

Sign Replacement Program for Cities and Counties UPDATE

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SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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- ✓ Application period begins January 1 of each year.
- ✓ Only one grant application may be submitted per applicant year.
- ✓ Applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first-served basis
- ✓ An assessment of need and proper location and installation of posts will be the responsibility of the communities.
- ✓ The Iowa Department of Transportation Sign Shop, or another source, may supply the signs/posts.

Annual grant maximum:

- ✓ Cities: \$5,000
- ✓ Counties: \$10,000

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Only the regulatory, warning, and school area signs in the eligible sign list will be eligible for replacement. (List coming soon)
- ✓ Only signs that are in need of replacement are eligible.
- ✓ The replacement signs will be installed at the same general location from which the sign being replaced was

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About the Program

- ▶ Replacements only
 - ▶ No new sign installations
- ▶ One application/applicant/year
 - ▶ Calendar year basis
 - ▶ Old program was a rolling basis
- ▶ First-come, first-served
 - ▶ Statewide basis this year
 - ▶ Regional “early bird” basis thereafter
- ▶ Applicant must assess need for replacement sign
- ▶ Signs may be purchased from any vendor the applicant chooses.
 - ▶ Including Iowa DOT Sign Shop
- ▶ Maximum grant
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Eligible Signs and Materials

- ▶ Only select regulatory, warning, and school area signs are eligible
 - ▶ See website for list of eligible signs
 - ▶ List based on impact of sign and frequency of use
 - ▶ Also based on availability of pricing data
- ▶ Only signs in need of replacement are eligible
- ▶ Replacement signs installed at same general location of existing sign
- ▶ Only signs replaced in the past calendar year
- ▶ Reflective strips for chevron and stop sign posts eligible
 - ▶ Maximum amount (included in grant maximum)
 - ▶ Cities = \$1,000
 - ▶ Counties = \$2,000
- ▶ Sign posts eligible
- ▶ Mounting hardware not eligible

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Only the regulatory, warning, and school area signs in the eligible sign list will be eligible for replacement. (List coming soon)
- ✓ Only signs that are in need of replacement are eligible.
- ✓ The replacement signs will be installed at the same general location from which the sign being replaced was removed.
- ✓ Signs must have been removed and replaced within the past calendar year.
- ✓ Reflective sign-post strips (for chevron and stop sign posts only) are eligible through SRPFCC. A limit of \$1000/annually for cities and \$2000/annually for counties (out of the grant maximum) for reflective sign-post strips will be reimbursed.

How to Apply

- ▶ Applications will be available in late December
- ▶ Provide a copy of the sign inventory record for eligible signs replaced in the last calendar year that includes
 - ▶ Type of sign (including MUTCD code)
 - ▶ Date deficiency recognized (if available)
 - ▶ Description of deficiency
 - ▶ Date of replacement sign installation
 - ▶ Sign location
 - ▶ GPS coordinates preferred
 - ▶ Written description acceptable
 - ▶ Sign ID (if available)
- ▶ If the applicant does not have a sign inventory, a submittal containing the following is acceptable
 - ▶ Date-stamped photos of existing signs
 - ▶ Date-stamped photos of replacement signs
 - ▶ Written locations
- ▶ No Board/Council resolution necessary

HOW TO APPLY

Application coming soon!

Grantees will provide a copy of the sign inventory record showing:

- ✓ Type of sign (including [MUTCD](#) code).
- ✓ Dates and descriptions of sign deficiency.
- ✓ Date of replacement sign installation.
- ✓ Sign location.
- ✓ Sign ID (if known).


If grantees don't have a sign inventory, grantee could provide date-stamped photos of existing signs and installed replacement signs along with receipts.

Reimbursement Rates

- ▶ Reimbursement rates established by the grant administrator
 - ▶ Different rates per sign/post
 - ▶ Rates reviewed by grant administrator annually prior to application period
 - ▶ Rates based on DOT Sign Shop prices
- ▶ Rates to be published soon
- ▶ Reimbursements will not exceed annual maximums
 - ▶ Cities = \$5,000
 - ▶ \$1,000 reflective strips included
 - ▶ Counties = \$10,000
 - ▶ \$2,000 reflective strips included
- ▶ No invoice submittals or receipts necessary unless following alternate process for no sign inventory

REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Reimbursement rates for each sign/post type will be established by the grant administrator (Rates coming soon). Rates will be reviewed by the program administrator on an annual basis. Reimbursement will not exceed the annual maximum.



Application
period opens
January 2, 2024

Awarded funding
available July 1, 2024

Submit applications to
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

