

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing  
6 Section 2705-615 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-615)

8 Sec. 2705-615. Supplemental funding; Illinois  
9 Transportation Enhancement Program.

10 (a) Each year, in ~~in~~ addition to any other funding that may  
11 be provided to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program  
12 from federal, State, or other sources, including, but not  
13 limited to, the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside of the  
14 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, the Department  
15 shall set aside \$50,000,000 received by the Department from the  
16 Road Fund for the projects in the following categories:  
17 pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the conversion of  
18 abandoned railroad corridors to trails.

19 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), funds set aside  
20 under subsection (a) shall be administered according to the  
21 requirements of the current Guidelines Manual published by the  
22 Department for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement  
23 Program, including, but not limited to, decision-making by the

1 Department and the applicable Metropolitan Planning  
2 Organization and proportional fund distribution according to  
3 population size.

4 (c) For projects funded under this Section:

5 (1) local matching funding shall be required according  
6 to a sliding scale based on community size, median income,  
7 and percentage of population living below the federal  
8 poverty line ~~total property tax base~~;

9 (2) Phase I Studies and Phase I Engineering Reports are  
10 not required to be completed before application is made;  
11 and

12 (3) at least 25% of funding shall be directed towards  
13 projects in high-need communities, based on community  
14 median income and percentage of population living below the  
15 federal poverty line ~~total property tax base~~.

16 (d) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
17 this Section.

18 (e) The Department shall adhere to a 2-year funding cycle  
19 for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program with calls  
20 for projects at least every other year.

21 (f) The Department shall make all funded and unfunded ~~the~~  
22 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program applications  
23 publicly available upon completion of each funding cycle,  
24 including how each application scored on the program criteria.

25 (Source: P.A. 101-32, eff. 6-28-19; revised 7-24-19.)