

2025 Duluth Area State Transportation Block Grant Request Application

Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council

I Instructions

Intro

Welcome to the Project Application form for the State Transportation Block Grant (STBG). If you are requesting funding for a transportation project in the MIC Planning Area, and utilizing STBG funding, you must submit a project application form.

Eligibility:

Only eligible jurisdictions may apply. An eligible jurisdiction is a state agency, county, transit authority, regional rail authority, tribal government, or city with a population over 5000 that is within the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) planning area (see the map). Cities and townships with a population under 5000 people may submit projects but need to be sponsored by an eligible jurisdiction.

Evaluation Process:

The MIC will evaluate each application for required consistency with the regional goals, objectives and associated project lists in the MIC's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The current LRTP is *Sustainable Choices 2045*. The MIC will also gather public input on each of the proposed projects (e.g. submitted applications). The project shall follow the basic process outlined below to be considered for inclusion into the TIP.

Basic Process for Projects Applying for State Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funding

1. All projects applying for STBG funding are to complete the "Duluth Area TIP Project STBG Application Form".
2. All jurisdictions eligible for federal transportation funding shall participate in a pre-application meeting with MIC staff to discuss and identify which project(s) are best suited for applying for the STBG funding for that year.
3. Timeline:
 - a. October – Pre-application Jurisdictional Meeting
 - b. December – Project applications due
 - c. February – MIC approves projects
 - d. April – Draft TIP is released with 30-day public comment period
 - e. June – Final TIP is presented for approval
4. When the project is completed, the jurisdiction completes a status report form verifying which modes, LRTP goals and objectives, and performance measures and TAM targets were achieved in the project.

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III Project Overview

Project name:

Lead Agency:

Contact Information (Name, email, phone number)

Route System # (Interstate, US Hwy, MN Hwy, CSAH, MSA, or Not Applicable-NA):

Location (Jurisdiction; Roadway, Intersection; and/or Trail Name(s); and be as specific as possible about where the work will occur):

Length (in miles), if applicable:

Brief Project Description (up to 200 characters, to be included in TIP):

Proposed Funding Type(s):

Total Project Cost:

Federal Funding Amount:

State Trunk Highway (TH) and/or Bond Amount:

Other and/or Local Funding Amount:

Year to be Constructed:

If Roadway Project, Functional Class:

IV Evaluation Criteria – 2025 MIC Area STBG Request Application

Being Multimodal

Which of the following transportation mode(s) are included in and/or enhanced by this project? (select all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freight (Truck, Rail, or Air)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maritime (Ship or Barge)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit (Bus, Shuttle, Passenger Rail, or Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automobile	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Work to be completed as part of this project:

Select all applicable walking-related work associated with this project:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Crosswalks – Markings or Warning System	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sidewalk Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curb Ramps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sidewalk Addition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail/Walking Path Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail/Walking Path Addition
<input type="checkbox"/>	ADA Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Select all applicable biking-related work associated with this project:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Crosswalks – Markings or Warning System	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail/Bike Path Improvements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curb ramps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail/Bike Path Addition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike Lane - Painted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bike Lane - Separated
<input type="checkbox"/>	ADA Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

Select all applicable transit-related work associated with this project:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bus Route – Improvement or Addition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Buses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dedicated Transit Lane or Drop-off
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit Signage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		

Select all other applicable work associated with this project:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Concrete Pavement Rehab	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic Signal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge (New)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Culverts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turning Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge Rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intersection Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge Replacement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roundabout	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dock Construction or Repair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surfacing or Resurfacing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rest Area or Wayside	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-dock Harbor Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stormwater Mngt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shipping Channel Navigation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	RR Crossing Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guard Rail Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		

L RTP Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: Promote public health and energy conservation, and protect and enhance the environment through responsible Duluth-Superior area transportation system policies and design. (Health of People and the Environment)

Which of the following L RTP Goal 1 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-1	Design and maintain infrastructure across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system in a manner that supports and encourages a physically active everyday transportation routine.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-2	Improve energy conservation related to the use and operation of the local and regional transportation system, for both environmental and public health benefits.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-3	Through innovative design, improved infrastructure, land use planning, use of sustainable approaches, higher fuel efficiency, and other options, avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate the negative environmental impacts of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system, such as stormwater runoff, flooding, air emissions, toxic pollution, noise and light pollution, and the spread of invasive species.

GOAL 2: Ensure the Duluth-Superior area transportation system supports the development and maintenance of a safe, healthy, and connected community that provides opportunities and choices for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities. (Livable Communities and Equity)

Which of the following L RTP Goal 2 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-1	Provide legitimate choices for all people of all ages, incomes, and abilities across the entire Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-2	Ensure legitimate opportunities for the public to engage in discussion about, and to share their needs and desires regarding the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-3	Build and maintain infrastructure that fits the neighborhood character.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4	Appropriately scale transportation-related projects across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-5	Ensure investments in the Duluth-Superior area transportation system lead to a diversification of transportation options for people across all modes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-6	Make information about the Duluth-Superior area transportation system available to the public in a variety of ways.

GOAL 3: Ensure the safety and security of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system for all users and modes, including being prepared to handle emergencies and disasters. (Safety)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 3 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-1	Ensure acceptable security, emergency response, disaster preparedness, and risk mitigation are maintained across the entire Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-2	Ensure evidence-based, data-supported design integrating acceptable levels of risk is emphasized in transportation-related project development and selection.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-3	Prioritize safety and acceptable levels of risk for vulnerable users of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-4	Meet all required safety-related federal, state, and local performance measures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-5	Maintain Duluth-Superior area transportation system infrastructure to ensure an acceptable level of risk for all users, both people and goods.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-6	Use technology to improve the safety and security of the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.

GOAL 4: Ensure the Duluth-Superior area transportation system is an integrated multimodal network that supports people and goods getting to where they need to go in an efficient manner. (Moving People and Goods)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 4 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-1	Provide viable and efficient travel options for the movement of people and goods across the entire Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-2	Address inefficiencies in the Duluth-Superior area transportation system for all modes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-3	Improve real-time travel across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system by maintaining the current critical infrastructure to increase longevity of local transportation facilities for all modes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-4	Improve real-time travel across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system through the adoption and use of technology.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-5	Ensure direct travel connections between modes of transportation for people exist and are maintained across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-6	Ensure direct travel connections between modes of transportation for goods and services exist and are maintained across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-7	Meet all required federal, state, and local performance measures and targets for NHS infrastructure (PM2), system performance on the NHS (PM3), and transit asset management (TAM).

GOAL 5: Develop and maintain the Duluth-Superior area transportation system to support economic productivity and competitiveness, including tourism. (Economic Vitality)

Which of the following LRTP Goal 5 Objectives will this project help to accomplish? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-1	Ensure the Duluth-Superior area transportation system provides access to and connection of key population and employment centers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-2	Improve access and mobility across the Duluth-Superior area transportation system for the movement of freight.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-3	Promote Duluth-Superior area transportation system decisions and investments that enhance the regional and global competitiveness of the Duluth-Superior Port.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-4	Promote Duluth-Superior area transportation system decisions and investments that stimulate neighborhood and regional economic activity, such as those that support core investment areas in local jurisdictions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-5	Make it easier to travel to tourist destinations and events.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-6	Integrate existing economic development plan recommendations when making decisions about Duluth-Superior area transportation system projects.

Describe in detail how this project will help accomplish the goals and identified objectives of the LRTP, or why it is not applicable. As part of your answer briefly describe the purpose and need for the project, what issues (project and system level) are to be addressed with this project, and what anticipated solutions to possible barriers will be needed to complete the project? (barriers could be public resistance, right-of-way needed, etc). (up to 3400 characters)

In lieu of completing the above requested narrative, the jurisdiction may instead submit the equivalent narrative from a funding application they have already submitted for the project.

Performance Measure or Transit Asset Management Targets

Which of the following LRTP Objectives regarding performance measures will this project help to achieve? (select all that apply):

	Objective	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-4	Meet all required safety-related federal, state, and local performance measures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-7	Meet all required federal, state, and local performance measures and targets for NHS infrastructure (PM2), system performance on the NHS (PM3), and transit asset management (TAM).

Which of the following MIC-approved performance measure and transit asset management targets is it anticipated this project will help achieve? (mark all that apply) **PROVIDE LINK TO PG 5-25 – 5-33**

<input type="checkbox"/>	PM-1 Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of traffic fatalities
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Rate of traffic fatalities
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of serious injuries
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Rate of serious injuries
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of non-motorized fatalities & serious injuries
<input type="checkbox"/>	PM-2 Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	% of NHS* bridges in good condition
		<input type="checkbox"/>	% of NHS* bridges in poor condition
		<input type="checkbox"/>	% of interstate pavement in good condition
		<input type="checkbox"/>	% of interstate pavement in poor condition
		<input type="checkbox"/>	% of non-interstate NHS* pavement in good condition
		<input type="checkbox"/>	% of non-interstate NHS* pavement in poor condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	PM-3 System Performance on NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	% of reliable person miles on the interstate
		<input type="checkbox"/>	% of reliable person miles on the non-interstate NHS*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) index
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transit Asset Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify which of the 4 targets this project is anticipated to help achieve.

* NHS = National Highway System

Describe in detail how this project will help achieve any of the five PM1 Safety, six PM2 Infrastructure, three PM3 System Performance on the NHS, and/or four Transit Asset Management (TAM) targets listed in the LRTP (pgs. 5-27 – 5-33) **PROVIDE LINK**, or why these are not applicable. (up to 3400 characters)

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