

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3125

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2705/2705-615

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that supplemental funding for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program shall be set aside on a yearly basis. Provides that local matching funding shall be required according to a sliding scale based on community size, median income, and percentage of population living below the federal poverty line (rather than community site, median income, and total property tax base). Provides that at least 25% of funding shall be directed towards projects in high-need communities, based on community median income and percentage of population living below the federal poverty line (rather than community median income and total property tax base).

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

- Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the 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
- 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.

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- 4 (c) For projects funded under this Section:
 - (1) local matching funding shall be required according to a sliding scale based on community size, median income, and percentage of population living below the federal poverty line total property tax base;
 - (2) Phase I Studies and Phase I Engineering Reports are not required to be completed before application is made; and
 - (3) at least 25% of funding shall be directed towards projects in high-need communities, based on community median income and percentage of population living below the federal poverty line total property tax base.
- (d) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement this Section.
- (e) The Department shall adhere to a 2-year funding cycle
 for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program with calls
 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.)