

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 23-2553/1		Introduction Number AB-0244		
Description an agricultural roads improvement grant program and making an appropriation				
Fiscal Effect				
State:				
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect				
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues		
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs				
Local:				
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs				
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate				
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue		
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2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		
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5. Types of Local Government Units Affected				
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others		
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		20.395 (4)(aq)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The proposed bill creates a new General-Purpose Revenue (GPR) appropriation to provide agricultural road improvement grants to political subdivisions. Eligible recipients are eligible for reimbursement for any costs associated with a project, up to 100 percent. Under the bill, a project is eligible for funding if it improves a local road, minor collector, bridge, or culvert that is maintained by a political subdivision, the road facility provides access to agricultural lands used for the production of agricultural goods that is used by more than one agricultural producer, and due to structural deficiencies, the infrastructure is subject to weight limitations, at least annually.

The department estimates that it will take approximately three months to draft the application materials to be used by potential applicants. An additional three months would be necessary between announcement of the grant solicitation and announcement of awards. The proposed bill does not establish a time-limit for the completion of the awarded projects, but the department estimates it will take five to six years between the time award notifications are provided and reimbursement for eligible expenses is completed for all eligible projects.

In order to develop the application materials, solicit grants, and manage reimbursements, the department estimates it would need additional staff (2.0 FTE positions), costing approximately \$161,300 per year.

The department anticipates the application and tracking of the program would be completed by expanding the existing online application-based system, which allows local units of government to apply for state funded grants, monitor project activities, and seek reimbursement for project related expenditures. The estimated one-time cost for a consultant to upgrade the existing system is \$217,000 and \$10,000 in on-going maintenance fees.

In total, estimated cost for staffing and management of the program are estimated at \$161,300 annually for salary, fringe, and maintenance costs and \$217,000 in one-time consultant costs. Additional funding for these activities would have to be provided by numeric appropriation 46100 [Wis. Stats. §20.395 (4)(aq)].

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The proposed bill would provide one-time funding of \$150,000,000 GPR for these purposes. It is anticipated all eligible reimbursements would be completed within 5 to 6 years of the grants being awarded.