

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program (BFPF)**

**Statutory Authority:** [§ 85.024](#)

**Admin. Rule:** N/A

### Program objective:

To construct or plan for bicycle or bicycle/pedestrian facility projects. The statutory language specifically excludes pedestrian-only facilities, such as sidewalks, and streetscaping type projects.

### Program eligibility:

Projects must meet federal and state requirements. Local governments with taxing authority and Indian Tribal Nations are eligible for funding. State agencies are not eligible for this program. Projects costing \$200,000 or more that involve construction are eligible for funding, as are bicycle and pedestrian planning projects costing \$50,000 or more. Additionally, the project must be usable when it is completed and not staged so that additional money is needed to make it a useful project. A project sponsor must pay for a project and then seek reimbursement for the project from the state. Federal funds will provide up to 80% of project costs, while the sponsor must provide at least the other 20%.

### Application cycle:

Projects are solicited in even numbered years with applications available in January and due in April. Two years of funding is made available to projects for the three fiscal years following the calendar year in which projects are selected. For example, in 2008, projects are developed for FY 2009-2011 funding. Funding for the BFPF program is on a competitive basis with a committee ranking projects and making funding recommendations to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary.

Note: Because of the similarities between the BFPF and the [Transportation Enhancements \(TE\) program](#) objectives and eligibility criteria, applications and funding for both programs are undertaken together.

### **Annual Federal Amount Appropriated:**

Funding for the BFPF program begins in year 2 of the 2007-09 state budget and first available in conjunction with the 2008 [Transportation Enhancements \(TE\) program](#). The \$2.72 million in annual federal BFPF funding was moved from the former STP-Discretionary program that is now deleted from state statutes.