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City of Council Bluffs
Matt Cox, Public Works Director
209 Pearl Street, Suite 203
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Re: Offer of City Bridge Funding - Federal FY 2025

Matt Cox:

Each year, the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) uses the City Bridge Candidate List to offer funds for the replacement or rehabilitation of city bridges. Cities are limited to one bridge per city, per fiscal year. I am delighted to inform you that the below bridge in your city is ranked high enough on the City Bridge Candidate List to receive funding for replacement or rehabilitation as noted.

FHWA #	**City Street**	**Feature Crossed**	**Qualified for**
503935	9th Avenue	Indian Creek	Replacement

Bridges funded with either Federal-aid City Bridge funds or State City Bridge funds are eligible for 100% reimbursement of all eligible and properly documented construction costs. Engineering design and development, right-of-way, and inspection costs are not eligible for reimbursement. Federal-aid funds are eligible for up to $1,500,000 in reimbursement. State City Bridge funds are eligible for up to $500,000 in reimbursement. The Iowa DOT will make final determination of whether a project will receive Federal-aid City Bridge funds or State City Bridge funds after reviewing construction estimates. Typically, replacement or rehabilitation projects with estimated construction costs of less than $500,000 are assigned State City Bridge funds to maximize program impact. Please refer to I.M. 1.100 (Highway Bridge Programs for Cities and Counties) for additional information.

Accepting this Offer:

If the city accepts this offer of funding, the city must:

- Send a letter or email confirming the city's acceptance by January 31, 2024 to my attention, along with a completed version of the "Attachment to Offer of City Bridge Funding" for each qualifying bridge.

    - If the timing of your city council meetings will not allow a response by this date, please contact me in advance to let me know when I can expect confirmation.
- Sign the project funding agreement with the Iowa DOT within 90 days of receipt. The funding agreement will be sent to the provided City contact after receipt of the acceptance letter.
- Develop the project to a successful construction contract letting within three years of signing the project agreement, but no earlier than October 1, 2024.

Declining this Offer:

If the city decides not to accept funding at this time, please:

- Send a letter or email declining the funding offer by January 31, 2024 to my attention, along with the completed version of the "Attachment to Offer of City Bridge Funding" for each qualifying bridge.

If a City chooses to decline City Bridge Funding at this time, there is no penalty. The bridge will remain on the Candidate List for future consideration and may be offered future funding. However, each year new bridges are added to the Candidate List and bridges already on the list continue to deteriorate. These factors impact priority point calculations, and combined with variations in funding levels, make it impossible to predict with certainty when this bridge may rank high enough to be offered funding again.

Thank you in advance for a timely response. If you have any questions about this program or the offered funding, please let me know.

Respectfully,

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Attachment