Off-System Bridge Grant Program

Eligibility Requirements:

- 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
- No funding for capacity-based widening or non-vehicular structures (e.g., pedestrian bridges)
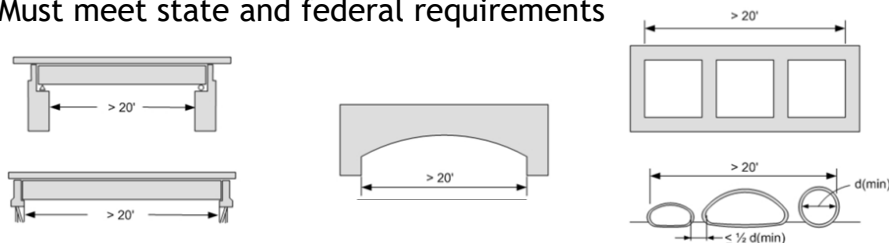- Must meet state and federal requirements

Image: Bridge or Culvert clear span length measurement

Application Requirements

- Project scope narrative
  - Specify: Replacement or major rehabilitation
  - Proof of coordination with CDOT Local Agency Coordinator
  - Completed application worksheet
- Project schedule and readiness (include plans, if available)
- Detailed cost estimate (e.g., pay items, design costs)
- Funding request amount and 20% local match commitment
- Consider cost-effective options, such as Concrete Box Culverts (CBCs)

Project Selection Considerations

- Projects applications that are more competitive:
  - Shovel-ready (ready to go to advertisement), including all clearances and work with CDOT Local Agency Coordinators to ensure compliance with the federal processes.
  - Poor structures on the National Highway System (NHS)
  - Structures that have more than one structure component in poor condition

Additional award selection factors considered include: age, scour evaluation, load posting/restrictions, and functional utility.

| August 22, 2025 Call for Applications | November 7, 2025 Applications Due | January 2026 Award Notification |

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Resources

Project Support

- Local Agency Coordinators → can assist with grant application review, project management, and ensure federal compliance

https://www.codot.gov/business/localagency

Structure & Design Support

CDOT Staff Bridge → can assist with structure eligibility & rehab recommendations
https://www.codot.gov/programs/bridge

- M-Standards → utilize to expedite and reduce design costs:

https://www.codot.gov/business/designsupport/mstandards

- Design Worksheets → utilize to expedite and reduce design costs:

https://www.codot.gov/programs/bridge/bridge-manuals/design-standards

- SIMSA → CDOT's online GIS-based structure information database, available for Local Agencies to view inspection data overseen by CDOT.

Request access: cdot_SIMSAsupport@state.co.us

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