

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program (BFPF)

Statute: [§ 85.024](#) **Admin. Rule:** N/A

Program objective:

To construct or plan for bicycle or bicycle/pedestrian facility projects. The statutory language specifically excludes pedestrian-only facilities, such as sidewalks, and streetscaping type projects.

Program eligibility:

Projects must meet federal and state requirements. Local governments with taxing authority and Indian Tribal Nations are eligible for funding. State agencies are not eligible for this program. Projects costing \$200,000 or more that involve construction are eligible for funding, as are bicycle and pedestrian planning projects costing \$50,000 or more. Additionally, the project must be usable when it is completed and not staged so that additional money is needed to make it a useful project. A project sponsor must pay for a project and then seek reimbursement for the project from the state. Federal funds will provide up to 80% of project costs, while the sponsor must provide at least the other 20%.

Application cycle:

Projects are typically solicited in even numbered years. Two to three years of funding is made available to projects for the three to four fiscal years following the calendar year in which projects are selected. For example, in 2010 projects are developed for FY 2011-2014 funding. Funding for the BFPF program is on a competitive basis with a committee ranking projects and making funding recommendations to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary.

Note: Because of the similarities between the BFPF and the Transportation Enhancements (TE) program objectives and eligibility criteria, applications and funding for both programs are undertaken together.

Annual Federal and State Amounts Appropriated:

Funding for the BFPF program began in year two of the 2007-09 state budget in the amount of \$2.72 million federal funding per year. The 2011-2013 state biennial budget added \$1 million in federal funding.

Annual Federal Amount Appropriated: \$3,720,000

Annual State Amount Appropriated: \$0

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