



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FACT SHEET

#### WHAT

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) is a means for local governments to analyze, preserve, rehabilitate, and reconstruct bridges on their local roads.

- 3 grant types:
  - Preliminary Engineering
  - Preservation
  - Rehabilitation/Replacement
- Requires a 20% local match to the grant amount awarded to the project.
- The local agency is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, final surfacing, and fencing costs.

#### WHO

Counties that have implemented a wheel tax and have an approved Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan Guide on file with the DOT, and municipalities who own and maintain bridges. Applications are ranked by bridge condition, local planning, user impact, and local financial commitments.

#### WHEN

Preliminary Engineering grant application notices are made available each spring with applications due to the DOT by August 1. The Transportation Commission will act on these grant recommendations received from the DOT, by the end of October.

Preservation and Rehabilitation/Replacement grant application notices are made available each fall with applications due to the DOT by January 2. The Transportation Commission will act on these grant recommendations received from the DOT, by the end of April.

#### APPLICATIONS

Applications are available through the DOT Office of Local Government Assistance. For a copy of the BIG Procedures and application form, call (605) 773-2995, or check out our website at: <https://dot.sd.gov/doing-business/local-governments/bridge-improvement-grants>