

Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP)

Eligible Activities:

Replacement and rehabilitation of deficient bridges that are located off the state and interstate system of highways.

Every two years, TDOT inspects all bridges across the state, determines their condition in accordance with NBIS and provides a rating that indicates the safe weight that can use the bridge. Bridges with a rating of 15 tons or less are added to the department's bridge replacement list, ranking them from the worst bridge to the best. A sufficiency rating of less than 80 is eligible for rehabilitation and bridges less than 50 are eligible for replacement. Rehabilitated bridges must have a sufficiency rating greater than an 80 at project completion and Federal HBRP funds cannot be used on that bridge again for 10 years.

When funding is available, TDOT selects bridges for replacement from the bridge replacement list. The number of bridges to be replaced is governed by the amount of federal bridge replacement funding available.

The Local Programs Development Office notifies local agencies of bridges under their jurisdiction that have been selected for replacement. If the local government chooses to accept the bridge, the federal program pays 80% of the project cost—all phases are eligible. The remaining 20% is paid by the local government. If local agency is out of compliance for failure to properly post, close, or repair any bridge owned by that local agency in the timeframe and manner specified by TDOT, the local agency will not be eligible for any state or local bridge funds during that phase of programming (ie., R.O.W., Construction). The federal funding is not available for specialty work such as decorative items and special lighting. Bicycle and walking paths across bridges are eligible if the local government has such facilities in place as the project begins or if it has a master greenway plan in place showing the need for such facilities.

Once the project is completed, the local government is responsible for maintenance.

Application process:

Once the local government is notified that bridges under its jurisdiction are being offered for replacement, it should contact the Local Programs Development Office at Local.Programs@state.tn.us or by phone at 615-741-5314 to indicate its desire to manage the project locally.
