

**Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
Georgia Highway Contractor Relief Grant Program  
CFDA 210.27 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds  
Notice of Funding Opportunity December 1, 2023**

**DISCLAIMER**

**This Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) is intended to be a guide to the application process for prospective applicants applying for consideration of funding through the State of Georgia Highway Contractor Relief Grant Program. This guidance is not exhaustive, binding, or final.**

**I. OVERVIEW**

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recover Fund, the State of Georgia Road Contractor Relief Grant will provide direct aid to state road contractors and state road subcontractors who can demonstrate a negative economic impact of COVID-19. A total of \$50 million will be allocated for the establishment of an economic recovery fund for state road contractors and state road subcontractors impacted by COVID-19.

**II. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE**

During the grant application window, only staff designated by OPB as primary grant contacts may be contacted for assistance. The primary grant contacts for the State of Georgia Road Contractor Relief Grant Program is Max Levy ([max.levy@opb.georgia.gov](mailto:max.levy@opb.georgia.gov)).

**III. FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR AWARD**

OPB anticipates that up to \$50 million will be available under this NOFO, which may be increased or decreased at OPB’s discretion. OPB reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this NOFO. Individual award amounts will be determined based on actual loss suffered by the applicant due to unforeseen increases in costs of materials caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic minus any PPP and/or other COVID-19 relief loans received by the applicant which were subsequently forgiven. Individual awards are capped at 3% of total contract value per project (application); and individual contractors/subcontractors are limited to an aggregate of 5% of the total amount of funding allocation available.

**IV. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Prime highway contractors and subcontractors who performed work on projects for the Georgia Department of Transportation between the dates of March 3, 2021, and December 1, 2023, who meet the eligibility criteria outlined with the NOFO. Individual applications must be submitted for each completed project. (For example: an applicant who worked on 2 separate projects must submit an individual application for each project.)

**V. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

You are eligible for grant funds if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a prime highway contractor or subcontractor with NAICS Code 237300 or 237310.
- You worked on state funded transportation project(s) that include a Georgia Department of Transportation issued unique project number or identifier that was completed between March 3, 2021, and December 1, 2023.
- You are in good standing with the State of Georgia’s Secretary of State’s Office.

- You are located within the State of Georgia.
- You can demonstrate the negative impact of COVID-19 on your organization by providing original quotes and/or bids for project materials that include dates, quantities, and prices associated at the time of the quote and/or bid, along with supplier or subcontractor invoices and proofs of payment demonstrating an increase from the original quote and/or bid, due to commodity price increases.
- You can provide the executed contract with the prime contractor if subcontractor is applying, or the Department of Transportation if the prime contractor is applying.
- You can provide a copy of the executed final pay application (final construction invoice) for the project.
- You can provide copies of all final executed project change orders.
- You can provide an explanation for cost increases and attestation that cost increases occurred due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- You do not owe any outstanding state taxes.

## **VI. Grantee Type**

Awardees under the Road Contractor Relief program will be designated as beneficiaries. Treasury Final Rule provides that if the recipient (the State of Georgia) is providing funds to the individual or entity (the subrecipient) for the purpose of directly benefitting the individual or entity who has suffered either a public health impact or negative economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the individual or entity is classified as a beneficiary. As a beneficiary, the individual or entity is not subject to subrecipient monitoring and reporting requirements.

## **VII. ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS**

Funds will be awarded for operational costs. Examples of operational costs include but are not limited to equipment purchases, rent, insurance, wages, utility costs, sales, and accounting expenses.

Unallowable uses:

- Property tax and other taxes
- Lobbying
- Debt service
- To replenish financial reserves
- To satisfy any obligation resulting from a judgment or settlement

## **VIII. GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE**

December 1, 2023: NOFO Released

January 2, 2024: Application Window Opens

March 4, 2024: Application Period Closes

March 5 – May 5, 2024: Application Review

June 1, 2024: Grant Awards

## **IX. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness. Awards will be made on a rolling basis for eligible applications.

## **X. APPLICATION AWARD AND NOTIFICATION**

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the eligibility criteria. All awardees will be notified of the award.

**XI. GRANT AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

An applicant selected for funding through the Georgia Road Contractor Relief Grant Program that wishes to accept this award must execute the Georgia Road Contractor Relief Grant Program Terms and Conditions within 60 days of the announcement of receipt of the award. The State will not accept proposed changes or amendments to the Terms and Conditions. Failure or refusal to comply with this requirement will result in award funds being rescinded.