

## **Q1. Where can I find more information regarding the Township Stimulus Program?**

A1. The program has its own website on ODOT's Office of Local Programs Funding Opportunities page. Interested parties can access the page directly by visiting [Township Stimulus Program | Ohio Department of Transportation](#) or by going to [Ohio Department of Transportation | Ohio.gov](#) and searching "Township Stimulus Program".

## **Q2. When may an applicant apply for funding?**

A2. Applications are accepted starting August 1, 2021 and are due by the end of the day on November 19, 2021.

## **Q3. How do I apply for funding?**

A3. The application is an on-line application and a link will be made available on the aforementioned website starting August 1, 2021. Applicants will complete the application, upload any attachments and then hit the 'Submit' button to send the application to the Program Manager.

## **Q4. If I don't know the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) how can I obtain that information?**

A4. There are several ways to get the AADT or a very good estimate of it. Your MPO or RTPO can help obtain the data. A consultant could be hired to get the data. A manual count can be done whereby someone counts the traffic during several days and times (both on and off-peak hours) to get an estimate of the AADT.

## **Q5. How can I obtain the number of users for sidewalk projects?**

A5. The manual count mentioned in A4 could be used as well for the number of pedestrians and/or bicyclists that utilize the sidewalks. Our LTAP office also has a counter available through their Equipment Loan Program. More information on this program can be found at [Equipment Loan Program | Ohio Department of Transportation](#).

## **Q6. If my culvert does not have a sufficiency rating or a culvert condition rating, how do I get a value for these items?**

A6. ODOT has a wonderful contact within the Office of Structural Engineering who helps our local public agencies out tremendously with bridge conditions and needed courses of action. Omar Abu-Hajar has agreed to be our contact with this program as well and help any townships get the requested data for their culverts. Omar will need adequate pictures of the structure to determine the condition. There is also a form on the Township Stimulus Website requesting information to determine a sufficiency rating. He will review and provide the values for the culvert condition rating and the sufficiency rating to complete the application.

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## **Q7. Does the asset have to be the maintenance responsibility of the township?**

A7. Yes, since this money is specifically for townships.

**Q8. Can a township collaborate with a county or city to combine projects to create a larger project?**

A8. Yes, townships can collaborate with other local public agencies to create a larger and/or more complete project. However, the Township Stimulus funds can only be used on the portion of the project within township limits and maintained by the township. Portions of the project that are not eligible for this funding will have to utilize other sources of funding.

**Q9. Can the Township Stimulus Funds be used as a match to other funding?**

A9. No, these funds cannot be used as a match for any other source of funding.

**Q10. Do I self-score the application or will ODOT score the application?**

A10. The Program Manager will score the applications. The applicant just needs to supply the requested information.

**Q11. If a Pavement Condition Rating is not available in TIMS, how do I get this?**

A11. If the PCR is not in TIMS, the township should work with their county engineer, district, MPO or RTPO to decide the value and provide a reasonable explanation as to the value.

**Q12. My township itself is not in a Qualified Opportunity Zone but is bordered by local public agencies that are. Will this be considered in the scoring?**

A12. No. The township itself must be wholly or partially within a Qualified Opportunity Zone.

**Q13. Are parking lots and driveways eligible for funding?**

A13. No, parking lots and driveways are unfortunately not eligible for this funding.

**Q14. I have a sidewalk project but some of the sidewalk needing repaired is the responsibility of the township and some is the responsibility of individual homeowners. Can these funds be used to replace the sidewalk of the individual homeowners?**

A14. Unfortunately, not. Any asset, including sidewalks, that is not the maintenance responsibility of the township is not eligible for this funding. It might be beneficial to work with the homeowners as part of a larger project to try to obtain better quotes for all involved.

**Q15. For projects competitively bid, will state Prevailing wages apply?**

A15. Yes, prevailing wages will apply in accordance with Section 4115 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Q16. Is preference given to those who submit their applications first?**

A16. No, all applications will be evaluated at the same time at the end of the solicitation cycle.

**Q17. Can I apply for multiple projects on the same application?**

A17. Pavement marking, guardrail and chip/seal projects can have combined locations within the same application as these work types tend to cover a lot of locations while maintaining a relatively low dollar amount. All other projects need to have their own application submitted. For example, if you were thinking of resurfacing two different roads, each roadway segment would need its own application submitted. Each proposed project needs to stand on its own in terms of scoring and merit.