

What a Township Board Needs to Know About

The TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM

- ***Coordinate a 3 – 5 year program*** with the County Engineer to fit your projects with other Township bridges within the county.
- The ***County Engineer prioritizes*** Township bridge replacements in the county based on structural or functional condition, local priority and availability of Town bridge funds or other state funds. The County submits a bridge fund application to State Aid.
- Your ***District State Aid Engineer*** will review each application to determine if a replacement bridge is warranted or if other options, such as abandoning the bridge, should be considered.
- The following projects are ***eligible*** for town bridge or state bridge funds:
 - Existing bridges that are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete **and** have a sufficiency rating less than 80.
 - Bridges that replace structures less than 10 feet long.
- ***Town Bridge Funds or State Bridge Funds*** will cover:
 - 100% of costs of the bridge structure or culvert
 - Approach grading and bridge removal costs over \$10,000
 - Engineering costs over \$10,000 OR 100% of engineering costs if your township has a net tax capacity of less than \$300,000.
 - 100% of all your costs to abandon a bridge or build a road-in-lieu of a bridge, up to the cost of a replacement bridge.
- Consider your ***local participation costs***, including up to \$10,000 for approaches and bridge removal, up to \$10,000 for engineering, and any right-of-way costs. Local costs are sometimes shared with the county. Road-in-lieu or bridge abandonment costs can be up to 100% covered.
- ***Town Bridge Funds*** of about \$13 million are available each year.
- ***Questions?*** First contact your County Engineer.

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