



Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Informational Webinar

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Today's WisDOT Presenters

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- ARIP Program Manager Hillary Pelton



Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) – General Overview

The Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) is a one-time SEG funded grant appropriation in the 2023-2025 biennium.

- \$150 million to reimburse local governments to improve deteriorating Class B and weight-restricted roads that restrict the ability of producers to transport full loads of agricultural goods, including forest products.
- ARIP may be funded at up to a 90% state cost share.
- From the date of legislation, program must award within 3 years and reimburse within 5 years.



ARIP Eligibility Wis. Stats. 86.31(3o)(b)

An ARIP project must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible:

1. The project is to improve a highway functionally classified by the department as a local road or minor collector or a bridge or culvert on a highway functionally classified by the department as a local road or minor collector.
2. If the project is solely for the improvement of a bridge or culvert, the bridge or culvert is 20 feet or less in length and is not eligible for funding under a federal program providing funding for bridge improvements.
3. The highway, bridge, or culvert provides access to agricultural lands or facilities used for the production of agricultural goods, including forest products, and is used by at least one agricultural producer.
4. The highway or the highway upon which the bridge or culvert is located is designated as a class "B" highway under s. 349.15 due to structural deficiencies or has been subject to a posted weight limitation for at least one month during the previous year.
5. After completion of the project, the highway will not be designated as a class "B" highway under s. 349.15 and will not be subject to a posted weight limitation other than under extraordinary or emergency circumstances.
6. The highway, bridge, or culvert is maintained by a political subdivision.



Roadway Functional Classification: ARIP Eligibility

Roadway Functional Classifications		
Arterial	Principal	Interstate
		Expressway
		Other Principal
	Minor Arterial	
Collector	Major Collector	
	Minor Collector	
Local Roads		

} Potentially ARIP Eligible

Visit [Wisconsindot.gov](https://wisconsindot.gov) – <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/data-plan/plan-res/function.aspx>



WFBF ARIP Farmer Support Form

(Information provided by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation)

The form asks for information about farms and agricultural businesses that local officials will need to fill out the DOT application.

The form is available here:

<https://wfbf.com/policy/current-issues/>

Contact with questions:

Tim Fiocchi – Senior Director of Government Affairs

tfiocchi@wfbf.com

(608) 828-5712



Current Issues in Agriculture

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Stay up-to-date on what bills Wisconsin Farm Bureau is watching on the state and federal level.

Related resources:

- [Farm Bureau letter to USDA](#) Requesting for Emergency Return to "Higher-of" Class I Mover
- Congressman Van Orden Hosts [2023 Farm Bill Listening Session](#).
- WFBF Hosts AFBF Economist for [Dairy Pricing and Policy Discussion](#).
- WFBF releases its [2023 farm bill priorities](#).
- Analyses of Proposed Alternative Growth Management Programs for the U.S. Dairy Industry [webinar with Chuck Nicholson](#), Associate Professor of Agricultural & Applied Economics at UW-Madison.

Agricultural Road Improvement Program

Farmer Support Form

Applications are now available for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program. Farmers and loggers are encouraged to contact their local governments and ask them to submit applications for the first round of grants.

[Click here to access the farmer support form.](#)

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ARIP Farmer Support Form

(Information provided by Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation)

**Agricultural Road Improvement Program
Agricultural Producer Application Support Form**

Name of Agricultural Producer: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Primary Government Sponsor: _____

Name of Project Application Road, Street, or Highway: _____

1. How many full-time onsite employees do you have?

1-10
 10-20
 20-50
 50-100
 100 or more

2. Please provide your approximate annual gross sales (5-year average is preferred).

\$ _____

3. What types of products are produced at your facility? If other, please specify.

Animal Products
 Dairy (Milk)
 Dairy (Cheese)
 Forestry Products
 Fruits and Vegetables
 Grains
 Other _____

4. Estimate the volume of product you transport over this route each year. Estimate should be in pounds and should include inputs and outputs (agricultural products for market, feed, fuel, fertilizer, manure, etc.)

5. Will eliminating the posting of the proposed route reduce your costs for (check all that apply):

Labor
 Fuel
 Mileage upon and damage to equipment
 Other costs*
 *Describe the other cost reductions for your operations that would result from the project.

6. If the road posting is resulting in you having to haul partial loads due to the weight limit, how many extra trips would be eliminated per year if the road was no longer posted?

7. Are you required to drive a longer route to go around the posted section of road with equipment or fully loaded trucks? If so, how many additional miles do you have to drive to detour around the posted road? Please provide your answer in the space below.

Yes _____
 No _____

8. Is the posted route the only feasible way for you to access your land or facilities?


Yes
 No

9. Based on the questions above, please provide a short description of how this project would impact your business in the box below or on a separate page.



ARIP Resources for Dairy Processors

(Information provided by Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association)



**WISCONSIN
CHEESE MAKERS
ASSOCIATION**

Wisconsin Agricultural Road Improvement Program
Dairy Manufacturer/Processor Application Support Form

Name of Agricultural Producer (Dairy Manufacturer or Processor): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Primary Government Sponsor (Municipality): _____

Name of Project Application Road, Street, or Highway: _____

1. How many full-time onsite employees do you have? [Place an X by the option that best describes your operations.]

- 1-10 _____
- 10-20 _____
- 20-50 _____
- 50-100 _____
- 100+ _____

2. Please provide your approximate annual gross sales. [Note, a five-year average is preferred.]
\$ _____

3. What types of products are produced at your facility? [Place an X by any option that applies.]

- Dairy (Milk) _____
- Dairy (Cheese) _____

Have questions? Please contact WCMA Senior Director of Programs & Policy Rebekah Sweeney at rsweeney@wischeesemakers.org or 608-286-1001. Thank you!



Access Support Form at
WisCheeseMakers.org



Transportation Information Center (TIC)

Reach out for:

- Project Review
- Project Cost Estimation Tools
 - **WisDOT** (<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrces/tools/estimating/est-tools.aspx>)
 - **Project Cost Estimating Spreadsheet:**
<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrces/tools/estimating/cost-estimating-template.xlsx>
- Bulletins
- Proposal Review

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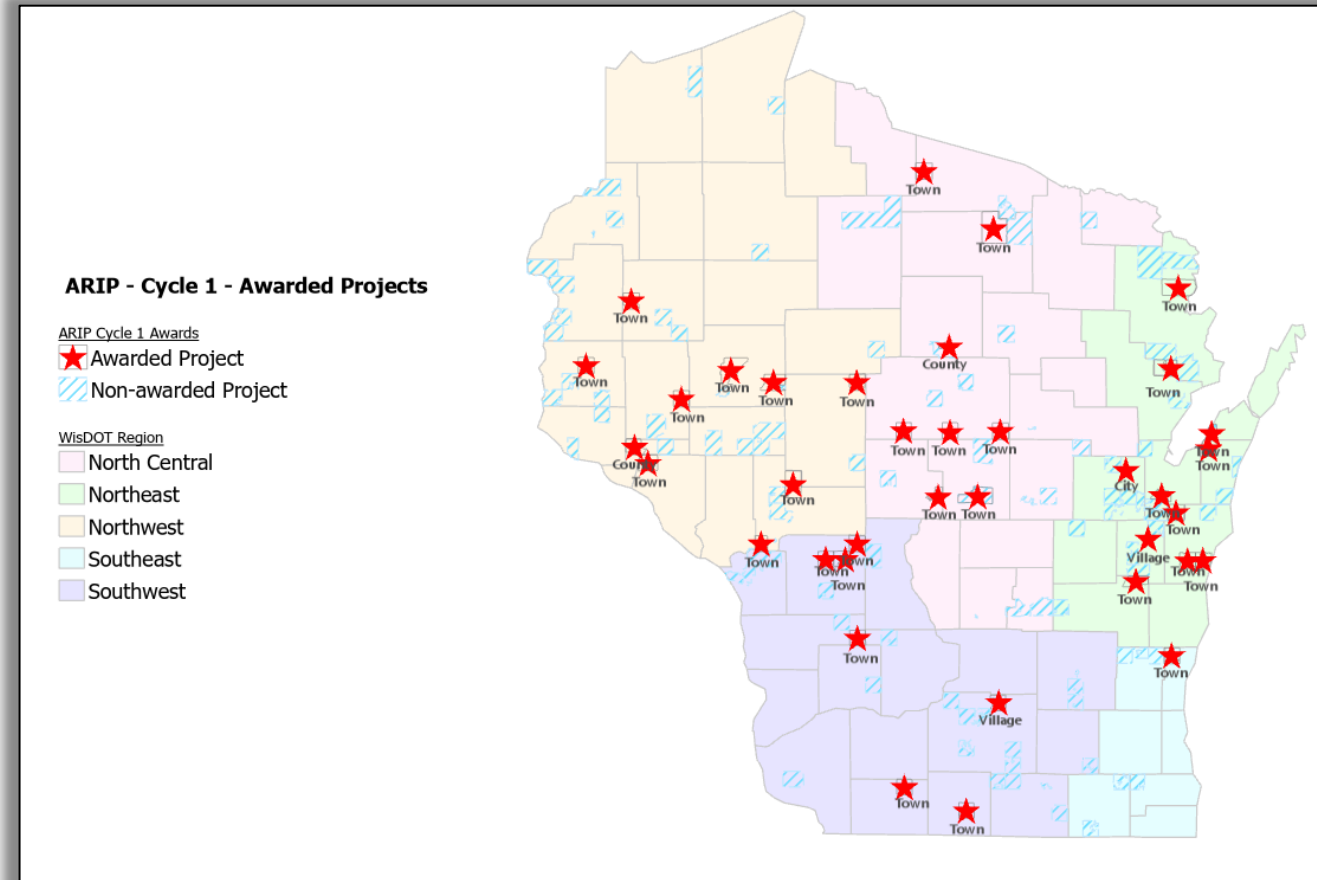
Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Round 2 Solicitation

Statewide ARIP Program Manager Hillary Pelton



Round One Recap

- 153 eligible applications received from municipalities across Wisconsin
- \$226.8 million requested in state cost share
- 37 projects across 28 counties were awarded with \$49.8 million in state cost share
- These projects include roads transporting over 5.3 million tons of agricultural products



Round One Rollover Process

Request to Rollover Previous Unsuccessful Application

Submit

Delete

Use This Form to Request to Rollover a Previous Unsuccessful Application

PLEASE READ THIS PAGE CAREFULLY

WisDOT – Agricultural Roads Improvement Program Application Rollover Agreement

The following form should be filled out by local public sponsors who previously submitted an eligible application for an Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) project that was NOT funded.

Instructions. If you previously applied for funding in the first 2024-2025 ARIP Program Cycle solicitation (the applications that were due on April 5, 2024) and your application was program eligible but NOT funded, please fill out the form shown on the following page.

How to Take Action? By filling out and submitting this form, the previously submitted application will be reconsidered for funding in the second solicitation (announced on July 31, 2024) without having to fill out another application. This application will be reconsidered, but there is not a guarantee that the project will be selected for program funding in the second round. A selected project may be scheduled for any year in the 2024-2025 program.

When will I know if my project has been selected to move forward?

- Formal approval memos indicating what projects have been selected for the first 2024-2025 cycle solicitation were made available on July 25th, 2024.

If your project is not selected, and you want your past application to be considered in the second solicitation, please fill out the form on the following page and submit by September 30th, 2024.

Note: Submission of this form only allows your application to rollover to cycle two of the 2024-2025 process. Any future potential funding will require a new application.

If you have any questions regarding ARIP, please contact Hillary Pelton, ARIP Program manager by emailing hillary.pelton@dot.wi.gov or calling (608) 261-4443

Start Form >

ARIP Application Rollover Agreement

✓ Introduction

Request to Rollover Previous Unsuccessful Application

Submit

Delete

Primary Sponsor Municipality *

ⓘ Primary Sponsor Municipality is required.

Project Location (On Route) *

Contact Person *

Telephone Number *

Email Address *

Application Materials ⓘ *

- I want to roll over the current version of my previously submitted application materials
- I want the opportunity to revise my previously submitted application materials
- I want an opportunity to review my previously submitted application materials

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Save and Exit

Submit

Rollover Form can be [found here](#)



ARIP Solicitations

- First Round (Released February 6, 2024)
 - \$50 million funding distribution amount
 - Deadline: April 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Second Round (Released July 31, 2024)
 - \$100 million funding distribution amount
 - ▪ **Deadline: September 30, 2024 at 5:00pm** ←
- Note: Limit 2 applications per primary sponsor per cycle



Program Timeline

Schedule	Program Activity
July 31, 2024	Second ARIP application cycle opens (\$100 million funding distribution amount).
September 30, 2024	Deadline to submit an application for the second ARIP project solicitation.
October-December 2024	ARIP Selection Committee reviews applications for the second ARIP program cycle and submits award recommendations to WisDOT secretary for final approval.
December 30, 2024	Anticipated date for WisDOT Secretary to award projects for the second ARIP application cycle.



Local Assistance Programs Webpage

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms>

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- Engineers and consultants ▸
- Contractors ▸
- Design Build
- Civil rights and compliance
- DBE Program
- Purchasing ▸
- Local government ▸**
- Aeronautics ▸
- Real Estate / Right of way use ▸
- Freight / Economic Dev ▸
- In This Together
- Maps and GIS

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- Highway maintenance
- Planning organizations
- Project invoices
- TAS
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Local assistance programs

Assistance programs

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding
- Road and bridge
- Transit
- Other aid

Project Readiness for Fiscal Year (FFY) Federal Redistribution

Federal redistribution is an annual formula-based process occurring in August that affords a state an opportunity to request additional federal funds above their annual initial obligation limitation.

Road and bridge assistance programs ←

These programs assist local governments with needed improvements to local roads, highways and bridges.

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Road and bridge assistance programs

Assistance programs

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding
- Road and bridge

The following programs assist local governments with needed improvements to local roads, highways and bridges.

- Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP)** ← - This program improves roads functionally classified as local roads or minor collectors that provide access to agricultural lands or facilities used to produce agricultural goods, including forest products.
 - ARIP Frequently Asked Questions (New August 2024)



ARIP Webpage

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/arip.aspx>

Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP)

Assistance programs

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding
- Road and bridge
- Transit
- Other aid

In June 2023, [Senate Bill 247 \(Act 13\)](#) established the Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) as part of the 2023-2025 biennium budget to improve highways functionally classified as local roads, or minor collectors, or culverts, that provide access to agricultural lands or facilities used to produce agricultural goods, including forest products.

Created within the framework of the existing [Local Roads Improvement Program \(LRIP\)](#), ARIP provides a one-time segregated revenue (SEG) funding of \$150 million to enhance rural roads, bridges, and culverts in Wisconsin's rural communities.

- [New! Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) - July 2024](#) ←

Project Eligibility

An eligible project must meet all the following requirements:

1. The project is to improve a highway functionally classified by the department as a local road or minor collector or a bridge or culvert on a highway functionally classified by the department as a local road or minor collector. See the [ARIP Potentially Eligible Roads map application](#) to assist with identifying potentially eligible roads for this program. Please note, this map only highlights roads that are functionally classified as local roads or minor collectors. It does not include information about Class-B or otherwise weight-restricted roadways, or factor in other ARIP eligibility information such as usage by agricultural or forestry producers or posted load restrictions. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm the other program eligibility criteria as laid

Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) - Frequently Asked Questions

Assistance programs

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding
- Road and bridge
- Transit
- Other aid

- Can I apply to ARIP and another program (LRIP, STP) with the same project? +
- How many applications can I submit? +
- My project was awarded ARIP funding. When can I start my project? +
- My project was awarded ARIP funding in round 1. When will I receive my SMA? +
- Is there a portal for accessing information and reimbursement submittals similar to LRIPWeb? +
- Can I apply to ARIP in the second solicitation if I already applied (but was not awarded) in the first solicitation? +
- Can I rollover my application from Round 1 to Round 2? +
- How can I rollover my application from the first solicitation to the second solicitation? +



Application Materials

- ARIP Guidelines & Instructions documents
- Potentially Eligible Roads map application
- AccessGov application

Access ARIP Application

- [How to Register for AccessGov](#) (Updated July 31, 2024)
- [Start an application \(AccessGov\)](#)
- See the [ARIP Potentially Eligible Roads map application](#) to assist with identifying potentially eligible roads for this program. Please note, this map only highlights roads that are functionally classified as local roads or minor collectors. It does not include information about Class-B or otherwise weight-restricted roadways, or factor in other ARIP eligibility information such as usage by agricultural or forestry producers or posted load restrictions. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm the other program eligibility criteria as laid out in [Wis. Stat. 86.31 \(3o\)](#) prior to submitting an application.

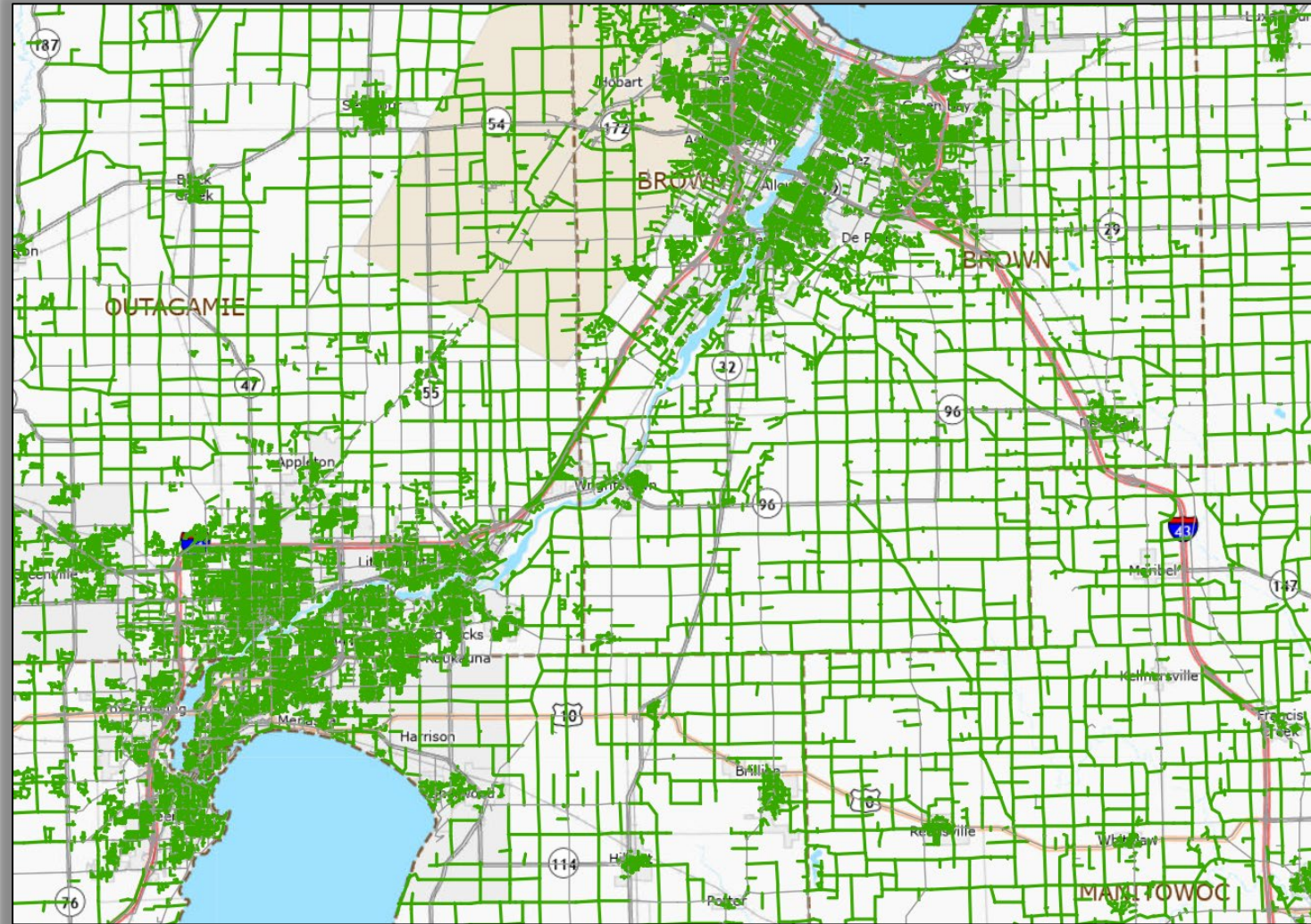
Program Documents

- [ARIP Application Instructions Manual](#) (Updated July 31, 2024) ←
- [ARIP Application Guidelines and Requirements](#) (Updated July 31, 2024) ←
- [ARIP Project Award Recommendation Guidelines](#)



ARIP Potentially Eligible Roads Map Application

- Displays roadways functionally classified as minor collectors or local roads
 - Does NOT display weight restricted roads




How to: Create an AccessGov Login

[Log in](#) to store your form.

2024-2025 Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP) Application

ACCESSGOV



Public User

Wisconsin State Employee
NIC Employee

MyWisconsin ID Sign In

Email address
example - user@domain.com

! This field cannot be left blank

Next

[Unlock account?](#)
[Help](#)

Don't have an account? [Sign up](#)

Sign up

First name
Hillary

Last name
Pelton

Email
Hillary.pelton@dot.wi.gov

Sign Up

[Already have an account?](#)



How to: Create an AccessGov Login (Part 2)

Set up security methods

Security methods help protect your account by ensuring only you have access.

Set up required



Email

Verify with a link or code sent to your email
Used for recovery

[Set up](#)



Password

Choose a password for your account
Used for access

[Set up](#)



Verify with your email

We sent an email to . Click the verification link in your email to continue or enter the code below.

[Enter a verification code instead](#)

[Return to authenticator list](#)

[Back to sign in](#)

Set up required



Google Authenticator

Enter a temporary code generated from the Google Authenticator app.
Used for access

[Set up](#)



Okta Verify

Okta Verify is an authenticator app, installed on your phone, used to prove your identity
Used for access or recovery

[Set up](#)



Phone

Verify with a code sent to your phone
Used for access

[Set up](#)



Security Key or Biometric Authenticator

Use a security key or a biometric authenticator to sign in
Used for access

[Set up](#)

AccessGov: Introduction

Introduction

General Project Information

Project Cost

Eligibility

Economic Assessment Part 1

Economic Assessment Part 2 and Certification

Review

Submit

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Welcome to the Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP) Application page. Please read the information below carefully before proceeding with the application.

ARIP is a one-time appropriation authorized as part of the 2023-25 Biennial Budget. This program aims to improve highways functionally classified as local roads or minor collectors, or bridges/culverts that provide access to agricultural lands or facilities used to produce agricultural goods, including forest products.

Eligibility

Eligible projects must meet the following criteria, as laid out in [Wis. Stat. 86.31\(3o\)\(b\)](#):

1. The project is to improve a highway functionally classified by the department as a local road or minor collector or a bridge or culvert on a highway functionally classified by the department as a local road or minor collector.
2. If the project is solely for the improvement of a bridge or culvert, the bridge or culvert is 20 feet or less in length and is not eligible for funding under a federal program providing funding for bridge improvements.
3. The highway, bridge, or culvert provides access to agricultural lands or facilities used for the production of agricultural goods, including forest products, and is used by at least one agricultural producer.
4. The highway or the highway upon which the bridge or culvert is located is designated as a class "B" highway under s. 349.15 due to structural deficiencies or has been subject to a posted weight limitation for at least one month during the previous year.
5. After completion of the project, the highway will not be designated as a class "B" highway under s. 349.15 and will not be subject to a posted weight limitation other than under extraordinary or emergency circumstances unless the political subdivision having jurisdiction of the highway, bridge, or culvert obtains a pavement or structural analysis performed by a professional engineer or the county highway commissioner for the county in which the highway, bridge, or culvert is located supports the weight limitation and certifies to the department the reason for the weight limitation.
6. The highway, bridge, or culvert is maintained by a political subdivision.



When completing this application, you may be asked to provide additional documentation.

Before You Begin

Before starting your ARIP application, you will want to have the following documents readily available in order to make the application process smoother. This includes having relevant documentation to be included within the application ready to be uploaded from your file folder on your computer.

1. The ARIP Application Instructions and ARIP Guidelines document
2. A map image indicating the project location. A map downloaded from WISLR is preferred, however any map that is clearly marked is acceptable.
3. Documentation confirming the project includes a road with a posted weight limit. Refer to the Instructions Manual for more information about what types of documents are accepted.
4. Economic information collected from relevant producers.
5. A "Project Description" narrative. This needs to be in the form of a document upload (doc, docx, pdf).
6. A "Cost Reduction" narrative. Provide an account of the impact to producers with regard to cost reduction as a result of project completion. This needs to be in the form of a document upload (doc, docx, pdf).
7. Estimated project budget/costs.
8. Contact information for all project sponsors (e.g. primary, secondary, or joint sponsor), as well as for all producers supporting the economic assessment portion of the application, and any additional impacted producer information the applicant would like to provide.

Other Application Tips

1. For a detailed walk-through of the ARIP application, please consult the Application Instructions Manual.
2. Throughout the application, you will encounter this symbol next to some questions:  Hover over this symbol with your cursor for additional guidance when answering that question.
3. Many of the fields in this application are required. You will not be able to submit your application if some required fields have not been filled out. Sections with incomplete fields are marked with the following symbol: 

Be sure that all secondary application materials (maps, weight limit documentation, producer testimonies, etc.) are clearly labeled when uploaded into the application. For example, a map upload of the project area could be labeled "ARIP_Project_Map.jpeg".

If you have any questions about ARIP, please contact ARIP Program Manager, Hillary Pelton by emailing hillary.pelton@dot.wi.gov or by calling 608-261-4443.

[Start Form >](#)



AccessGov: General Project Information

PROJECT AND SPONSOR: GENERAL INFORMATION

Primary Sponsor Municipality Type*

- City
 Village
 Town
 County

ⓘ Primary Sponsor Municipality Type is required.

Primary Sponsor Municipality Name *

ⓘ Primary Sponsor Municipality Name is required.

Is this a joint application with another ARIP project applicant? ⓘ *

- Yes
 No

ⓘ Is this a joint application with another ARIP project applicant? is required.

Is this application supported by a second municipality? ⓘ *

- Yes
 No

Primary Sponsor Contact Full Name *

ⓘ Primary Sponsor Contact Full Name is required.

Primary Sponsor Contact Information *

Secondary Municipality type*

- City
 Village
 Town
 County

ⓘ Secondary Municipality type is required.

Secondary Municipality Name *

ⓘ Secondary Municipality Name is required.

Secondary Contact Full Name *

ⓘ Secondary Contact Full Name is required.

Secondary Contact Information *

ⓘ Address Line 1 is required.

ⓘ City is required.

ⓘ Wisconsin is not a valid value for State

ⓘ Zip is required.

Secondary Email *

ⓘ Secondary Email is required.

Secondary Primary Phone Number *

ⓘ Secondary Primary Phone Number is required.



General Project Information Continued

Project Location

On Route ⓘ*

ⓘ On Route is required.

At Route – Beginning Point ⓘ*

ⓘ At Route – Beginning Point is required.

Toward Route – Ending Point ⓘ*

ⓘ Toward Route – Ending Point is required.

County of Project Location ⓘ*

-- Select :▼

ⓘ County of Project Location is required.

Upload a map indicating the project location. ⓘ*

Choose File No file chosen

ⓘ Upload a map indicating the project location. is required.

+ Add

If possible, provide a file with pictures of the project area, focusing on the condition of the road. If uploading multiple pictures, include them all within a single document. ⓘ

Choose File No file chosen

Does the scope of the proposed project work include at least one bridge? ⓘ*

- Yes
 No

Does the scope of the proposed project work include at least one culvert? ⓘ*

- Yes
 No

Project Description: (Upload a document .doc, .docx, or .pdf file) ⓘ*

Choose File No file chosen

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County where bridge(s) is (are) located *

-- Select an option -- ▼

How many bridges are included in the project? *

Structure ID *

-- Select an option -- ▼

County where culvert(s) is (are) located *

-- Select an option -- ▼

How many culverts are included in the project? *

Structure ID (If Applicable or Known)

-- Select an option -- ▼

County where culvert(s) is (are) located *

-- Select an option -- ▼

How many culverts are included in the project? *

Structure ID (If Applicable or Known)

-- Select an option -- ▼



AccessGov Application: Project Cost

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

Planning and design costs	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Planning and design costs
Right-of-way acquisition costs	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Right of way aquisition costs
Engineering costs	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Engineering costs
Construction costs *	<input type="text" value="\$"/>	Construction costs

ⓘ Construction costs is required.

ⓘ Estimated project cost must be greater than \$0.00, and all projects must include a construction element.

Total estimated cost
\$0.00

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AccessGov Application: Eligibility

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Road Functional Classification. Select all that apply. *

- Local Road
- Minor Collector

ⓘ Road Functional Classification. Select all that apply. is required.

Does the project area provide access to agricultural or forestry lands or facilities used for the production of agricultural or forestry goods used by at least one (1) producer? *

- Yes
- No

ⓘ Does the project area provide access to agricultural or forestry lands or facilities used for the production of agricultural or forestry goods used by at least one (1) producer? is required.

Indicate the type of weight restriction that the project area is affected by.

Select all that apply. *

- Class "B" weight restriction
- Seasonal weight restriction
- Special weight restriction
- No weight restriction

ⓘ Indicate the type of weight restriction that the project area is affected by. Select all that apply. is required.

I certify that the roadway in question has been subject to either a posted weight restriction, such as a seasonal weight restriction, or a Class B designation, for at least one month in the previous year.*

- Yes
- No

ⓘ I certify that the roadway in question has been subject to either a posted weight restriction, such as a seasonal weight restriction, or a Class B designation, for at least one month in the previous year. is required.

After completion of the project, the project area will not be designated as a class "B" highway under s. 349.15 and will not be subject to a posted weight limitation other than under extraordinary or emergency circumstances or with an engineer's certification.*

- True
- False

ⓘ After completion of the project, the project area will not be designated as a class "B" highway under s. 349.15 and will not be subject to a posted weight limitation other than under extraordinary or emergency circumstances or with an engineer's certification is required.

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AccessGov Application: Economic Assessment pt. 1

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

This page is for you to demonstrate the economic need for the producers using the project route. This is critical information required by the ARIP statute that the discretionary committee will look at when evaluating your application. The top of the screen is a summary of the number of producers, the estimated total annual sales, and the estimated total volume of goods. Please Note: You may add additional narrative or detail into the cost reduction narrative.

Producer types include: Dairy (Cheese and/or Milk), Animal Products, Grain Crops, Forestry, Fruit and/or Vegetable, and "Other"

"Other" eligible producer types might include: Ethanol, Organic Manure/Fertilizer/Feed, or others as verified after review.

Examples of ineligible "Other" producer types include: machinery, sand/gravel, hardware/metal, non-organic chemicals, and others deemed ineligible after review.

Estimated number of agricultural and/or forestry producers using this route that have provided economic information to support this application. ⓘ*

-- Select an option --

-- Select an option --

1
2
3
4
5+

Provide contact information for each of the local agricultural or forestry producers providing economic information to support this application (as indicated in the first question on this page).

Producer *

ⓘ Producer is required.

Contact Name *

ⓘ Contact Name is required.

Phone *

ⓘ Phone is required.

Email *

ⓘ Email is required.

Select the product category(s) that this producer transports on this road. ⓘ*

Dairy (Cheese) Dairy (Milk) Animal Products Forestry Fruit/Vegetable Grain Crops Other

ⓘ Select the product category(s) that this producer transports on this road. is required.

Select the product category(s) that this producer transports on this road. ⓘ*

Dairy (Cheese) Dairy (Milk) Animal Products Forestry Fruit/Vegetable Grain Crops Other

Please specify other product category *



AccessGov Application: Economic Assessment pt. 1

Estimated total number of full time onsite employees currently employed by all producers that are affected by route weight restrictions *

-- Select an option --



Total estimated annual value of agricultural or forestry product sales that would be directly affected by the project. (Please use 5 year average annual sales, if available) *

\$

Total Estimated Sales

Estimated total volume of product transported annually via this route (in lbs). Please total ALL producer volume amounts. You may provide detail in the narrative. ⓘ *

Total Estimated Volume (in lbs)



AccessGov Application: Economic Assessment Pt 2

Will the completion of this project result in the reduction of any of the following costs? Select all that apply. *

- Labor costs
- Fuel costs
- Mileage upon and damage to equipment
- Other costs

! Will the completion of this project result in the reduction of any of the following costs? Select all that apply. is required.

One of the goals of this program is to reduce repeated trips (on an annual basis) at reduced weights due to a posted weight limit. Approximately how many repeated trips (annually) at reduced weights can be eliminated as a result of the project's completion? ⓘ*

! One of the goals of this program is to reduce repeated trips (on an annual basis) at reduced weights due to a posted weight limit. Approximately how many repeated trips (annually) at reduced weights can be eliminated as a result of the project's completion? is required.

Cost Reduction Narrative

Provide an account of the impact to producers with regard to cost reduction as a result of project completion. *

Choose File No file chosen

! Provide an account of the impact to producers with regard to cost reduction as a result of project completion. is required.



AccessGov Application: Economic Assessment

For any producer, does the current route deviate from the most efficient route due to weight restricted roads?

i *

- Yes
- No

i For any producer, does the current route deviate from the most efficient route due to weight restricted roads? is required.

Is the project area the only feasible access to the production lands or facilities? *

- Yes
- No

i Is the project area the only feasible access to the production lands or facilities? is required.

The ARIP statute gives priority to political subdivisions that face demonstrable fiscal or administrative difficulties in completing highway projects. Does the local government filing this application have dedicated administrative or transportation staff for the delivery of this project? **i ***

- Yes
- No

i The ARIP statute gives priority to political subdivisions that face demonstrable fiscal or administrative difficulties in completing highway projects. Does the local government filing this application have dedicated administrative or transportation staff for the delivery of this project? is required.

For all producers, how much further is it necessary to travel on the inefficient route due to a posted weight restriction? Provide an estimate of the average length of the deviation in miles. *

i For all producers, how much further is it necessary to travel on the inefficient route due to a posted weight restriction? Provide an estimate of the average length of the deviation in miles. is required.



AccessGov Application: Economic Assessment

CERTIFICATION

Are you an authorized representative for the project sponsor?*

I certify that I am an authorized representative for the project sponsor and that all information contained in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

ⓘ Are you an authorized representative for the project sponsor? is required.

What is your specific affiliation with the primary municipality sponsoring this application? ⓘ*

ⓘ What is your specific affiliation with the primary municipality sponsoring this application? is required.

Signature (Type your name) *

ⓘ Signature (Type your name) is required.

Date Signed *

ⓘ Date Signed is required.



AccessGov Application: Review

CERTIFICATION

Are you an authorized representative for the project sponsor?*

I certify that I am an authorized representative for the project sponsor and that all information contained in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

What is your specific affiliation with the primary municipality sponsoring this application?: Clerk

Signature (Type your name): Hillary Pelton

Date Signed *

Date Signed: 8/19/2024

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Save and Exit

Submit



Program Selection Model

Projects will be selected by a competitive discretionary committee made up of local government officials and members of the agricultural/timber industry using the following criteria as outlined in the statute:

1. A project that improves access by the largest number of agricultural producers to agricultural lands and facilities used to produce agricultural goods.
2. A project that will result in the greatest positive economic impact.
3. A highway, bridge, or culvert that provides the only feasible access to agricultural lands used to produce agricultural goods.
4. An application by a local government that faces demonstrable fiscal or administrative difficulties in completing highway projects.
5. A project that will result in the reduction of trips, costs, and mileage driven (for example) for agricultural producers.
6. A project that will result in the transportation of the largest amount of agricultural goods.
7. ARIP Selection Committee Discretionary Rating based on a wholistic review of provided materials, including the project narrative section



Example ARIP Funding Scenarios

• Scenario 1 (ideal)

- Project Estimate: \$100
- Project Award: \$90
- Project Let: \$100
- 90/10 split (state/muni)
- Sponsor is responsible for paying \$10

• Scenario 2 (higher)

- Project Estimate: \$100
- Project Award: \$90
- Project Let: \$90
- 90/10 split (state/muni)
- New award amount: \$81
- Sponsor is responsible for paying \$9

• Scenario 3 (lower)

- Project Estimate: \$100
- Project Award: \$90
- Project Let: \$200
- 90/10 split (state/muni)
- Sponsor is responsible for paying the difference (\$100) plus \$10



ARIP Eligible Project Types

- Pavement Replacement
- Reconstruction
- Structure Rehabilitation

For more information about project types and eligible/ineligible costs, see the ARIP Guidelines and Requirements document on our website:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/arip-guidelines.pdf>

Completed projects must remove all load postings (except in emergency circumstances) and have a ten-year lifespan

ARIP Eligible and Ineligible Costs

- Eligible
 - Feasibility studies, design, engineering, grading, base, paving, right-of-way acquisition or other related engineering costs
- Ineligible
 - Project advertising, utility costs, costs incurred prior to signing the SMA
 - Other repairs made to the roads that will not result in the removal of weight restrictions





Grant Writing Tips, Tricks, and Traps

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WisDOT Grant Applications: Tips for Successful Applications

- *Actions to take before the application process:*
- 1. Decide on the parameters of your project
 - Clearly define project need
 - Clearly define project scope
- 2. Conduct stakeholder outreach
 - Engage interest in your community
 - Obtain letters of support



WisDOT Grant Applications: Tips for Successful Applications

- *Actions to take during the application process:*
- 1. Complete all sections of application materials
 - Map/location of project area
 - Breakdown of eligible costs
 - Photos
- 2. Review application materials for errors
- 3. Tell a story
 - 'Sell' your project
 - Engage the reviewer
- 4. Submit materials by the application deadline



WisDOT Grant Applications: Tips for Successful Applications

- *Actions to take after the application is submitted:*
- 1. Be Proactive
 - Confirm receipt of application materials
 - Inform WisDOT of any changes
- 2. Be Patient
 - Ask when project awards are likely to be announced
 - Do not start work on your project prior to authorization
- 3. Be Persistent
 - Not all applicants are successful the first time
 - Improve your application for future submissions



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Frequently Asked Questions

- When will I receive my State Municipal Agreement (SMA) for my Round 1 award?
- Can I rollover my application from Round 1 to Round 2?
- How can I rollover my application from the first solicitation to the second solicitation?
- Can I apply to ARIP and another program (LRIP, STP) with the same project?
- Can I apply to ARIP in the second solicitation if I already applied (but was not awarded) in the first solicitation?
- What qualifies as an agricultural or forestry producer?
- Are gravel road projects eligible for ARIP?
- If awarded, when does the project need to be completed by?



Thank you!

