

Surface Transportation Rural Program (STP-Rural, STP-R)

Statute: Federal Aid: state and local funds: [§84.03](#) **Admin. Rule:** N/A

Program objective:

The objective of the STP-Rural Program is to improve federal aid eligible highways outside of urban areas (primarily county trunk highways).

Program eligibility:

The STP-Rural Program provides funding to improvement roads and streets in rural areas functionally classified as principal arterial, minor arterial or major collector. Rural minor collectors are no longer eligible for federal STP-Rural Program funds under the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Program definition:

Federal funding is provided for a wide range of transportation-related activities, including projects on higher function local roads not on the State Trunk Highway system, and local safety improvements. The program is funded through SAFETEA-LU.

Program description:

The STP-Rural Program allocates federal funds to complete a variety of improvements to rural highways (primarily county highways).

Program history:

Federal-aid highway programs that directed funding to local governments before enactment of ISTEA had well-established formulas that allocated funding based on population and mileage criteria. ISTEA eliminated these programs beginning in FY 92 and replaced them with programs that can be used to fund a broader mix of projects.

Application cycle:

WisDOT District Offices solicit STP-Rural projects in spring of the odd numbered years, with the approval in the summer of the odd numbered years. The 2009-2012 Program is currently in effect and WisDOT Regional Offices will be soliciting projects for the 2011-2014 program cycle in Spring 2009.

Amount Programmed for the 2009 to 2012 Program Cycle: Total Chapter 20 Funds for the STP-Rural Program are \$29,375,120.

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