



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGRI BUSINESS ACCESS GRANT FACT SHEET

WHAT

The Department of Transportation Agri-Business Access Grants Program is a means for local governments to address road needs associated with new agri-business, such as ethanol plants, large scale elevators, etc. In many cases, these new agri-businesses create additional truck traffic that an existing road may not be built to take. Each fiscal year the state Transportation Commission allocates \$1.0 million in state highway funds for this program.

- Grants apply to construction of roads meeting minimum program criteria and serving as primary access to an agriculture related businesses.
- The state provides sixty percent of the project costs on a reimbursement basis.
- State participation is limited to roads totaling one mile or less in length.
- The community is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs and design and construction engineering costs.
- The community is responsible to let the project to bid.

WHO

A local unit of government (city, town, township, county, or tribe) may file an application with the Secretary of Transportation. Applications are reviewed by the Office of Local Transportation Programs based on the following criteria

- Commitment for the start of actual construction of the industrial or economic development facility within six months of the date of commission approval; or
- Evidence that new construction or expansion of an industrial or economic development facility that meets other program criteria has been documented within the past year and that previous grants have not been obtained based on the same justification;
- Planning and consideration was given to location based on its impact to the current infrastructure (i.e., roads, bridges, water, sanitary sewer, etc.);
- A minimum of five (5) new jobs will be created by the industrial or economical development; and
- There is a minimum committed capital investment of at least five (5) times the required state participation costs.

WHEN

Grant applications are accepted continuously. The applications are reviewed by the Office of Local Transportation Programs and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Applications then go before the Transportation Commission for final approval.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are available through the Office of Local Transportation Programs in the Department of Transportation. For a copy of the policy and application forms, call (605) 773-3574, or check out our website at sddot.com under "Forms".