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March 7, 2024

BCC Agenda Date/Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Approval to apply for a Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Grant for construction funding to replace the SE Bull Run Rd: Bull Run River Bridge. Total construction phase value is \$18 million. Grant funding to be matched by County Road Funds and the Portland Water Bureau. No County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review	03/05/24: Request for Consent 01/11/24: BCC Approval of Supplemental Project Agreement No. 23349 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the SE Bull Run Rd: Bull Run River Bridge Project. 10/23/23: BCC Approval to apply for a Local Bridge Program Grant for construction funding to replace the Bull Run River (Bull Run Road) Bridge 08/18/22: BCC Approval to apply for a Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Grant to replace the Bull Run River (Bull Run Road) Bridge 04/07/22: BCC Approval to apply for a RAISE Discretionary Transportation Grant to replace the bridge across the Bull Run River 07/08/21: BCC Approval to apply for a RAISE Discretionary Transportation Grant to replace the bridge across the Bull Run River 10/15/20: BCC Approval to apply for a Local Bridge Program Grant for funding to replace three bridges (Bull Run Bridge was one of the bridges) 05/07/20: BCC Approval of federal BUILD grant application for the Bull Run River (Bull Run Rd) Bridge 07/11/19: BCC Approval of federal BUILD grant application for the Bull Run River (Bull Run Rd) Bridge 07/12/2018: Approval of federal BUILD grant application for the Bull Run River (Bull Run Rd) Bridge		
Performance Clackamas	The project will build a strong infrastructure.		
Counsel Review	No	Procurement Review	No
Contact Person	Joel Howie	Contact Phone	503-742-4658

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Clackamas County received a Preliminary Notice of Funding Opportunity #693JJ324NF00006 for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) from the Federal Highway Administration. The BIP is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. Applications are due on March 19, 2024.

The SE Bull Run Rd: Bull Run River Bridge is over 129 years old and came from one of the spans from a Burnside Bridge originally constructed in 1894 and moved to this location in 1926. The bridge is severely load-restricted, has structural deficiencies, and a sufficiency rating of 2.0 (out of 100). This bridge is the only connection to the Bull Run area of northeast Clackamas County with a population of 360 for emergency response and access to services in Sandy. It is also a critical connection for the Portland Water Bureau to access the Bull Run Reservoir, which is the primary water source for over 1 million people in the Portland area and was a very important access route for the timber industry.

The SE Bull Run Rd: Bull Run River Bridge was awarded \$2 million for the Preliminary Engineering and right-of-way phases of the project through the 2025-2027 Local Bridge Program (LBP) solicitation. The County also applied for construction funding through the 2027-2030 LBP solicitation. However, LBP funding decisions have not been made yet, and the BIP, although requiring a higher match, would provide construction funding much earlier than the LBP.

The superstructure of the replacement bridge is expected to be a single-span, steel-spliced girder with a total estimated construction phase cost of \$18 million. The BIP grant requires a 20-percent match and the Portland Water Bureau committed to providing a \$1 million contribution if the BIP grant is awarded. County Road Funds would provide the remaining match of \$2,600,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully recommends approval to apply for the Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Grant for construction funding to replace the SE Bull Run Rd: Bull Run River Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson

Dan Johnson, Director
Department of Transportation & Development

Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

Use this form to track your potential award from conception to submission.

Sections of this form are designed to be completed in collaboration between department program and fiscal staff.

If renewal or direct appropriation, complete sections I, II, IV & V only. Section III is not required.

If Disaster or Emergency Relief Funding, EOC will need to approve prior to being sent to the BCC

CONCEPTION

Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Requester

Direct Appropriation (no application)

Award type: Subrecipient Award Direct Award

Award Renewal? Yes No

Lead Fund # and Department:	
Name of Funding Opportunity:	

Funding Source: Federal – Direct Federal – Pass through State Local

Requestor Information: (Name of staff initiating form)	
Requestor Contact Information:	
Department Fiscal Representative:	
Program Name & Prior Project #: (please specify)	

Brief Description of Project:

Name of Funding Agency:

Notification of Funding Opportunity Web Address:

OR

Application Packet Attached: Yes No

Completed By:

Date:

**** NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE ****

Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Department Fiscal Rep

Competitive Application Non-Competing Application Other

Assistance Listing Number (ALN), if applicable:		Funding Agency Award Notification Date:	
Announcement Date:		Announcement/Opportunity #:	
Grant Category/Title		Funding Amount Requested:	
Allows Indirect/Rate:		Match Requirement:	
Application Deadline:		Total Project Cost:	
Award Start Date:		Other Deadlines and Description:	
Award End Date			
Completed By:		Program Income Requirements:	
Pre-Application Meeting Schedule:			

Additional funding sources available to fund this program? Please describe:

How much General Fund will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

How much Fund Balance will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

In the next section, limit answers to space available.

Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff

Mission/Purpose:

1. *How does the grant/funding opportunity support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?*

2. *Who, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?*

3. *What are the objectives of this funding opportunity? How will we meet these objectives?*

4. *Does the grant/financial assistance fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?*

Organizational Capacity:

1. *Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant/financial assistance funding opportunity timeframe?*

2. *Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?*

3. *If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sun setting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?*

4. *If funded, would this grant/financial assistance create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?*

Collaboration

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

Reporting Requirements

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant/funding opportunity?

2. How will performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this funding?

Fiscal


1. Are there other revenue sources required, available, or will be used to fund the program? Have they already been secured? Please list all funding sources and amounts.

2. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, In-kind, local grant, etc.)?

3. Does this grant/financial assistance cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are those sources?

Other information necessary to understand this award, if any.

Program Approval:

		
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

** NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR **
ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN

Section IV: Approvals

DIVISION DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)

Mike Bezner

02/26/2024



Name (Typed/Printed)

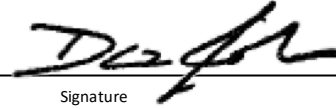
Date

Signature

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (or designee, if applicable)

Dan Johnson

02/26/2024



Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth Comfort

2.26.2024



Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

EOC COMMAND APPROVAL **WHEN NEEDED FOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELIEF APPLICATIONS ONLY**

Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

Section V: Board of County Commissioners/County Administration

(Required for all grant applications. If your grant is awarded, all grant awards must be approved by the Board on their weekly consent agenda regardless of amount per local budget law 294.338.)

For applications \$150,000 and below:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	Approved:	Denied:
Name (Typed/Printed)	Date	Signature

For applications up to and including \$150,000 email form to BCC staff at CA-Financialteam@clackamas.us for Gary Schmidt's approval.

For applications \$150,000.01 and above, email form with Staff Report to the Clerk to the Board at ClerktotheBoard@clackamas.us to be brought to the consent agenda.

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County Administration Attestation

County Administration: re-route to department at and Grants Manager at financegrants@clackamas.us when fully approved.

Department: keep original with your grant file.

March 7, 2024

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
U.S Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 2023 Bridge Investment Program Application for Replacement of the Bull Run Bridge in Clackamas County, Oregon

Dear Administrator Bhatt:

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners wishes to express their strong support for the 2023 Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Grant to replace the Bull Run Bridge in Clackamas County, Oregon. At our March 7, 2024 Business Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Bridge Investment Program grant application submission. Through this approval we also authorized the use of county road funds to provide the required \$2,600,000 match. We are pleased to note that the project is a partnership project that includes a contribution of \$1 million by the Portland Water Bureau in support of the project.

The 130-year-old Bull Run Bridge is a vital facility for the residents of the Bull Run watershed, the economy of Clackamas County and the Portland region. It has already been load restricted and may need to be closed to traffic in the next 5 to 10 years due to structural deterioration. It must be replaced as soon as possible. If the Bull Run Bridge is not replaced and is taken out of service, the quality of life of local rural residents will be seriously impacted. Closure of the bridge will add at least 1½ hours to each round trip to Sandy, Oregon by area residents to access all types of places of work, businesses, services, schools and medical facilities.

Further, the Bull Run Bridge is also the main access route for the Bull Run River Reservoirs #1 and #2, the water source for Portland and the surrounding cities. If the bridge is closed it would impede maintenance, operations, and emergency response at the reservoirs. This past summer a lightning-caused wildfire in the Bull Run Watershed burned over 2000 acres. The bridge load restrictions created significant logistical challenges and delays during the fire response activities. Evacuation planning for Portland Water Bureau personnel and chlorine cannisters had to account for significantly longer evacuation timeframes, which increased the likelihood of a water system shutdown occurring had there been modest westward movement of the fire perimeter.

The Bull Run Bridge is vital to the health, safety and welfare of residents of the upland area of Clackamas County and the Portland area. Replacement of the bridge is the only way to avoid closure of this important access route, possible within the next 5 to 10 years. We urge that the Bull Run Bridge replacement project be selected for funding through the Bridge Investment Program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project proposal.

Sincerely

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tootie Smith, Chair
On Behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners