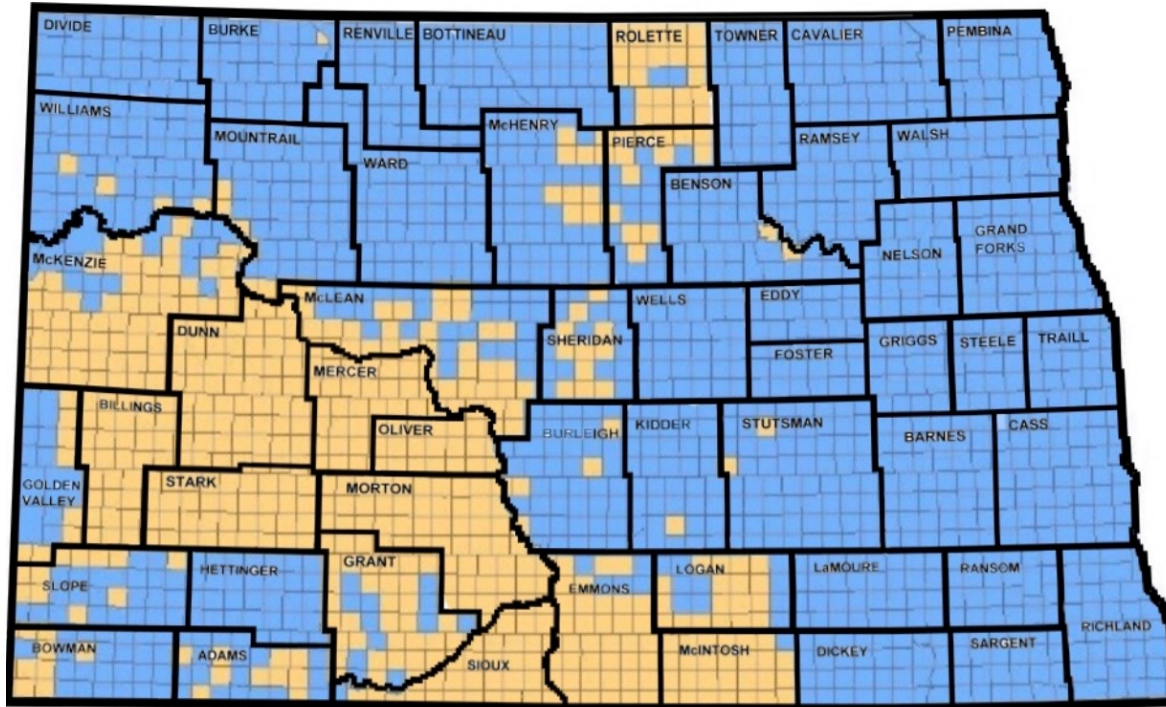


Township Transportation Funding Program Update – HB 1015

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Organized Townships



Unorganized Townships

Township Transportation Funding Program

- Legislative Foundation – **HB 1015** - 2021
 - Section 13 – Paragraph 2
- Additional Legislative Foundation
 - SB 2012 – NDDOT Budget Bill - Sec. 4
 - \$750,000, to the department of transportation for the purpose of providing grants to townships for emergency township road repairs
 - NDDOT solicited projects and received \$13.5 million in requests
 - Many are not FEMA eligible but some are



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HB 1015 – The OMB Bill

- Section 13 – Paragraph 2
- Provided: NDDOT \$100 million, \$10 million of which was to be used for matching Federal Funds for Township Road and Bridge Projects.
- This implies seeking grants for township projects.

Township Transportation Funding Program

- NDDOT is partnering with NDDOT to seek federal grants.
- This will call for grant writing to other federal agencies
 - FHWA grants generally not available for township roads.
 - Other agencies: DOD, DOE, DOC, DOI, etc.

Township Transportation Funding Program

- Preliminary Concepts/Eligible Projects
 - Multi-township-based corridor improvements such as gravel improvements of structural nature
 - Need to be in excess of 3.0 inches thick with engineered and tested gravel meeting NDDOT specifications for surfacing gravel.
 - Bundling of minor structure improvements across a multi-township area.
 - Roadway flood resiliency improvements so the roadway meets the logical design “Q” of the pipes along the corridor.
 - Signing improvement projects for elevating safety across a multi-township region.



Township Transportation Funding Program

- UGPTI Plan
 - Add specialized grant writing staff
 - Seeking experience with federal agencies other than FHWA
 - Seeking rural America expertise
 - Position is currently posted for applications
 - Intend to use this staff to train and advise existing staff to improve overall grant application expertise



Questions?

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