

**POLICY NO. 104**

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR**

**SUBJECT:** Off-System Bridge Funding Assistance Program

**ADOPTED:** July 22, 2014

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair shall appropriate funds up to \$50,000 annually to be programmed for the replacement of bridges (with spans of a minimum of twenty feet or greater) located upon the local road system. This program will work in conjunction with the State of Michigan's Local Bridge Funding Program, which requires a 5% match from the local entity. One-third of the local 5% match will continue to come from the County's Match Money Program. The remaining two-thirds of the local 5% match will consist of 80% contribution from the Road Commission and a 20% contribution from the Township.

The project must be accepted by the State of Michigan's Local Bridge Funding Program to be eligible for funding.

Applicants must contact the Road Commission's Engineering Department for guidance in completing the application. Applications must include a resolution approved by the applying township's board. Funds shall be eligible for use following acceptance of the project by the State of Michigan's Local Bridge Funding program.

In order to qualify for funding, the following criteria will be evaluated:

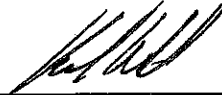
1. The project must fall within established definitions as set forth under Act 51, Public Acts of 1951.
2. Projects should provide for system continuity.
3. Total project cost shall be termed to mean all project related expenses including title searches and right-of-way acquisition, but excluding engineering costs as provided under Policy 52 as amended.
4. Contribution rates from outside sources which exceed 20% of project cost are encouraged and will be given added selection consideration.
5. Townships that have not been awarded funds through this program for the previous two consecutive years may submit projects for consideration and selection. Should funding be available after eligible township projects have been approved, upon due consideration, the Board may allow townships that had received funding in the previous two consecutive years to submit projects for the remaining funds.

6. Special selection consideration will be given to township-line projects involving two or more townships desiring to provide a collaborative improvement effort.
7. Programmed projects must be submitted in their entirety. Changes in project scope will result in re-evaluation in accordance with established criteria.
8. All projects must be constructed to established AASHTO bridge standards.
9. Funded projects must commence within one year from when the State and/or Federal funds are obligated.



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Timothy J. LaLonde, Chairman



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