

Off-System Bridge Grant Program Fact Sheet

Funding Opportunity for Colorado Counties & Municipalities



DATES



Call for Applications
August 31, 2026



Applications Due
October 30, 2026



Award Notification
January 2027

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Structure Eligibility:

- Bridge or culvert with total clear span >20 ft along roadway centerline.
- Must carry public traffic and be owned by a Colorado county or municipality.
- Structure rated in Poor or Fair condition.
- Requires 20% local funding match.
- Funds must be used within 4 years of award.
- Must meet state and federal requirements.
- NO: Pedestrian/non-vehicular bridges; Capacity/Widenings.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



Applications should include:

- Project scope narrative (Replacement or rehabilitation)
- Proof of coordination with CDOT Local Agency Coordinator
- Schedule and readiness (include plans, if available)
- Detailed cost estimate (e.g., pay items, design costs)
- Funding request and 20% match commitment



Consider cost-effective options
such as Concrete Box Culverts (CBCs)!

Resources

Find the following resources on our Off-System Bridge Website:

- Off-System Bridge Program Manual
- Previous Award Summary List
- CDOT Bridge Manuals and Documents
- Local Agency Coordinator List
- 2026 Off-System Bridge Grant NOFO Resources
- Link to Application Portal: **NEW!**

Scan QR code or go to webpage:
<https://www.codot.gov/programs/bridge/off-system-bridge-program>



APPLY ONLINE HERE!



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What criteria are considered in award selection?

- Competitive projects are project-ready (with either design and/or construction phases). This would include demonstration of thorough schedule and cost understanding, coordination with CDOT, awareness of federal requirements, and consideration of clearances needed.
- Funding Commitment: Documentation that the required 20% local match (and any proposed overmatch) is committed to the project.
- Structure priority/need: poor-condition structures on the National Highway System (NHS), or multiple components in poor condition. Additional factors: Age, scour risk evaluation, load posting or restrictions.

How can I determine if a structure is eligible?

- Find the structure on the [2026 Off-System Bridge Eligibility List!](#) This is provided in 2026 grant resources on the CDOT Off-System Bridge Program website.
- Ineligible structures include pedestrian bridges, non-vehicular structures, or projects intended strictly for capacity expansion, multi-modal, or widening.

What are the key local agency responsibilities following award?

- Effectively communicates and coordinates project activities, progress, and/or support needs with the assigned CDOT Local Agency Coordinator.
- Provides the local match or overmatch funds for the project
- Performs all project work in accordance with State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.

How do I submit my application?

- Applications will be submitted through the Off-System Grant online application page found on the CDOT Off-System Bridge Grant Website.
 - **2026 Applications will not be accepted by email.**
 - **2026 Applications are due no later than 11:59 PM on October 30, 2026.**
- Supplemental documents must be uploaded with the application. All standard file types (pdfs, doc, xls, ect) are supported. There is no file size limit.
- Important: Be ready to submit when completing the online application. There is no option to save and come back later.
- Applicants will receive a date/time stamped confirmation email upon successful application submission.

Where can I find inspection information about my structure?

- SIMSA, System for Inspection and Management of Structural Assets, is CDOT's asset management system for all on-system and off-system structures. Within this system you can find inspection reports, documents, load ratings, and photos for structures.
- To access SIMSA, go to simsa.codot.gov and follow the instructions to request a user account.
- Please reach out to Nyssa Beach, CDOT Statewide Bridge Asset Manager, with any questions or additional needs: nyssa.beach@state.co.us

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