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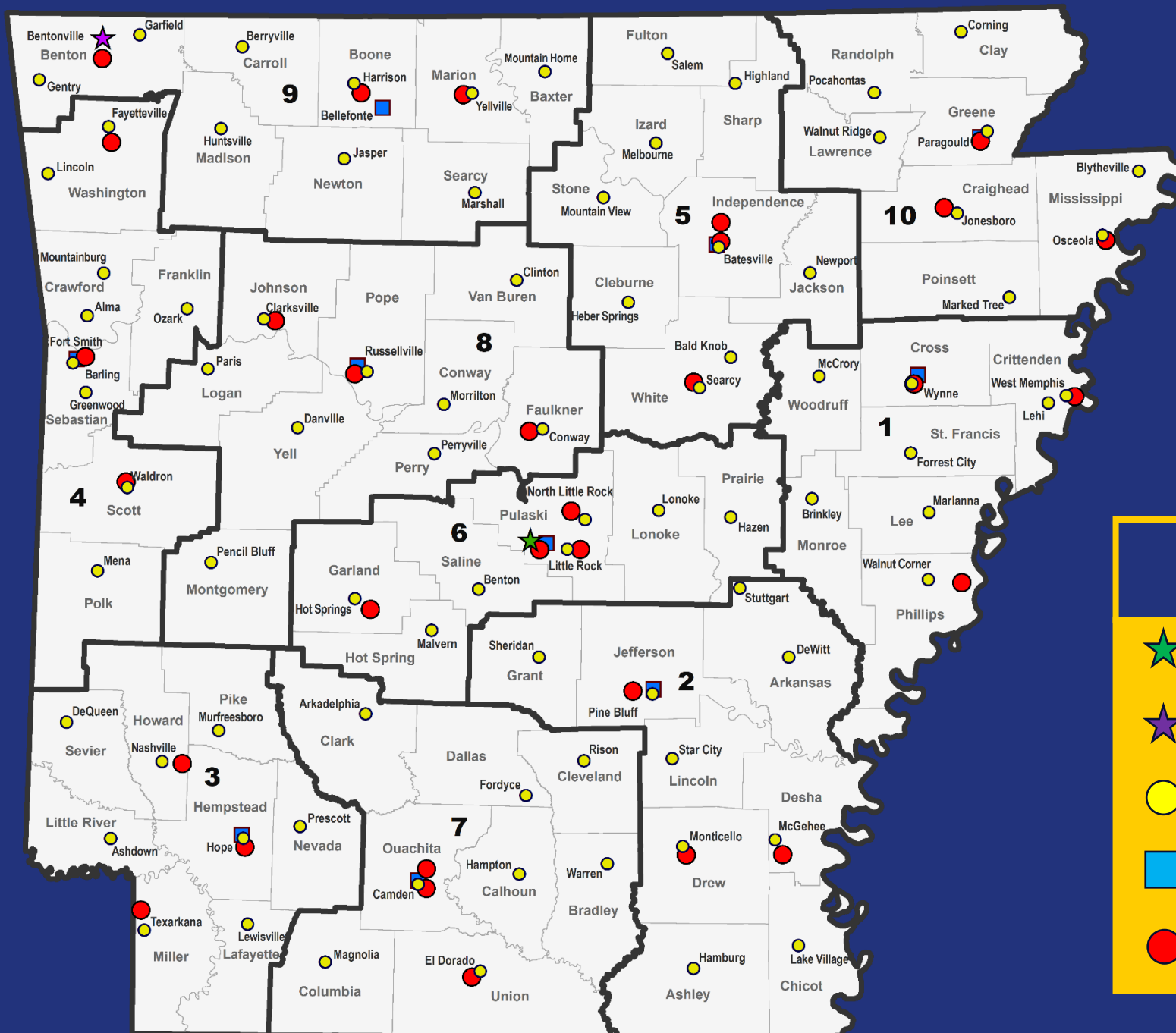


**Commissioner
Jerry Halsey**



ARDOT Quick Facts

- 3rd Largest State Agency
- Approximately 3,900 Employees
- Maintain 16,371 miles of Highway and 7,335 Bridges
- Highway System valued at \$140 billion
- Central Offices in Little Rock



FACILITY TYPE

- ★ Central Offices
- ★ Northwest Office
- Area Headquarters
- District Headquarters
- Resident Engineer Offices



2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**Safety for
Mobile
Operations**

**Green
Lights**

**Amendment
to Driver's
Manual**

**School &
Office Trailer
Deregulation**

**CM-GC
Changes**

**Changes to
Bonding
Authority**

**Surplus
Property**

**Denatured
Ethanol**

**Utility
Relocation**



SLOW DOWN PHONE DOWN

in work zones

YEAR FOUR



2025-2026



**18–24-year-olds
statewide**



Distracted driving



YEAR ONE



2025-2026 school year



6-8th graders statewide



**Seatbelts, bicycle and
pedestrian safety &
distracted brains**



ANNUAL FUNDING

01

State Funds

\$1.3 Billion

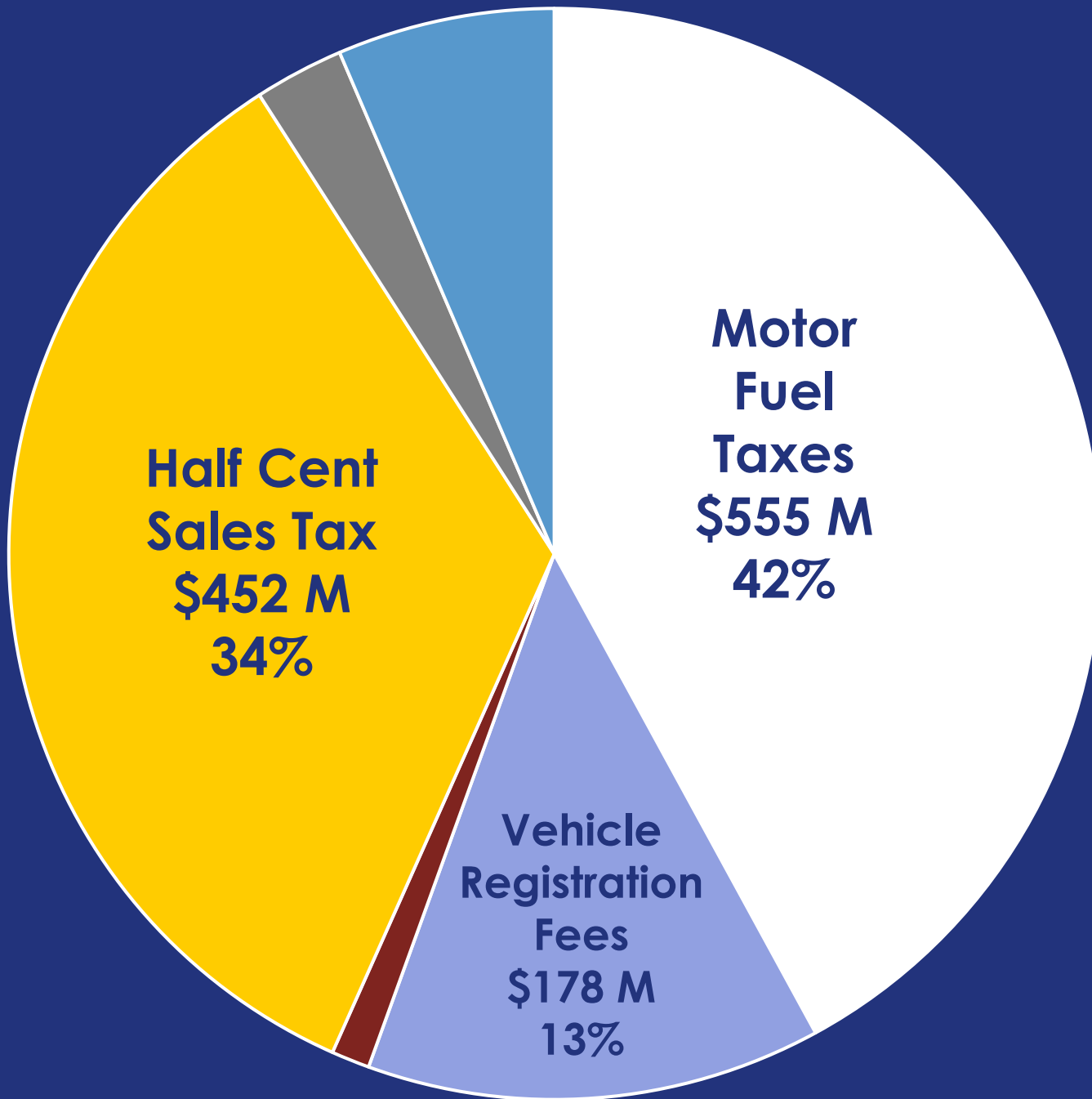
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Federal Funds

\$843 Million



**State Transportation Funds
Average for State Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



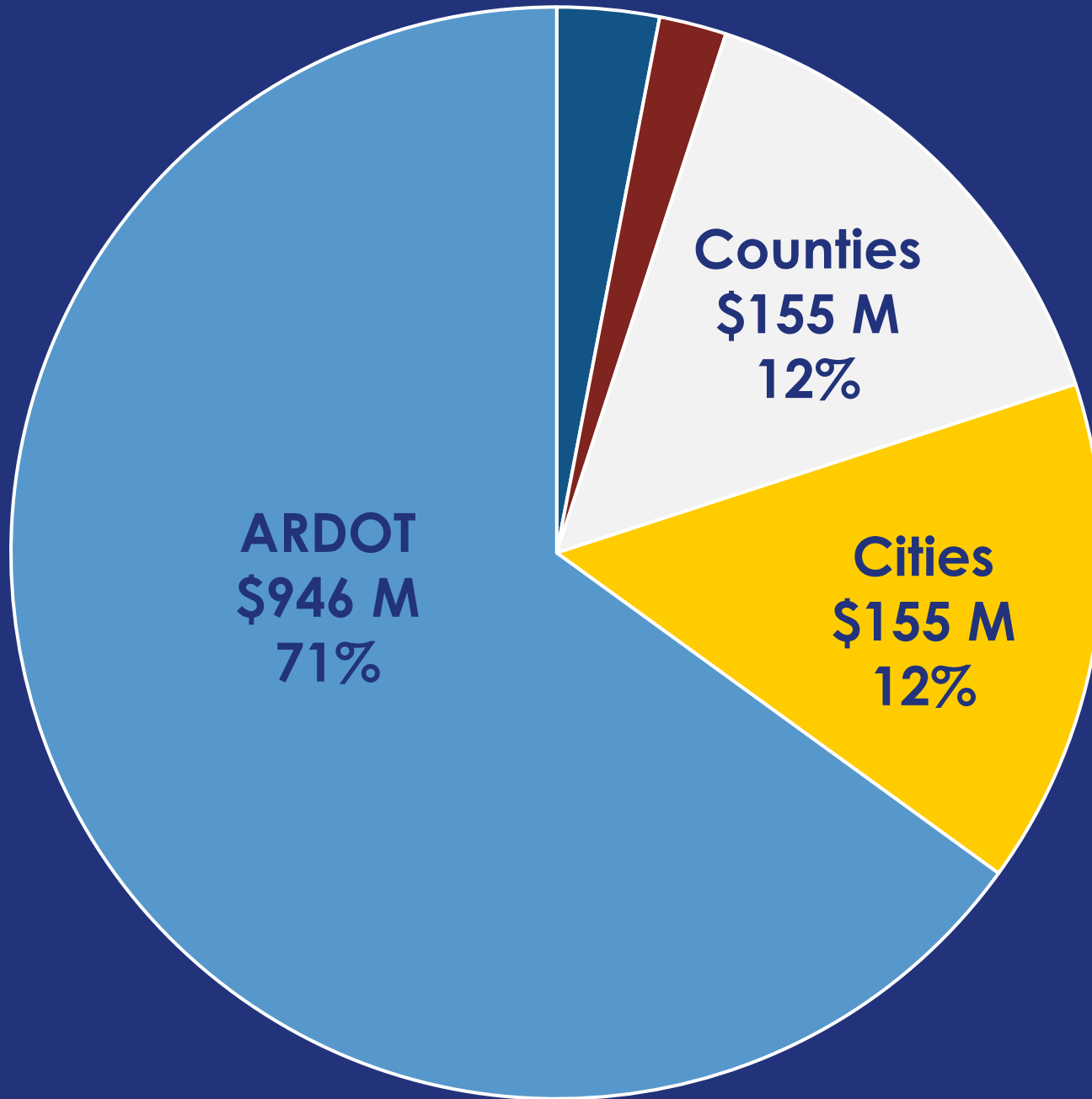
Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion

Natural Gas
\$14 M - 1%

Casino Revenue
\$35 M - 3%

Other
\$85 M - 7%

**State Transportation Funds
Average for State Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

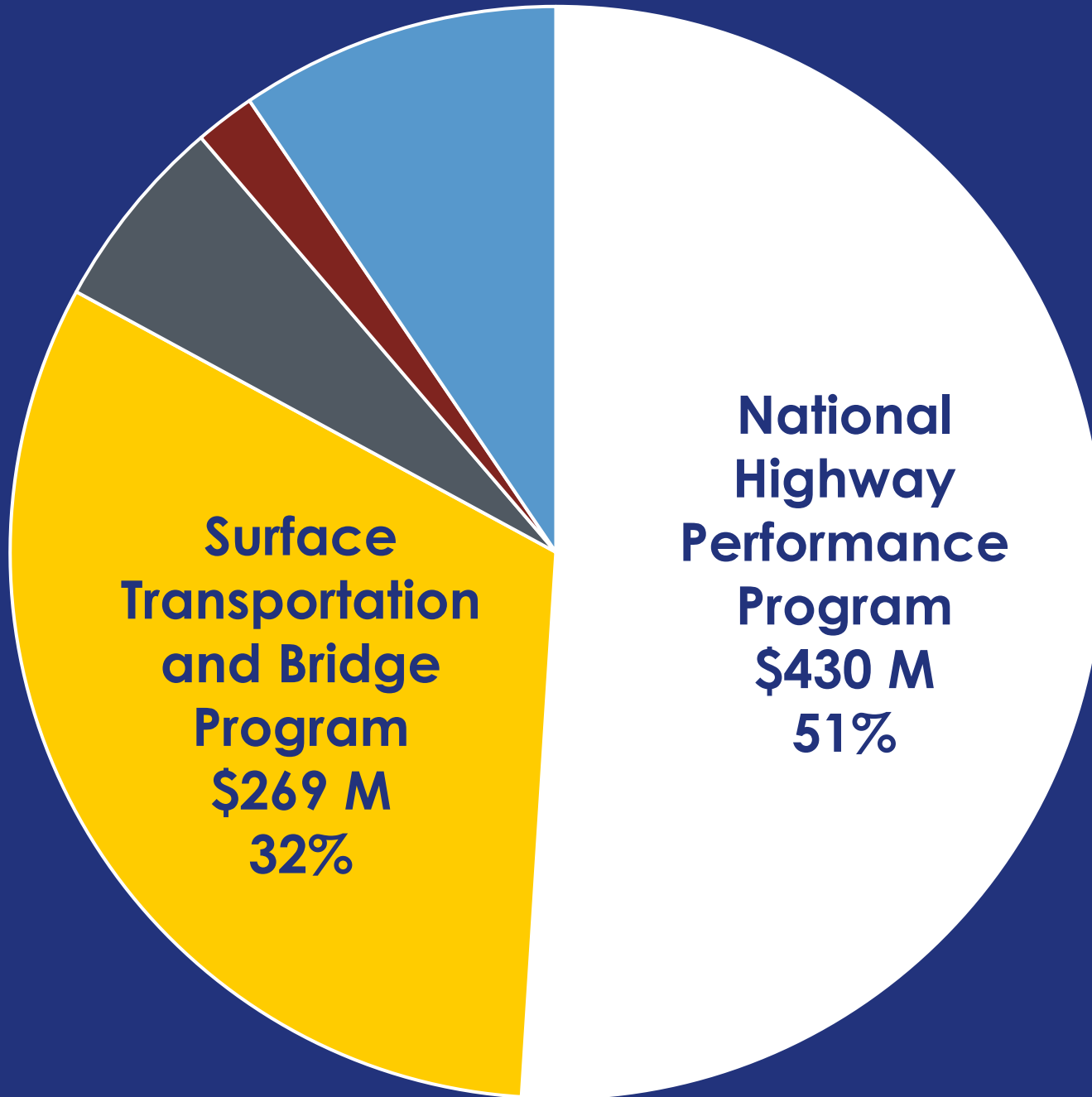


**Grand Total = \$1.3 Billion
ARDOT = \$946 Million**

**Constitutional and Fiscal
Agencies
\$37 M - 3%**

**Other
\$27 M - 2%**

**Federal Highway Funds
Average for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



ARDOT Total = \$843 Million

**Highway Safety
Improvement Program
\$49 M - 6%**

**Congestion Mitigation
and Air Quality
\$15 M - 2%**

**Other
\$80 M - 9%**

**Estimated Average Annual Construction
Funds Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**

Federal Funds
\$843 Million

State Highway Funds
\$946 Million

Total
\$1,789 Million

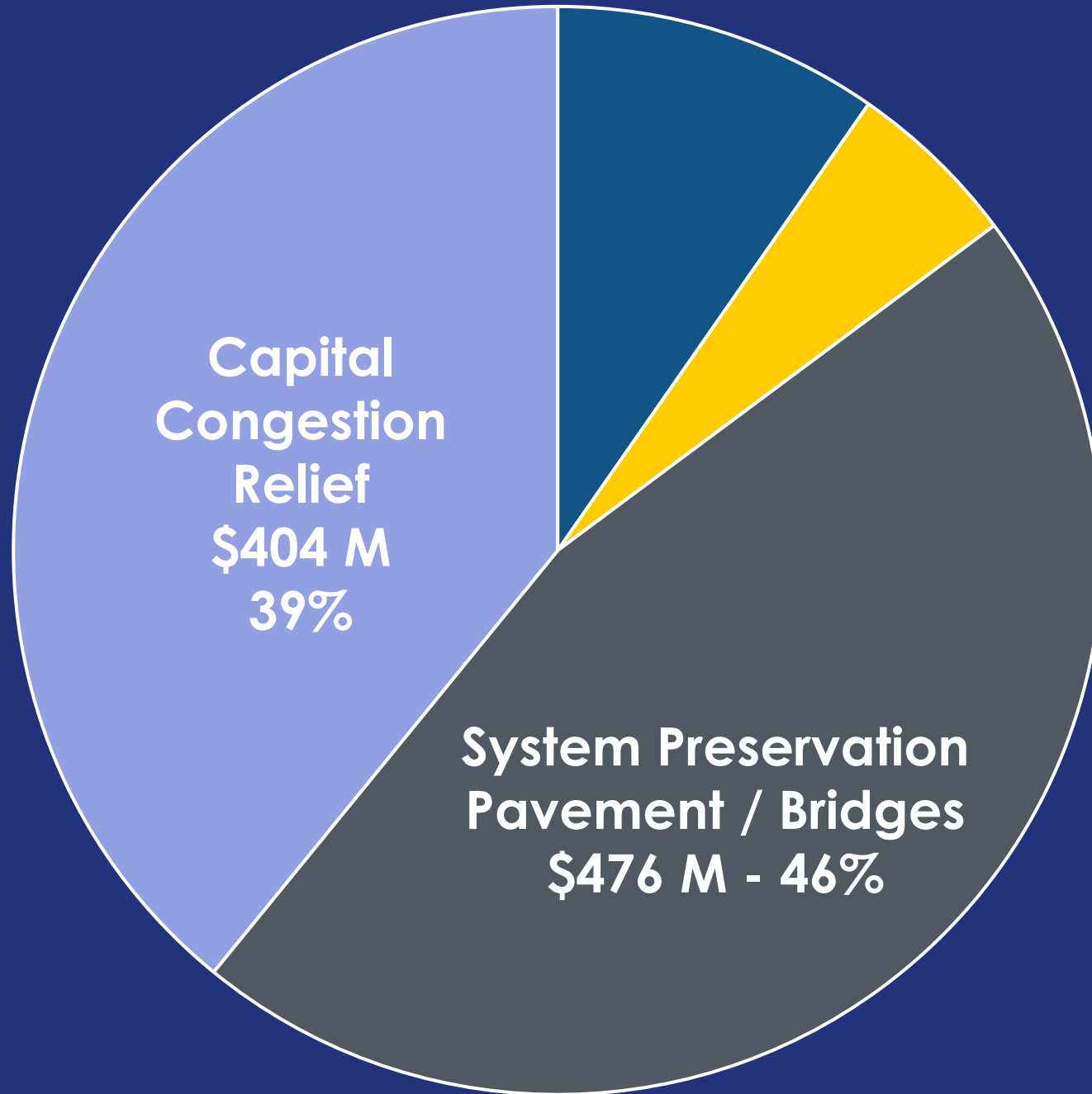
REDUCTION: Federal Funds
- \$256 Million

REDUCTION: State Funds
- \$493 Million

REDUCTION: IRP Commitment
- \$6 Million

Final Total
\$1,033 Million

**Construction Funding Distribution
Average for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028**



Total = \$1,033 Million

Interstate
\$100 M - 10%

Safety
\$53 M - 5%

STIP

STATEWIDE
TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS
2025-2028



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2025-2028 STIP



743 Projects



4,500 Miles



212 Bridges



\$5 Billion

STATE AID

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

STATE-AID FUNDING

90 % State-aid funds
10% Matching funds

FEDERAL-AID ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

80 % Federal-aid funds
18% State-aid funds
2% County funds

FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

80 % Federal-aid funds
18% State-aid funds
2% County funds

2024 STATE AID RECAP

**48 PROJECTS
AWARDED**

194 MILES

\$24.4 MILLION



LOCAL PROGRAMS

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Local Bridge Program



Intersection Improvement Program



Transportation Alternatives Program



Recreational Trails Program



Local Bridge Program

- Provides Federal-aid funding to improve or replace bridges on public roadways that are off the Federal-Aid Highway System
- Sponsors are reimbursed for 90% of the total cost for each project

Intersection Improvement Program

- Program promotes connectivity & access to local development
- Program initiated in 2005
- 50 intersections improved



Transportation Alternatives Program & Recreational Trails Program

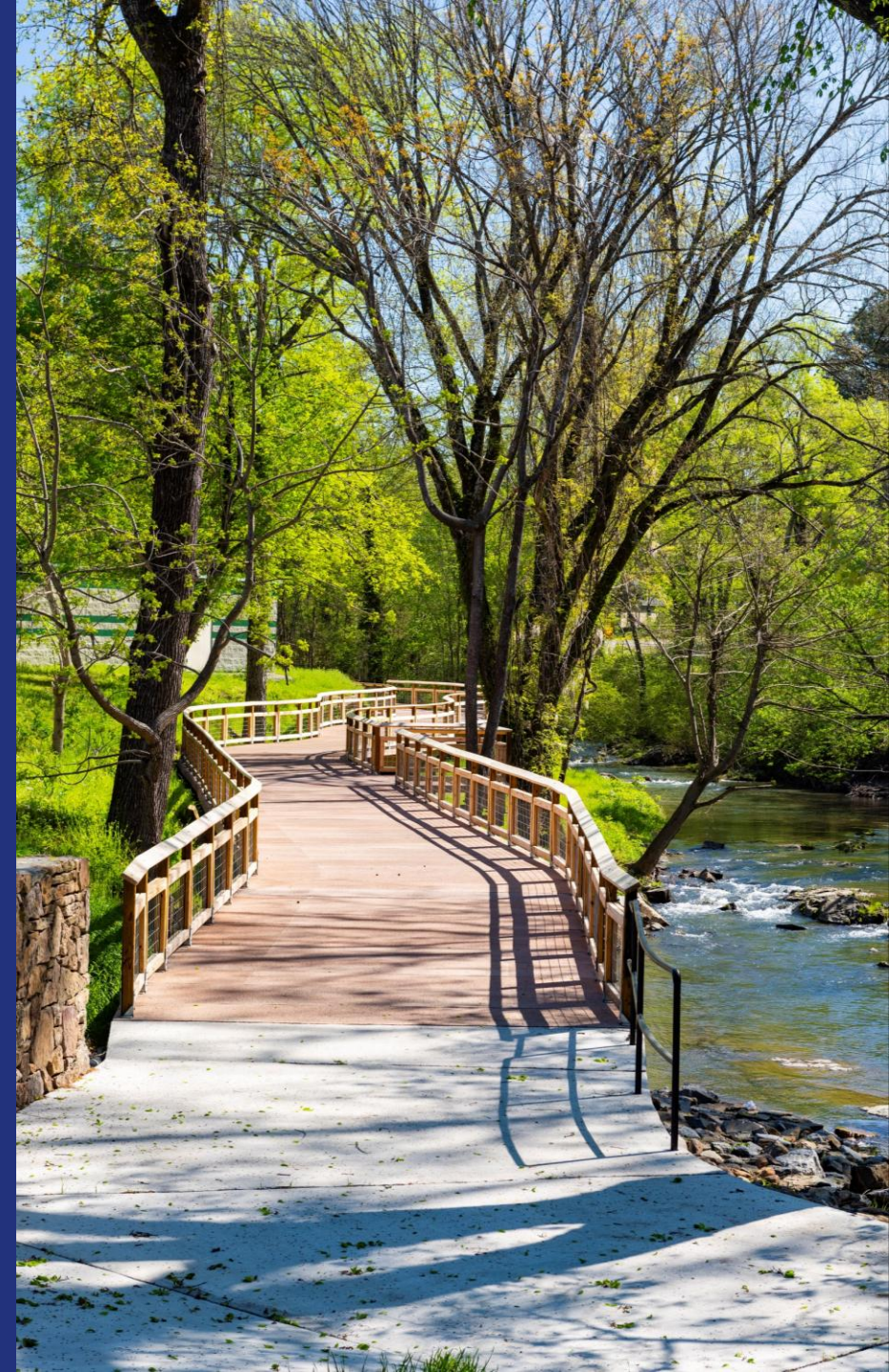


- Reimbursable grant program
- Provides Federal-aid funding to local public agencies, educational organizations and other state agencies
- Constructs safe facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation



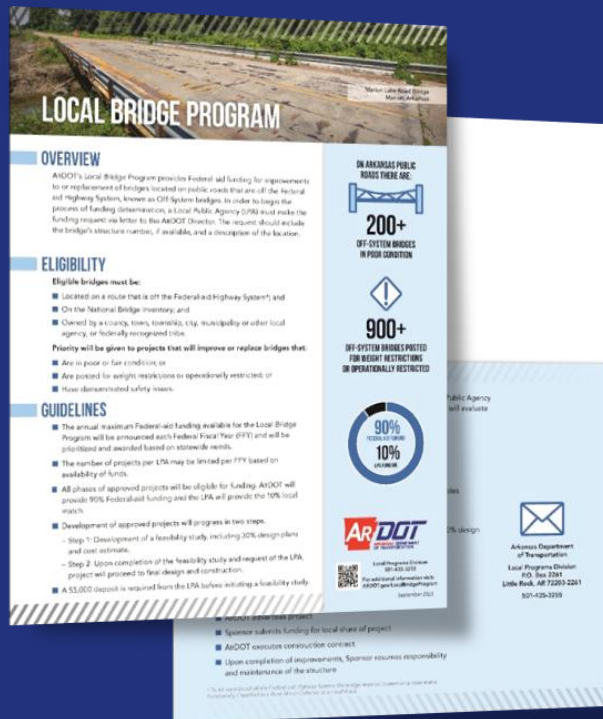
Transportation Alternatives Program & Recreational Trails Program

- \$500,000 maximum Federal-aid funding request for all TAP & RTP projects
- \$20,000 minimum Federal-aid funding request for infrastructure projects



LOCAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Local Bridge Program



LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

ARDOT's Local Bridge Program provides Federal aid funding for improvements to or replacement of bridges located on public roads that are off the Federal and Highway System, known as Off System bridges. In order to begin the process of funding improvements on a local Public Agency (LPA) must make the funding request on letter to the ARDOT Director. The request should include the bridge's structure number, if available, and a description of the location.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible bridges must be:

- Located on a route that is off the Federal and Highway System, and
- On the National Bridge Inventory, and
- Owned by a county, town, township, city, municipality or other local agency, or federally recognized tribe.

Priority will be given to projects that will improve or replace bridges that:

- Are in poor or fair condition, or
- Are posted for weight restrictions or speed restrictions, or
- Have demonstrated safety issues.

GUIDELINES

- The annual maximum Federal-aid funding available for the Local Bridge Program will be announced each Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) and will be prioritized and awarded based on statewide needs.
- The number of projects per LPA may be limited per FFY based on availability of funds.
- All phases of approved projects will be eligible for funding. ARDOT will provide 90% Federal-aid funding and the LPA will provide the 10% local match.
- Development of approved projects will progress in two steps:
 - Step 1: Development of a feasibility study, including 30% design plans and cost estimate.
 - Step 2: Upon completion of the feasibility study and request of the LPA, project will proceed to final design and construction.
- A \$2,000 deposit is required from the LPA before initiating a feasibility study.

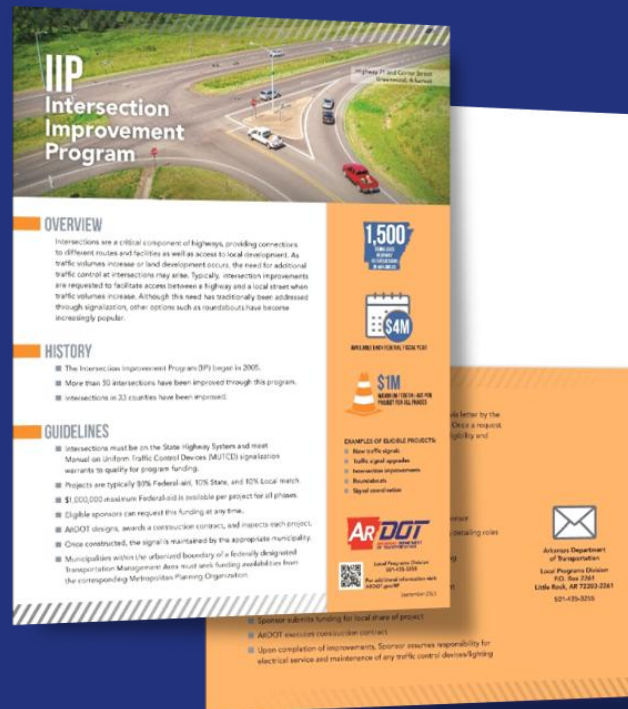
IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC ROAD THERE ARE:

- 200+ OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES IN POOR CONDITION
- 900+ OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES POSTED FOR WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OR SPEED RESTRICTIONS
- 90% TYPICAL 10% MATCH

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Intersection Improvement Program



IIP Intersection Improvement Program

OVERVIEW

Intersections are a critical component of highways, providing connections to different routes and facilities as well as access to local development. As traffic volumes increase or land development occurs, the need for additional traffic control at intersections may arise. Typically, intersection improvements are requested to facilitate access between a highway and a local street when traffic volumes increase. Although this need has traditionally been addressed through signalization, other options such as roundabouts have become increasingly popular.

HISTORY

- The Intersection Improvement Program (IIP) began in 2005.
- More than 50 intersections have been improved through this program.
- Intersections in 33 counties have been improved.

GUIDELINES

- Intersections must be on the State Highway System and meet Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) signalization warrants to qualify for program funding.
- Projects are typically 80% Federal-aid, 10% State, and 10% Local match.
- \$1,000,000 maximum Federal-aid is available per project for all phases.
- Eligible sponsors can request this funding at any time.
- ARDOT designs, awards a construction contract, and inspects each project.
- Once constructed, the signal is maintained by the appropriate municipality.
- Municipalities within the affected boundary of a federally designated Transportation Management Area must seek funding modification from the corresponding Metropolitan Planning Organization.

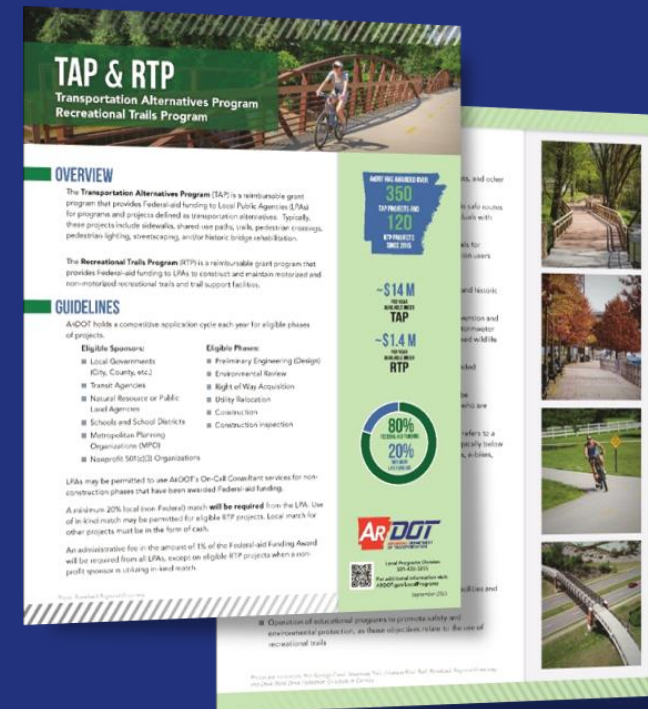
EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Basic traffic signal
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Intersection improvements
- Roundabouts
- Signal coordination

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TAP & RTP



TAP & RTP Transportation Alternatives Program Recreational Trails Program

OVERVIEW

The **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** is a reimbursement grant program that provides Federal-aid funding to Local Public Agencies (LPAs) for programs and projects dedicated to transportation alternatives. Typically, these projects include sidewalks, shared-use paths, trails, pedestrian crossings, pedestrian lighting, streetscaping, and/or historic bridge rehabilitation.

The **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** is a reimbursement grant program that provides Federal-aid funding to LPAs to construct and maintain motorized and non-motorized recreational trails and trail support facilities.

GUIDELINES

ARDOT holds a competitive application cycle each year for eligible phases of projects.

Eligible Sponsors:

- Local Governments (City, County, etc.)
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resource or Public Local Agencies
- Schools and School Districts
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Organizations

Eligible Phases:

- Preliminary Engineering (Design)
- Environmental Review
- Right of Way Acquisition
- Utility Relocation
- Construction
- Construction Inspection

LPAs may be permitted to use ARDOT's On-Call Consultant services for non-construction phases that have been awarded Federal-aid funding.

A minimum 20% local (non-Federal) match will be required from the LPA. Use of a kind match may be permitted for eligible RTP projects. Local match for other projects must be in the form of cash.

An administrative fee in the amount of 1% of the Federal-aid Funding Award will be required from all LPAs, except on eligible RTP projects when a non-profit sponsor is making a kind match.

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