

Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 8 Call for Projects

(http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply_nowHSIP.htm)

Announcement Date: Monday, May 9, 2016

Application Due Date: Friday, August 12, 2016

Call Size: Approx. \$150 million of HSIP funds

Number of Applications per Agency: No limit

Max. HSIP Funds per Agency: \$10 million

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Minimum B/C required for an application to be considered in the selection process: 3.5

On Monday, May 9, 2016, Caltrans Division of Local Assistance announced Cycle 8 Call for Projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). This Call for Projects is targeted for approximately \$150 million of federal HSIP funds based on the estimated programming capacity in the FSTIP.

Agencies must submit applications to their respective [Caltrans District Office](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/dlae.htm), with attention to the District Local Assistance Engineer (DLAE). Applications are due by **Friday, August 12, 2016**. Applications received or postmarked later than this deadline will not be accepted. Please also contact your DLAEs if you have any questions regarding this Call for Projects. For DLAE contact information, go to:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/dlae.htm>

For program guidelines, application form and other useful documents, please follow the link on top.

Cycle 8 specifics:

- ❖ UC Berkeley TIMS website will no longer be used for the Benefit/Cost Ratio (BCR) calculation. Instead, the BCR is calculated using Excel Benefit Calculator and Section IV of the application form. Please read through **Appendix A of the application form instructions** before you start any calculation.

❖ **Funding Set-asides:**

- Set-aside for guardrail upgrades:

\$20 million HSIP funds are set aside for guardrail upgrades and end treatments. Note this funding set-aside is for upgrades of existing guardrails, not for new guardrail installations. Bridge rail upgrades are not eligible as well. The maximum HSIP amount per agency from this set-aside is \$600,000.

- Set-aside for crosswalk enhancements at unsignalized locations and/or pedestrian countdown heads at signalized intersections:

\$10 million of HSIP funds are set aside for crosswalk enhancements at unsignalized locations and/or pedestrian countdown heads at signalized intersections. The maximum HSIP amount per agency from this set-aside is \$250,000.

For a proposed project competing for the set-asides, no Benefit/Cost Ratio (BCR) calculation is required.

For either of the above two set-asides, if the total requested funding statewide exceeds the set-aside amount, ranking of the applications will be based on the number of fatality and severe injury (F+SI) crashes and the (F+SI) rate within the applicant's jurisdiction from 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2013.

- ❖ Non-infrastructure (NI) elements are not eligible to be funded due to the changes in the new Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- ❖ If an agency has one or more active HSIP (including HR3) projects that are flagged for not meeting delivery milestones, Caltrans will not accept HSIP applications from that agency unless the flags have been resolved prior to the application due date. For delivery requirements and project delivery status, please go to http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/delivery_status.htm.