

NDDOT awards \$10M in Township Assistance Program funding

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) selected 22 projects to fund through the newly created **Township Assistance Program** (<http://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/localgov/townshipprogram.htm>) (TAP).

Legislation creating the TAP was approved by the 68th Legislative Assembly and signed by Gov. Doug Burgum last spring. The program provides \$10 million to NDDOT for improvements on township roads and bridges, using state funds to improve local corridors that are considered economic generators.

NDDOT worked with partners from Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, North Dakota Association of Counties and North Dakota Township Officers Association to develop the program.

“This program is providing much-needed funding to improve rural roads and bridges in townships across North Dakota,” Burgum said. “Investing now will help ensure our citizens have safe and reliable routes throughout the state for decades to come.”

Townships worked with the county to submit their applications. The TAP received applications for 284 projects totaling \$66.7 million in requested funds.

Twenty-one projects met program criteria and were fully funded. One alternative project will be partially funded and receive any unspent funds from other projects. For a complete list of projects visit www.dot.nd.gov/townshipprogram (<http://www.dot.nd.gov/townshipprogram>).

“The response to the Township Assistance Program was immense,” said NDDOT Director Ron Henke. “We realize there is still a great deal of need for funding on the county level, and we will be reaching out to unsuccessful applicants to gather information for consideration through the Flexible Transportation Fund.”

The Flexible Transportation Fund is a different funding formula also enacted by the legislature last session. For more information visit www.dot.nd.gov/flexfund (<http://www.dot.nd.gov/flexfund>). The deadline to apply is Dec. 31.

Fully funded projects:

- Burt Township / Ward County - culvert replacement, \$140,800
- Grand Forks / Grand Forks County - reshape and gravel, \$291,500
- Buxton Township / Traill County - reshape and gravel, \$308,000
- Ward County / Cameron Township - reshape and gravel, \$197,800
- Mineral Springs Township / Slope County - reconstruction, \$550,000
- Divide Township in Dickey County - culvert replacement, \$126,000
- Westfield Township / Steele County - culvert replacement, \$141,600
- Hugo Township / Steele County - reconstruction, \$249,700
- Park Township / Pembina County - reshape and gravel, \$153,400
- Blooming Valley Township / Divide County - reshape and gravel, \$196,200
- South Minnewaukan Township / Ramsey County - reconstruction/grade raise, \$990,000
- Meadow Lake Township / Barnes County - reshape and gravel, \$582,800
- Pulaski Township / Walsh County - reshape and gravel, \$121,000
- Golden Glen Township / LaMoure County - reconstruction /grade raise, \$292,000
- Poplar Grove Township / Ramsey County - reconstruction /embankment repair, \$192,500
- Divide Township / Dickey County - culvert replacement, \$741,000
- Nora Township / LaMoure County - reconstruction, \$275,000
- Minnie Lake Township / Barnes County - reconstruction, \$1,650,000
- Lansford Township / Bottineau County - reshape and gravel, \$56,100
- Antler Township / Bottineau County - reconstruction, \$143,800
- Scotia Township / Bottineau County - reshape and gravel, \$75,200

Partially funded project:

- Charbon Township / McKenzie County - reconstruction, approximately \$2.5 million