

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**  
**Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Transportation
Agency Contact	Michael E. Vanderhoof (michael.vanderhoof@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	26-1439-01
Funding Opportunity Title	Statewide Planning and Research Funds
CSFA Number	494-00-1439
CSFA Popular Name	SPR
Anticipated Number of Awards	7
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$350,000
Award Range	\$0 - \$50000
Source of Funding	Federal and State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	No
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	04/01/2025
Application Date Range	
Grant Application Link	
Technical Assistance Session	No



The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is the uniform method that information is communicated to potential applicants. It should provide detailed information to the applicant so that they may assess if they are eligible for funding, able to successfully manage the public funds, and meet applicable program objectives and performance measures.

Please read all instructions carefully and include all pertinent information for your program solicitation. The instructions for this form can be accessed [here](#).

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1. Awarding Agency Name Illinois Department of Transportation		2. Agency Contact Name John Paris	
3. Agency Contact E-mail john.paris@illinois.gov		4. Agency Contact Phone (217) 524-6756	
5. Announcement Type Initial Announcement	6. Type of Assistance Instrument Grant	7. Funding Opportunity Number 26-1439-01	
8. Funding Opportunity Title Scenic Byways-Statewide Planning and Research Funds		9. CSFA Number 494-00-1439	
10. CSFA Popular Name SPR		11. Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA No.) 20.205	
12. Anticipated Number of Awards 7	13. Estimated Total Program Funding \$350,000	14. Award Range - Award Floor / Award Ceiling \$0.00 / \$50,000.00	
15. Source of Funding (mark all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private/other funding		Service Area (pick one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Environment/Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Government Services <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	
16. Indirect Costs Allowed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		17. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Restrictions on Indirect Costs: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		18. Posted Date 04/01/25	19. Application Date Open / Date Closed 04/01/25 / 05/15/25
If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>			
20. Technical Assistance Session Session Offered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      Session Mandatory: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      Specify date and time _____ Provide link to registration, if applicable <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>			

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26-1439-01

Program Description

IDOT provides the seven National Scenic Byways (the Great River Road, the Lincoln Highway, Meeting of the Great Rivers, Historic National Road in Illinois, Ohio River Scenic Route, Illinois River Road and Historic Route 66) in Illinois a grant funding opportunity to promote the roadways that are designated byways and the attractions along them. These funds are to be used for research and marketing of each byway.

Funding Information

Total Program Funding

\$350,000

Funding Sources (mark all that apply):

☒ Federal or Federal pass through

☒ State

☐ Private/other funding

Funding Source Description

Each fiscal year the Federal Highway Administration allocates funding for promotion and marketing projects in the amount of \$50,000 for each of the above named byways. This funding item is put into the Unified Work Program which is published every year by the Office of Planning and Programming.

Funding Restrictions

Applicants that are eligible for this program are the seven Nationally Designated Byways: The Great River Road; Meeting of the Great Rivers Byway; Historic National Road; the Ohio River Byway; Historic Route 66; the Lincoln Highway; and the Illinois River Road.

Award Information

Award Floor

\$0.00

Award Ceiling

\$50,000.00

Award Start Date

7/1/2025

Award End Date

6/30/2026

Award Announcement Date

Award Type

Non-Competitive

Capital Grant

☐ Yes ☒ No

Anticipated Number of Awards

7

Indirect Costs Allowed

☐ Yes ☒ No

Cash Match Requirement

n/a

In-Kind Match Requirement

n/a

Other Funding Requirement

n/a

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type

One-Time

Submission Open Date

04/01/25

Submission Close Date

05/15/25

Submission End Time

4:30 PM

Submission Timeline Additional Information

Allow Multiple Applications ☐ Yes

☒ No

Application Review Start Date/Pre-Qualification Deadline

Other Submission Requirements

To receive a copy of the Application package please contact John Paris, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 307, Spfld., IL 62674. Phone (217) 524-6756 or e-mail at [john.paris@illinois.gov](mailto:john.paris@illinois.gov)

Questions on Submission Information

Question Submission Open Date

Question Submission Close Date

Question Submission Email Address

Question Submission Additional Information

Technical Assistance Session

Technical Assistance Session ☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes & Mandatory

Session Date and Time

Conference Info / Registration Link

### Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type Eligible Applicants

Change

Public

Nonprofit Organizations

Additional Eligibility Information

### Evaluation & Scoring

Criteria

Funding is provided to projects to market and promote the byways of Illinois. If a byway has a project that qualifies and they submit their application, an amount of \$50,000 will be granted to them upon availability of federal funds.

Review & Selection Process

The applications are reviewed by the Scenic Byway Coordinator (Office of Planning and Programming). The applications are then forwarded to the Office of Business Services to draft a grant agreement between the byway and IDOT.

### Additional Information

Additional Information (URL) / Link to Agency Application

Additional Information URL Description

### Award Administration Information

State Award Notices

The Byway will receive a Notice of State Award and Grant Agreement to sign.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Section 505 of Title 23, United States Code, Highways, to provide guidance on what activities are eligible for SPR funds.

Reporting

The uniform Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and the Periodic Financial Report (PFR) have been combined into IDOT's BoBS 2832 Reporting Form. Quarterly reporting will be required unless more frequent reporting is required pursuant to specific award conditions.

These reports will describe the expenditure(s) of the funds and performance measures related thereto. The first BoBS 2832 report shall cover the first three months after the Award begins. Quarterly reports must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the three-month period covered by the report. Failure to submit the required BoBS 2832 report may cause a delay or suspension of funding.

State Awarding Agency Contacts

Other Information

The byway is responsible for submitting all invoices for reimbursement. With the reimbursement submittal, it is


required to submit all canceled checks, tear sheets, and proof of the tasks that were completed with the grant funding for reporting purposes.

**Opportunity Review (IDOT GATA)**

Opportunity has been reviewed and is approved for posting ☒ Yes ☐ No

Review Completed by Signature & Date

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