

Bridge Funding Eligibility

- Federal Bridge Funds (FBF), designated “BR” in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), are available for up to 80% of the “abutment to abutment” costs of eligible bridge rehabilitation or reconstruction work on any publicly owned bridge or culvert longer than 20 feet (clear span as measured along the roadway centerline). **“Abutment to abutment” costs include the 2 foot granular fill or concrete slab above the top of a culvert and all materials under the fill or slab.** Bridges to receive funds are selected by the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP). Federal Funds are provided “in part” are limited to federal funds indicated in the STIP. Funding is dependent on the availability of funds.
 - Bridges, which are deficient under federal criteria **and** have a sufficiency rating less than 50 are eligible for reconstruction.
 - Bridges, which are deficient under federal criteria **and** have a sufficiency rating less than 80 are eligible for rehabilitation.
 - Bridges with sufficiency rating greater than 80 are not eligible for Federal Bridge Funds.
- Minnesota State Transportation Funds, State Bridge Bonding funds (SBB) aka “Fund 29” are available for up to 100% (typically 20% for matching FBF) of the “abutment to abutment” costs of eligible rehabilitation or reconstruction work on any publicly owned bridge or culvert longer than 10 feet (clear span as measured along the roadway centerline), or *roadway in lieu of bridge* work. Work must be done by contract, not local forces.
 - Bridges, which are deficient under federal criteria **and** have sufficiency rating less than 80 are eligible for SBB.
 - *Roadway in lieu of bridge* projects are eligible for SBB, up to the cost of replacing the structure; this includes structure removal, grading, and right-of-way.
 - Bridges that replace structures less than 10 feet long are eligible for SBB.
 - Eligibility for Town Bridge Funds is the same as SBB.
- Items not eligible for FBF and SBB may be eligible for State Aid funding (SA) if on a State-Aid route.
- Town Bridge (Twn Br) funds are available for up to 100% of eligible township bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or other necessary work. The County may request 100% funding if the cost is less than \$20,000. Items eligible for bridge items is shown the Twn Br column. Approaching grading is eligible after the first \$10,000 of local cost (including bridge removal), if requested in writing.
- Turnback funds may be used to replace or repair bridges the Trunk Highway turnback projects. Eligibility is the same as shown in the SA column.
- “Prorated” means the item is partially eligible at the ratio of participating to non-participating items. Traffic control and mobilization are two common examples.
- Decorative or aesthetic items are limited to the estimated cost of the standard items. For example, a chain link fence may be standard, but the designer feels a decorative railing is appropriate in particular situations. The proration rate is the estimated cost for chain link fence, divided by actual unit price of the decorative railing.
- See [Bridge Funding Eligibility Chart](#)