

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Nebraska Department of Transportation
**County Bridge Match
Program**

What is the County Bridge Match Program (CBMP)?

The Nebraska Department of Transportation County Bridge Match Program (CBMP) provides funding to counties for the innovative replacement and repair of Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges. For an overview of the program and selection criteria, please review the Transportation Innovation Act County Bridge Match Program Selection Criteria at the following link: <https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/tia/bridge-match/>

Funding Distribution Amount and Method

This Request for Proposals will distribute \$5.0 million for replacement and repair of SD county bridges. Funding will be distributed in proportion to the SD bridges in the respective NACO Districts.

NACO District	% Structurally Deficient	Funds Available (up to)
Southeast	40%-45%	\$2,250,000
Northeast	25%-30%	\$1,400,000
Central	15%-20%	\$1,000,000
West Central	5%-10%	\$450,000
Panhandle	2%-5%	\$250,000

Proposal Caps and Application Requirements

Counties may submit one or more of each of the following:

- Single bridge proposal - \$250,000 max of CBMP funds
 - Counties submitting more than one single bridge proposal shall prioritize their proposals.
- Multi-Bridge Single-county proposal - \$300,000 max of CBMP funds for total proposal
- Multi Bridge Multi County proposal - \$750,000 max of CBMP funds for total proposal. \$250,000 max of CBMP funds per bridge. \$300,000 max of CBMP funds per county.
 - If counties are in different NACO districts, funds will be used from each of the appropriate Districts.
 - Only one county will submit the application for Multi County proposals.

For selected proposals of bridges/culverts built with county forces, the county must submit the following three items for the construction of the new or repaired bridges: material invoices, equipment costs, and labor costs. County will receive 55% of the bridge construction cost (total of the three items above), up to \$250,000 for any one bridge. The other multi bridge maximum CBMP funding restrictions apply.

What types of proposals are eligible to apply for CBMP funds?

Bridges must meet the following eligibility requirements.

1. Structurally deficient – as reported in the Nebraska Bridge Inventory Data on August 26, 2016, October 5, 2020, and October 6, of 2022.
2. Bridge sized structure (shown in the NBI – greater than 20 feet in length)
3. Located on a roadway classified as a Local Road or above (in the State Functional Classification)
 - a. No Min Maintenance Roads (SD Bridges on Min Maintenance Roads may be eligible for removal)
4. Bridges that have not been advertised for bids for construction.

Project Selection Criteria

Criteria	Examples that could be considered for scoring	Weight
Innovation	Unique ideas, partnerships/bundling, eliminate redundant	20%
Cost or Time Savings	Savings during construction, long term savings, construction with county forces	5%
Sustainability or Transferability of Innovation	Easy to transfer, simplicity, can be used in multiple locations	10%
Long Term Maintenance Savings	New technology or materials, corrosion resistance, low maintenance, ease of preservation	5%
Project Significance/Risk	Importance of bridge, community impact	20%
Needs	Formula based on percentage of structural deficient bridges	20%
Equity	Formula based on number of previous selected projects	20%

Design Requirements

All bridges shall include approved bridge rails (TL-2 or TL-3) and approach guardrail with appropriate anchorages and terminations. An example is in the research report “Development and Testing of a Bridge Rail for Low-Volume Roads” by the Midwest Roadside Safety Facility dated September 3, 2020. <https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/114049/trp-03-407-20-final-report.pdf>

Application Process

- Step 1: Counties to complete the Application Form; located at <https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/tia/bridge-match/> and submit to NDOT prior to the Close of Business on December 9, 2022.
- Step 2: NDOT will review applications for eligibility and completeness.
- Step 3: NDOT’s Selection Committee will review and score the project applications.
- Step 4: NDOT will notify counties that have been selected with a successful application by January 13, 2023. (Successful applications will be listed online)
- Step 5: NDOT and county will enter into a Program Agreement for funding the selected proposal.
- Step 6: Selected proposals must be constructed by end of December 31, 2026 to remain eligible for CBMP funding.

Schedule

Request for proposals published:	October 14, 2022
Proposals due:	December 9, 2022
Announcement of selected proposals:	January 13, 2023

Contact Information

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