

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program



June 21, 2010 – Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig announces the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) is now accepting on-applications for the 2010 program ([see attached announcement](#)).

ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP)

ITEP provides funding for community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Project sponsors may receive up to 80 percent reimbursement for eligible project costs. The remaining 20 percent is the responsibility of the project sponsor. A project must qualify as one of the 12 eligible categories listed in the ITEP Guidelines Manual and it must relate to surface transportation to be eligible for funding.

Most Requested ...

State Links ...

OTHER RESOURCES

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Applications, Guidelines and Instructions

All applications submitted in 2010 must be entered by the on-line application process.

All on-line applications must be submitted by 4:30 PM (CST), Tuesday, August 31, 2010

In addition to the on-line submittal you must submit to IDOT within three (3) working days of the date of your final on-line application submittal:

- one (1) hard copy of the entire application, including attachments, plus
- five (5) additional copies of the attachments

Final deadline: All hard copies of applications and attachments must be delivered to IDOT by Close of Business (4:30 PM CST) on Friday, September 3, 2010

Projects in an urbanized area over 50,000 in population must also submit a hard copy of the entire application (with attachments) to the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Applications received beyond the deadline will not be accepted

Further detailed instructions are included with the on-line application.

[2010 On-line Application and Instructions](#)

[Printer Friendly Version of the 2010 On-Line Application & Instructions](#) (NOTE: this PDF version of the ITEP application is to be used for reference only. All applications must be submitted thru the on-line application process. The Local Assurance Page is included in this PDF and should be used to submit as one of the required attachments.

[2010 Guidelines Manual](#) (IDOT is working to get a version of the 2010 ITEP application available for users to download and print in its entirety. The on-line application itself cannot be printed until it has been finalized and submitted)

Illinois Green Streets Initiative - The Green Streets program will not be offered as a separate program in 2010. This type of improvement can be included under the Landscape and Scenic Beautification category of the ITEP program which provides more flexibility.

Questions

A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) has been developed. The answers to these questions should address many questions that a project sponsor may have. Visit the [FAQ's page](#) for answers to these questions. Additional questions should be e-mailed to itep@dot.il.gov or contact the local IDOT District ITEP Coordinator in your area listed in the ITEP Guidelines Manual under Appendix 2 or under FAQ's.

December 18, 2009: Governor Pat Quinn today announced communities in the Chicagoland-area will benefit from approximately \$10 million in enhancement funds for landscaping and beautification projects. The funding is a part of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), a federally funded program designed to improve the quality of life in Illinois by promoting alternative transportation, such as bike and hike trails, streetscape and beautification, and preserving transportation resources. The latest round of awards includes 68 projects statewide totaling \$22 million. [Click here](#) for the list of statewide projects receiving funding.

September 18, 2009 update: Governor Pat Quinn announced September 17, 2009 approval of [27 enhancement projects](#) to be funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Enhancement funds.

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ITEP Application Submission Requirements

Application Submittal: All applications submitted in 2010 must be entered by the on-line application process. In addition, hard copies of the application and attachments will be required to be submitted. This is required due to current limitations for attaching large files through the on-line application process and potential contamination from a virus.

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- five (5) additional copies of the attachments

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The Illinois Green Streets Program is not being offered as a separate program. However, sponsors can apply for funding under the Landscaping and Other Scenic Beautification category for similar improvements.

Required Attachments: Due to the inability at this time to submit attachments through the on-line application process, all attachments must be mailed separately to the Illinois Department of Transportation at the below address. In addition to one hard copy of the entire application you must submit five (5) copies of the required attachments and any supplemental attachments for your project. Once you have submitted your on-line application please immediately mail your application hard copy and all five (5) copies of attachments to IDOT. This will speed up the review process and avoid later confusion.

- Required attachments are:
 - Detailed Cost Estimate
 - Project Location Maps
 - Colored Photographs
 - Local Assurance Page
 - Public Involvement (if applicable)
 - Letters of Support (if applicable)
- Supplemental Attachments: If additional space is required to provide sufficient details when responding to a question, the attachment must be clearly labeled with the ITEP # and Project Title as well as the specific question it relates to.

Submittal of Attachments: Once an application is submitted, the account user will receive an e-mail notification that the application has been received which will include an ITEP number. Each application will be assigned a unique ITEP number, which will be displayed in the upper right hand corner of the General Information page after you have finalized and submitted the application. Print the General Information page, (this page can only be printed after your application has been submitted and finalized) and include this page as a cover sheet for each set of attachments. This will enable IDOT to ensure attachments are matched up correctly with the on-line application. Do not submit any attachments until you have completed the on-line application process and have attached the required cover page. Hard copies of your project application(s) and attachments must be delivered to IDOT within three (3) working days of the date of your on-line application submittal. Final Deadline for applications: all hard copies of the application and attachments must be delivered to IDOT by Close of Business (4:30 PM CST) on Friday, September 3, 2010. Applications received beyond the deadline will not be accepted.

General Application Information:

- Each Page must be filled out entirely and user must select SAVE or NEXT button to save that page before moving onto the next page. Failure to do so will result in loss of data.
- User can stop at any given point and return to the application (once a page has been completed and saved).
- Provide answers to all questions and be as concise as possible
- Designate only one project category for each application submitted
- If you are uncertain about the meaning of a particular question, access the Help Menu available in the Instructions box at the top of the page or review the 2010 ITEP Guidelines Manual
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) website also explains the ITEP categories and provides sample projects for each category, www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/index.htm.
- An additional resource is the local IDOT District Enhancement Coordinator in your area (refer to Appendix 2 of the 2010 ITEP Guidelines Manual for a list of District Enhancement Coordinators, www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html).
- If user experiences technical difficulties with the on-line application itself, please e-mail ITEP@dot.il.gov with an explanation of what the problem is and how it occurred. Be descriptive as possible.

Application Deadlines:

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Projects in an urbanized area over 50,000 in population must also submit a copy of the entire application with attachments to the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Refer to Appendix 5 of the ITEP Guidelines Manual for a list of MPOs.

Please submit all material to the following address:

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Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program
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Springfield, Illinois 62764