

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications will be rated and scored against each of the following factors. All points for each factor will be rounded to the nearest whole number. The maximum score possible is 320 points (220 based on "Evaluation of Need," 50 based on "Impact on Businesses" and 50 based on "Program Factor").

**A. EVALUATION OF NEED**

1) Existing Condition (90 Points). All applications are compared in terms of existing road/street condition. Surfacing Condition, Drainage Problems and Safety problems.

**a) SURFACING (30 Points)**

Flexible Pavement (Asphalt):

Condition	POINTS	
	Possible	Awarded
Excellent: Hairline Cracks - Minor Depressions	(0-5)	
Very Good: Low to Medium cracking, but cracks are generally very tight.	(5-10)	
Good: Cracks are 1/4" to 1/2" wide, some alligator cracking and rutting.	(10-15)	
Fair: Medium to high severity of alligator cracking and rutting. Cracks are generally 1/2" wide.	(15-20)	
Poor: Severe Alligator Cracking and rutting, pieces of asphalt are missing and potholes are present.	(20-25)	
Failed: Traffic Operation is Difficult. Potholes and alligator cracking are extensive. Rut depth exceeds 3/4".	(25-30)	

Concrete Pavement:

Condition	POINTS	
	Possible	Awarded
Excellent: Isolated Hairline Cracks	(0-5)	
Very Good: Up to 25 ft of cracking per 1000 S.F. of pavement. Cracks are generally tight but some may be as much as 1/4" wide.	(5-10)	
Good: 25-75 ft of cracking per 1000 S.F. of pavement some spalling and faulting along cracks and joints.	(10-15)	
Fair: Presence of cracks, patches, and spalling is common. Transverse joint faulting is quite evident.	(15-20)	
Poor Condition: Shattered slabs are common, transverse joint faulting is very evident.	(20-25)	
Failed: Traffic operation is difficult and Maintenance is inappropriate.	(25-30)	

Gravel Surface:

Condition	POINTS	
	Possible	Awarded
Very Good: The only distress is dusting in dry conditions.	(0-10)	
Good: Medium-severity loose aggregate, low-severity washboarding, and some slight rutting.	(10-15)	
Fair: Moderate washboarding over 10-25% of area, moderate rutting, small potholes, and some loose aggregate	(15-20)	
Poor: Little or no roadway crown, severe washboarding and loose aggregate, moderate potholing, 25% of road has little or no aggregate.	(20-25)	
Failed: Travel on road is very difficult. No crown or bowl-shaped road. Severe rutting and potholing many areas have little to no aggregate.	(25-30)	

**b) Drainage (30 Points)**

Condition	POINTS	
	Possible	Awarded
<u>Rural Section:</u> Water stands in ditch - allows cat tails to grow	(0-10)	
<u>Urban Section:</u> Inadequate or non-existent storm sewer, Inadequate or non-existent curb and gutter		
Water collects in ruts and low spots on the road.	(0-10)	
Other: Major Drainage structure in poor condition, frequent flooding (2-3 year occurrence), etc.	(0-10)	
DRAINAGE TOTAL	(0-30)	

**c) Safety (30 Points)**

Condition	POINTS	
	Possible	Awarded
Adequate	0	
Dangerous Intersection(s)	(0-10)	
Substandard Roadway Width	(0-10)	
Poor visibility	(0-10)	
SAFETY TOTAL	(0-30)	

A project which consists of a new alignment shall receive forty-five (45) points.

	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	90	
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- 2) **Average Daily Traffic and Percent Trucks** (30 points). All applications will be compared in terms of the amount of current or projected car and truck traffic on the road/street proposed for improvement.

ADT	POINTS
0-100	10
101-500	20
> 500	25

5 additional points if percent trucks is greater than 10%. 30 total possible points.

- 3) **Location** (maximum of 50 points). All applications will be compared in terms of the location of the project. Streets leading to hospitals, schools, elevators, factories, assembly plants, businesses and the down-town area will receive more points.

Hospitals or health care facility - 10 points  
 Nursing home - 10 points  
 Schools - 10 points each  
 Grain terminals - 10 points each  
 Manufacturing/Processing plants - 10 points each  
 Downtown area - 10 points

- 4) **GOED and DENR Grants/Loans** (50 points). All applications will be compared in terms of whether or not this grant will be used in conjunction with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF), or Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Fund (CWFCF) from either the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or the Governor's Office of Economic Development for the water/sewer/storm sewer infrastructure to be located in the proposed project area.

Will the grant be used in conjunction with a water/sewer project?  
 Yes - 50 points                      No - 0 points

**B. IMPACT ON BUSINESSES** (50 points)

All applicants will be compared in terms of the number of businesses that the street/road will affect.

20 or more businesses - 50 points  
 15 or more businesses - 40 points  
 10 or more businesses - 30 points  
 5 or more businesses - 20 points  
 0 to 5 businesses - 10 points

**C. PROGRAM FACTOR-IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM (50 points)**

This factor will take into consideration the items that do not fall under any other rating factor. The following items will be considered:

- Is this phase 2 or more of a multiple phase project?
- Is the project tied to other projects or phased in order for the community to afford the project?
- What is the rate of deterioration of the street? Will it last for one or two more grant cycles without total deterioration occurring?
- Is it a cooperative project between multiple agencies (state-county-city-township-tribe)?
- Is the project cost effective--will the cost of the fix to the street be justifiable compared to the increase/decrease in population/businesses/industry etc.?

All projects are compared in terms of impact on the identified areas and awarded points from 0 to 50 in 10-point increments.

**D. PREVIOUS GRANT AWARDS (- 50 points)**

Applicant awarded a Community Access Grant within the past 5 years?

Yes: - 50 points