bridge deadlines may differ from those listed here or on [BNY website](#);
- Bridges outside of MPO areas: refer to the materials on [BNY website](#) and apply through NYSDOT, using email addresses below. Bridge candidate submission deadline is January 26, 2024; and
- For all culverts: utilize the information on [BNY website](#) and apply through NYSDOT per the guidance using email addresses below. Culvert candidate submission deadline is January 19, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

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Region 05 - Buffalo	R05.BNY@dot.ny.gov
Region 06 - Hornell	R06.BNY@dot.ny.gov
Region 07 - Watertown	R07.BNY@dot.ny.gov
Region 08 - Poughkeepsie	R08.BNY@dot.ny.gov
Region 09 - Binghamton	R09.BNY@dot.ny.gov
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