



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2021-04**

### **REBUILD ILLINOIS BOND GRANTS TO LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES - FUND IMPLEMENTATION (INFORMATION EXCHANGE) & THIRD INSTALLMENT ISSUANCE**

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS / MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS / METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS / TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS / CONSULTING ENGINEERS

This Circular Letter is issued for the purposes of;

- 1) Providing additional information, support, and assistance by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to Local Public Agencies (LPA) regarding the planning, employment, implementation, policies and procedures of the REBUILD Illinois (RBI) grants program available on bondable projects;
- 2) Planning, understanding, and communicating with IDOT the intent of how each LPA will employ their RBI allotment on a project-by-project basis, via a non-committal “Information Exchange”; and
- 3) Update the LPA on their Total Grant Estimates, prior to the issuance of the planned third (3<sup>rd</sup>) RBI installment.

**LPA’s are strongly encouraged to participate in this process, and to identify capital bondable projects via the “Information Exchange Process” below. Please note that all grants in the RBI Program shall be authorized by July 1, 2025 and identifying eligible projects in a timely manner will provide ample time for planning and executing projects prior to that deadline.**

### **HISTORY & BACKGROUND**

On June 28, 2019 Governor Pritzker signed the REBUILD ILLINOIS Capital Plan to fund transportation projects and improvements, along with many other investments. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) of these critical investments for \$250 Million was awarded and distributed in May 2020. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) of these \$250 Million investments was awarded and distributed in July 2020.

With moving into calendar year 2021, IDOT will soon provide LPA’s with the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) installment of the \$1.5 billion grant program from the local government component of the RBI capital bill program. As with the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) installments, this third (3<sup>rd</sup>) installment will again consist of \$250 million that will be distributed based on the regular Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) formula. As with the previous issuances, this \$250 million installment of funds are not MFT distributions, rather, they are grants made from bond sale proceeds that must be deposited into the LPA MFT account and tracked separately as RBI spends.

### **ALLOTMENT AMOUNT RESOURCE**

LPA's are encouraged to view both the 1<sup>st</sup> allotment and their estimated total allotments via the IDOT website at the following location:

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/mft-distribution/index>

The detailed information is located under the "tab" entitled " [REBUILD Illinois Bond Funds](#)".

### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDANCE (BONDABLE PROJECTS)**

For clarity, consistency and guidance on projects that are eligible and qualify for usage of RBI funds (bondable projects), IDOT has issued the previous Circular Letters as follows, all of which remain in full effect as the LPA plans and provides the information requested in this Circular Letter 2021-04:

- [Circular Letter 2019-18](#) (Local Government Component of Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan)
- [Circular Letter 2020-11](#) (Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds to Local Public Agencies)
- [Circular Letter 2020-12](#) (Rebuild Illinois Bond Grants Second Installment)
- [Circular Letter 2020-16](#) (Revised Guidance on Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds to Local Public Agencies)

### **INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROCESS**

To ease and expedite the exchange of information, each LPA needs to complete an online form for each intended project that will, or is planned, to employ RBI funds. Please note that for each project submitted, the LPA will receive a verification email of submission and content for their information and verification.

Please use the below hyperlink to access the online Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCpMTNAU60Uo-6PAMq3WKUnoJ1SJ4ELZFozRTd4VBT0ZGtDw/viewform>

The LPA's are reminded of the following key considerations when preparing and submitting the online form, which will serve as the requested Information Exchange:

- Please provide all the requested information, with as much detail as possible;
- Understand that the data requested is for "informational purposes only", and the intent of this Circular Letter 2021-04 is intended as communicative, and is non-committal to actual use at this time; and
- Please remain aware of the deadlines for eligibility for usage and implementation of the RBI Program as stated within this Circular Letter 2021-04, above.

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**TIMING & DUE DATE**

Completion and submission of the [online form](#) and information is critical.

**Completed forms should be submitted as directed on the online form no later than February 16, 2021.**

**ASSISTANCE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For your aid and assistance in completing the requested information and online Form, or RBI bond eligibility, please contact your IDOT Local District's Local Roads and Streets Engineer, in your respective District.

For your convenience a map with the addresses of the nine Districts is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this Circular Letter, please contact Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, Local Program Development Engineer at (217) 782-3972 or [Babilbile.Seck@illinois.gov](mailto:Babilbile.Seck@illinois.gov)

Sincerely,

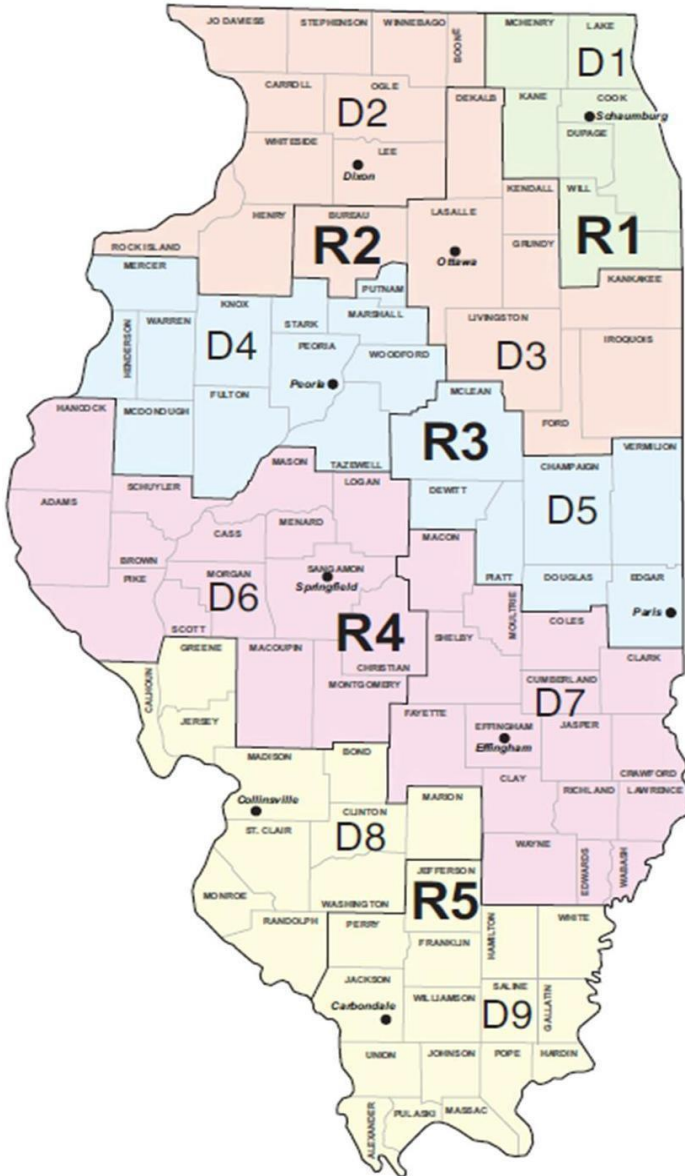


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Attachment

cc: Brian Otten, Illinois Association of County Engineers  
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## IDOT Region and Local Roads Engineers Map



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<b>Counties:</b> Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Macon, Moultrie, Richland, Shelby, Wabash, Wayne.	<b>Counties:</b> Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Greene, Jersey, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington	<b>Counties:</b> Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, White, Williamson