

Invest in your local transportation needs.

Federal Funds Purchase Program For Local Agencies



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What is the Federal Funds Purchase Program?

LB98 has provided NDOR the authority to enter into agreements for purchases of federal aid transportation funds at a discount rate. State funds obtained must be expended for highway and bridge needs.

The *Federal Funds Purchase Program* is being established to provide a way for NDOR to purchase the federal funds currently used by LPAs in exchange for state cash. State dollars will allow local agencies to tailor projects to better meet their local needs.

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How does the Federal Funds Purchase work?

- Federal transportation funds are made available to NDOR through the Federal Highway Administration.
- NDOR will purchase certain federal funds which have traditionally been made available to the LPAs.
- NDOR will enter into an agreement with the LPA to purchase its federal funds. The state will purchase each dollar of federal funds with 80¢ of state cash.
- The LPA uses the state funds for local transportation projects, with minimal oversight.
- LPAs can accumulate multiple years worth of cash payments.
- LPAs will locally let their projects and monitor them.
- NDOR will utilize the purchased federal funds at its sole discretion.

What are the benefits of the Federal Funds Purchase?

- Local control of your project.
- FHWA requirements and oversight are eliminated.
- Your agency can fund a wider variety of transportation projects.

- All phases of your local project are eligible for the state funds.
- Minimal environmental requirements.
- No NDOR/FHWA oversight of required permits, consultant procurement, or contracts.
- Projects using state funds will have minimal state oversight.

How can the LPA invest the state funds under this program?

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

Roads:

- Construction
- Reconstruction
- Non-routine maintenance
- Engineering
- Right-of-Way
- Utility relocations

Bridges:

- Low-water crossing
- Construction/Replacement
- Rehabilitation/Repair
- Deck patching
- Bridge rail repair
- Bridge removal
- Bridge inspection

Other:

- Erosion protection
- Sidewalks, ADA ramps
- Curb and gutter repair
- Storm sewer repair

Which agencies and programs qualify?

Surface Transportation Program (STP)

- All Counties
- Cities of the First Class outside of the Omaha and Lincoln metro areas

Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (BRRP)

- Counties with deficient bridges
- All Cities of the First Class (including Lincoln and Omaha) with deficient bridges

When will a decision be made?

Consensus – Yet this year, one decision will be made for all counties, and one decision will be effective for all cities under 200,000 population, as well.

With consensus of the cities and counties, the Federal Funds Purchase Program will be implemented for all cities and/or for all counties.

Mark your calendar to attend one of the upcoming informational meetings!

What: A meeting to discuss details of the Federal Funds Purchase Program, address any questions local officials may have, and visit about the possibilities.

For: RC's, Road and Street Superintendents, County Boards, Mayors, Council Members and Administrators

When & Where:

May 2 4-6 pm North Platte Community College
May 3 4-6 pm Gering Civic Center
May 4 4-6 pm Norfolk Lifelong Learning Center
May 5 9-11 am Grand Island Central Community College
May 5 4-6 pm Lincoln NDOR Auditorium

Who do I contact for information?

Contact NDOR's Local Projects Division if you have questions regarding the Federal Funds Purchase Program. You can reach us by phone, email or fax. Whichever method you use, a member of our staff will be ready to assist you.

For more details, draft agreements, and to see the frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers, visit the website at transportation.nebraska.gov.

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