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The Department of Transportation Agri-Business Access Grants Program is a means for local governments to address road needs associated with new agri-business, such as ethanol plants, large-scale elevators, etc. In many cases, these new agri-businesses create additional truck traffic that an existing road may not be built to take.

- SDDOT works closely with the staff of the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) regarding these grants.
- The grant amount is a maximum of \$600,000.
- Grants apply to the construction of roads meeting minimum program criteria and serving as the primary access to an agriculture-related business.
- The state provides 80% of the project costs on a reimbursement basis.
- The local government is responsible for all right-of-way acquisitions, utility costs, and design and construction engineering costs.
- The local government is responsible to let the project to bid.

WHO

Applications are to be submitted by a local unit of government (city, town, township, county, or tribe). Applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Commitment for the start of actual construction of the industrial or economic development facility within six months of the date of commission approval; or
- Evidence that new construction or expansion of an industrial or economic development facility that meets other program criteria has been documented within the past year and that previous grants have not been obtained based on the same justification;
- Planning and consideration was given to location based on its impact to the current infrastructure (i.e., roads, bridge, water, sanitary sewer, etc.);
- A minimum of five (5) new jobs will be created by the industrial or economic development;
- There is a minimum investment of at least five (5) times the required state participation costs.

WHEN

Applications shall be submitted and reviewed by the Office of Local Government Assistance and the Governor's Office of Economic Development three times per year. Applications are due by **April 15, July 15, and October 15**, for consideration at the **May, August, and November** Transportation Commission meetings for final approval.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are available through the Office of Local Government Assistance in the Department of Transportation. For a copy of the policy and application forms, call **605-773-6253**, or check out our website at <https://dot.sd.gov/> under **"Forms & Publications."**

