

## **IC 8-14-11**

### **Chapter 11. Local Bridge Grant Fund**

#### **IC 8-14-11-1**

##### **"Board" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the local bridge grant board established by section 9 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-2**

##### **"Construction" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "construction" means the building of a local bridge to the extent that new, supplementary, or substantially improved traffic service is provided.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-3**

##### **"Department" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the Indiana department of transportation.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.18-1990, SEC.124.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-4**

##### **"Executive" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "executive" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-5.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-5**

##### **"Fund" defined**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the local bridge grant fund established by section 8 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-6**

##### **"Local bridge" defined**

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "local bridge" means a structure that:

(1) is designed to carry vehicular traffic over or under an obstacle to the normal flow of traffic, including any grade separation, culvert, or approach to a bridge; and

(2) is located on a public road in a county highway system that is not part of the federally aided highway system.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-7**

##### **"Reconstruction" defined**

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "reconstruction" includes the resurfacing and rebuilding of a local bridge to the extent that

significant structural improvements result.  
*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-8**

##### **Establishment of fund; administration**

Sec. 8. (a) The local bridge grant fund is established to:

- (1) provide grants to counties for the construction and reconstruction of local bridges; and
- (2) pay the costs of administering this chapter.

The fund shall be administered by the department.

(b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(c) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-9**

##### **Board; establishment; members; tenure; compensation; quorum**

Sec. 9. (a) The local bridge grant board is established to receive and review applications for grants under this chapter. The board consists of the following members:

- (1) The director of the department, or the director's designee.
- (2) Six (6) persons appointed by the governor, no more than three (3) of whom may be of the same political party, as follows:
  - (A) Two (2) members of a county executive.
  - (B) One (1) county highway engineer.
  - (C) One (1) mayor of a city.
  - (D) One (1) member of a town board of trustees.
  - (E) One (1) person with substantial experience or education in the design or construction of bridges.

A member appointed under clause (A), (B), (C), or (D) who ceases to hold the office described in that clause ceases to be a member of the board.

(b) The governor shall designate a member of the board to serve as chairman.

(c) Members of the board who are appointed by the governor serve for terms of four (4) years. The governor shall fill a vacancy on the board by appointing a new member to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(d) A member of the board, other than the director of the department, is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Each member of the board is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(e) Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum. The

affirmative votes of four (4) members of the board are required for the board to take any action.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-10**

##### **Board support staff**

Sec. 10. The department shall provide staff support to the board.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-11**

##### **Grant application evaluation criteria**

Sec. 11. The board shall establish criteria to be used in evaluating applications for grants from the fund. These criteria:

- (1) must be consistent with the purposes of the federal local bridge program (23 U.S.C. 144(n));
- (2) must be based on good engineering practices; and
- (3) must provide for an equitable distribution of grants to counties located throughout Indiana.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-12**

##### **Grant application; requirements**

Sec. 12. (a) The executive of a county may apply to the board for a grant from the fund to be used to pay up to eighty percent (80%) of the cost of construction or reconstruction of one (1) or more local bridges. At the time of the application, the county executive shall notify the department of local government finance that the county has made the application.

(b) The application must include the following:

- (1) A description of the construction or reconstruction projects for which the grant application is made.
- (2) The estimated cost of the projects.
- (3) The amount of funding the county will provide for the projects, which must be at least twenty percent (20%) of the estimated cost of the projects. This amount may include the value of labor and materials to be provided by the county.
- (4) Any other information that the board or the department considers necessary.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.90-2002, SEC.320.*

#### **IC 8-14-11-13**

##### **Grant application financial report**

Sec. 13. Within thirty (30) days after a county applies for a grant under section 12 of this chapter, the department of local government finance shall submit to the department a financial report that includes the following information:

- (1) The amount of money available to the county for the construction and reconstruction of local bridges.
- (2) Any other information required by the board or the

department for the processing of grant applications.  
*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.90-2002, SEC.321.*

**IC 8-14-11-14**

**Evaluation of grant application; approval; notice**

Sec. 14. The board shall use the criteria established under section 11 of this chapter and the report submitted under section 13 of this chapter to evaluate an application for a grant from the fund. The board shall notify a county that makes a grant application of the board's approval or disapproval of the application within sixty (60) days of the date of the application. The board's decision to approve or disapprove a grant application is final.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*

**IC 8-14-11-15**

**Agreement; terms**

Sec. 15. The board and each county for which a grant has been approved under this chapter shall enter into an agreement specifying the purposes for which the grant may be used. The terms of the agreement must be consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.117-1989, SEC.1.*