

COVID-19 Funding Update

COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program

The Iowa Transportation Commission approved a one-time, \$5 million allocation of funding to partially offset COVID-19 related reductions in the State Recreational Trails (SRT) program. The activities eligible for funding under this program can go towards property acquisition; construction of new trails; maintenance, resurfacing, and restoration of existing recreational trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities; and, trail linkages.

Applicants may be federal or state agencies or a local government. A non-eligible project sponsor (such as a non-profit organization) may partner with an eligible co-sponsor in applying for funds if the eligible sponsor will administer the project.

Please review the [Guidance Document](#) for a complete look at the program and what needs to accompany the [application form](#). The application deadline is 5:00 pm CST on May 17, 2021.

Region XII COG staff is available to assist with your application! Contact us today!

Iowa Road Use Tax Fund: COVID-19 Impacts

Overall, COVID-19 impacts to the Road Use Tax Fund have been significantly less than originally feared. The estimated impact through June 2021 is a decrease of \$50 million. On March 9, 2021, the Iowa Transportation Commission approved the COVID-19 Relief Fund allocation for the distribution of the funds appropriated in the December 2020 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA). The allocation plan is: Trails \$5.0 million, Highway IDOT 47.5% (\$55.5 million), County Secondary Road Fund 24.5% (\$28.6 million), Farm-to-Market Fund 8.0 % (\$9.4 million), and City Street Fund 20.0% (\$23.4 million) for a total of \$121.9 million. [Click Here](#) to view your jurisdiction's funding allocation.

American Rescue Plan Resources for Cities and Counties

The State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds legislation, part of the American Rescue Plan Act, was signed into law on March 11. The bill includes \$65.1 billion in direct, flexible aid to every county, city, town, or village in the United States. Estimations for each municipality have been released and can be viewed by visiting the [National League of Cities American Rescue Plan Dashboard](#) to find out how much your community is eligible to receive. County funding estimates can be found by visiting the National Association of Counties website by [Clicking Here](#).

DISCLAIMER: These are funding estimates from the House Committee on Oversight, not final allocations