

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

Awarding Agency Name	Transportation
Agency Contact	Shawn Wilcockson (shawn.wilcockson@illinois.gov)
Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	Roadside Ecology-1
Funding Opportunity Title	Roadside Ecology Strike Team
CSFA Number	494-00-3755
CSFA Popular Name	Roadside Ecology Strike Team
Anticipated Number of Awards	1
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$5,000,000
Award Range	Not Applicable
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	No
Posted Date	10/23/2025
Application Date Range	10/23/2025 - 11/24/2025 : 5:00 PM
Grant Application Link	
Technical Assistance Session	No



Notice of Funding Opportunity

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 Shawn Wilcockson	
3. Agency Contact E-mail shawn.wilcockson@illinois.gov		4. Agency Contact Phone (217) 557-1762	
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10. CSFA Popular Name Roadside Ecology Strike Team		11. Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA No.) N/A	
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15. Source of Funding (mark all that apply)		Service Area (pick one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal or Federal pass through <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private/other funding		<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 10/23/25	19. Application Date Open / Date Closed 10/23/25 / 11/24/25
If yes, provide the citation governing the restriction n/a			
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 n/a			

NOFO Number

Roadside Ecology-1

Program Description

This project will enhance right-of-way or adjoining conservation land acres by deploying a roadside ecological strike team to assist IDOT with wildlife surveys and conservation practices to improve grasslands. The team will implement brush management, non-native invasive species control, prescribed burning, development/monitoring of prairie management plans, enhancement/diversification of grasslands for pollinators, tree/shrub plantings, prairie plantings, and other roadside ecological best management practices.

Funding Information

Total Program Funding \$5,000,000 Funding Sources (mark all that apply):
 Federal or Federal pass through
 State
 Private/other funding

Funding Source Description

This program is used by IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment Natural Resources Unit to address special management areas where sensitive or protected resources occur in IDOT's right of way.

Funding Restrictions

N/A

Award Information

Award Floor Award Ceiling Award Start Date Award End Date Award Announcement Date
\$5,000,000.00 July 1, 2025 June 30, 2030

Award Type Capital Grant Anticipated Number of Awards Indirect Costs Allowed
Competitive Yes No 1 Yes No

Cash Match Requirement In-Kind Match Requirement Other Funding Requirement
N/A N/A N/A

Submission Information

Submission Timeline Type Submission Open Date Submission Close Date Submission End Time
One-Time 10/23/25 11/24/25 5:00 PM

Submission Timeline Additional Information

n/a

Allow Multiple Applications Yes No Application Review Start Date/Pre-Qualification Deadline

Other Submission Requirements

Not for Profit Entities will abide by GATA Requirements for the application process and will be required to complete the following forms/processes:
*Must be registered in the GATA portal
*BoBS 2831 - Conflict of Interest form
*GATA ICQ - FY25 GATA Fiscal and Administrative risk assessment completed in the GATA portal
*Uniform Grant Application
*Programmatic Risk Assessment
*GATA Uniform Budget
*Must have an Active UEI on SAM.gov
*Detailed Scope of Service

Questions on Submission Information

Question Submission Open Date Question Submission Close Date Question Submission Email Address
shawn.wilcockson@illinois.gov

Question Submission Additional Information

For any questions regarding submission, please reach out to Shawn Wilcockson: 217-557-1762

Technical Assistance Session

Technical Assistance Session Yes No Yes & Mandatory

Session Date and Time

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Conference Info / Registration Link

n/a

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type Eligible Applicants

Public

Nonprofit Organizations
Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status (excludes institutions of higher education)

Change

Additional Eligibility Information

To be eligible for the grant, applicants will need the following:

- 1) All staff working on the grant will need to have their Commercial Pesticide Applicator license from the IL Department of Ag.
- 2) All staff working on the grant will need to be certified in Basic Incident Command System (I-100), Fire Fighter Training (S-130) and Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190).
- 3) 1 person on staff will need to have their Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2) license.
- 4) Preference given to applicants with at least 3 years of experience performing prescribed burns; non-native invasive species removal, discing and inter-seeding, prairie establishment, and those with experience writing natural resources management plans.
- 5) Experience implementing the Farmland and Prairie Campaign within Illinois Wildlife Action Plan.
- 6) Experience managing the decline of species of concern.
- 7) Experience managing grassland and shrub-land areas to enhance pollinator and grassland dependent species of concern.
- 8) Experience providing technical assistance for grass land management.
- 9) Experience working with partners to build support and participation in conservation practices.
- 10) Experience performing Bridge Bat Surveys.
- 11) Experience contributing to data collection for scientific field studies and surveys.
- 12) Knowledge of wildlife ecology, forestry, wetland and grassland management including the ability to utilize various habitat management equipment and tools in the development of wildlife habitat.
- 13) Ability to operate, maintain, and transport (trailer and securing) equipment (tractor, no-till planter, mower).
- 14) Valid driver's license required.
- 15) Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with colleagues and partner agencies.

Evaluation & Scoring

Criteria

IDOT will use a 100 point scale to evaluate all grant proposals.

Review & Selection Process

IDOT will review and score applications, the application with the highest score will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) within the GATA portal detailing the award.

Additional Information

Additional Information (URL) / Link to Agency Application

n/a

Additional Information URL Description

n/a

Award Administration Information

State Award Notices

A Notice of State Award (NOSA) will be sent within the GATA portal for acceptance.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

n/a

Reporting

The Tasking Support BDE 2720 form will need to be filled out on a quarterly basis. Additionally, the grantee and IDOT will have performance monitoring meetings on a quarterly basis.

The uniform Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and 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. Reporting will describe the expenditures of the funds and performance measures related thereto.

State Awarding Agency Contacts

Shawn Wilcockson, Natural Resources Unit Manager, shawn.wilcockson@illinois.gov

Other Information

n/a

Opportunity Review (IDOT GATA)

Opportunity has been reviewed and is approved for posting Yes No

Review Completed by Signature & Date

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