



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Division of Highways**

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Joe Manchin III  
Governor

May 11, 2009

**OPEN LETTER REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR  
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (STIMULUS) FUNDING**

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a result of President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) approximately \$6 million in funding will be made available for Transportation Enhancement (TE), Recreational Trails (RT), Scenic Byway (SB) and Safe Routes To School (SRTS) - type projects in addition to the traditional 2009 granting programs. The following stipulations characterize the ARRA Stimulus Funding:

- The funding will be divided among the congressional districts at approximately \$2 million each.
- The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) will be given the first option to administer the projects from design through construction (WVDOH may design or hire consultant to design, then have the option to perform complete administration of the construction contracts [i.e.: advertise for bids, award contract, oversee construction] with input from sponsor).
- Applicants have until 5:00 p.m. June 30, 2009, to submit application packages.
- Funding will be 80% federal and 20% sponsor matching funds.
- Sponsor must pay matching funds up front.
- Matching funds cannot come from other federal transportation funds.
- Preference will be given to those projects that have the matching funds available at the time of application or within 120 days of the application.
- If selected, applicant must be able to begin the project within six (6) months of and complete the project within two (2) years of the Notice to Proceed.
- Regular TE and RT fiscal year 2009 applications, previously submitted by January 15 and February 15 respectively, may be considered for Stimulus Funding, if sponsor is willing to allow WVDOH first option to administer, as described earlier, and matching funds are available, or applicant may reapply with this new form. If you choose to have your 2009 application considered, please complete the basic contact information on page 1 of the form and check the "Yes" box in Section II.

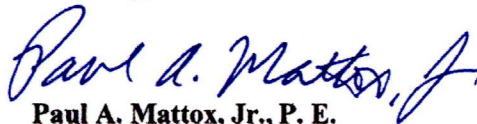
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- Applicants may mail or e-mail (preferred) the application including maps and photographs (addresses are included at the end of the form).

The application form is attached to this announcement. Please make certain that your proposed project fits at least one of the qualifications listed in the instructions, that it has an identifiable transportation link, and that you include the required photos and maps. Also, please double-check your completed form for thoroughness prior to sending.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Mr. Harold Simmons, Grant Administrator with our Program Planning and Administration Division, at (304) 558-9618.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Mattox, Jr., P. E.  
Secretary of Transportation/  
Commissioner of Highways

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