Federal, State, and Local Funding and Assistance Programs

Iowa DOT
Office of Local Systems
Horizontal Curve Sign Program (HCSP)

Program is done! Replaced with the Sign Replacement Program (SRPFCC)
Sign Replacement Program for Cities and Counties (SRPFCC)

- Funding to purchase REPLACEMENT signs, posts, and hardware (no labor)
- Most warning and regulatory signs eligible (list on website)
- Max $10,000 per county, per year
- Up to $1,000 per year can be used for chevron post reflectors
- Information can be found at: https://iowadot.gov/traffic/traffic-and-safety-programs/sign-replacement-program
County/ Urban-State Traffic Engineering Program (C-Step & U-Step)

- Purpose: Solve traffic operation and safety problems on primary roads
  - County or city must administer the project
  - Spot or Linear improvements
    - 55% State share
    - 45% Local match
    - CSTEP Linear improvements are 40% or 70%
  - Letters of request accepted all year

Contact your DOT District Engineer for additional information
HSIP Secondary Program (HSIP-S)

Targets lane-departure & intersection crashes
- Emphasizes low-cost, systemic improvements
- Proactive approach – doesn’t require crash history or b/c analysis
- Depending on project type and paved top width, funding stipulations may include:
  - Centerline and/or shoulder rumble strips
  - Six-inch wide pavement markings
  - Safety Edge

- Full list of stipulations located on website
HSIP Secondary Program (HSIP-S) (continued)

- **PROGRAM CHANGES:**
- $2M in federal funds now $2M in SWAP funds
- No longer matched with TSIP funds
- Switching to annual application deadline of November 15th
  - Starting this year!! – November 15th deadline
- Now funds up to 110% of engineer’s estimate
- Still no cost to participate

Information can be found at: https://iowadot.gov/traffic/sections/hsip
Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP)

- State funds for traffic safety improvements or studies
- No match required
- All cities, counties, and the state are eligible to apply
- DOT and city/county advisory committee prioritize projects by:
  - Safety benefits
  - Benefit/cost ratio
- Iowa Transportation Commission approves all funding
- Applications due August 15th each year
- Funds available following July 1st
Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP)

- **Studies Category**
  - Research, safety studies, and public information initiatives
  - Annual funding is set at $500,000

- **Traffic Control Devices Category**
  - Purchase of traffic control device materials (no labor)
  - Annual funding is set at $500,000

- **Site-Specific Category**
  - Projects to improve traffic safety and operations
  - Annual funding approx. $6 million
  - $500,000 max per project
Provides engineering expertise to conduct traffic and safety studies, for example:
- High-crash locations
- School pedestrians/crossings

Who is eligible to request funding?
- Iowa counties
- Iowa cities without the resources of a staff traffic engineer — typically cities with populations less than 35,000

Safety studies and Roundabout reviews available for any city or county

100 hours of paid consultant time

Qualifications for funding:
- No local match is required. However, the applicant will be required to assist the consultant with data collection if needed (examples: as-built plans, traffic counts, street maps, crash reports, etc.)

Contact DOT District
Program DONE!!

Goal:
- remove remaining red/yellow beacons
- Replace with sign-mounted beacons

- 48 intersections
  - 23 state/county
  - 25 others

- Project concluding shortly
Pedestrian Curb Ramp Construction

Intended to assist cities with ADA compliance

The city must design and administer the project

Must be municipal extension of primary highway

Curb ramps must meet ADA standards

55% state share/ 45% local match

Submit letter of request

Up to $250,000 per city per year
Low-Cost Intersection Improvements

- NEW grant program
- $150,000 funding identified
- Guidance being considered
- Potential project types:
  - Destination lights
  - New sign and/or beacon installations
  - Rumble strips
- MORE TO COME!
Destination Lighting Program

- Develop specifications for LED luminaires
- Identified 3 preferred luminaires
LED NIGHTTIME: 600 FEET AWAY

400 FEET AWAY

200 FEET AWAY

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Destination Lighting
Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB)

- Special traffic enforcement program (step)
- Multi-disciplinary safety teams (MDST’s)
- Distracted driving
- Occupant protection
- Impaired driving
- Night-time seat belt enforcement
- Safety check points
- High 5 program: national best practice!
Resource for Additional Information and Funding:

The Iowa DOT Funding Guide contains information on most of the programs shown:

https://iowadot.gov/pol_leg_services/funding-guide
Questions?