

**New York State Department of
Transportation (NYSDOT)
Local Programs Bureau
State Aid Program Overview
CHIPS and Associated Programs**

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Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) History

- ➔ CHIPS provides State funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other facilities that are not on the State highway system.
- ➔ The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) was established by the NYS Legislature in 1981. The applicable rules for the Program are contained in Section 10-c of the State Highway Law.

CHIPS and Subsequent Programs

- ➔ Since the commencement of the CHIPS program in April of 1982, the state legislature has created four additional programs that derived from the original legislation:
 - ❑ Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR)
 - ❑ PAVE-NY (PAVE)
 - ❑ State Touring Route (STR)
 - ❑ Pave our Potholes (POP)

CHIPS and Subsequent Programs

- ➔ Funds are apportioned to municipalities annually by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) pursuant to a formula specified in section 10-c of the State Highway Law.

- ➔ Data elements that drive the CHIPS formula:
 - Centerline mileage of roadways maintained**
 - Lane-mileage of roadways maintained**
 - Paid motor vehicle registrations
 - Amount of total funding available

NYS Enacted Budget SFY 2024-25 Aid to Localities - Funding

- ➔ \$598.1 Million - Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)
- ➔ \$150.0 Million - PAVE-NY
- ➔ \$100.0 Million – Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR)
- ➔ \$140.0 Million - State Touring Route Program (STR)
- ➔ \$100.0 Million- Pave Our Potholes Program (POP)

NYS Enacted Budget SFY 2024-25 Aid to Localities - Funding

➔ To look up your specific capital apportionments:

☐ <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/chips/chips-budget>

CHIPS, EWR, PAVE-NY, POP and State Touring Route Budgets

Enacted SFY 23-24 CHIPS Budget 

Enacted SFY 23-24 EWR Budget 

Enacted SFY 23-24 PAVE-NY Budget 

Enacted SFY 23-24 POP Budget 

Enacted SFY 23-24 State Touring Route Budget 

NYS Enacted Budget SFY 2024-25 Aid to Localities - Funding

➔ To look up your capital apportionment balances:

☐ <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/chips/formula-data-inputs>

Guidelines & Schedules

- **UPDATED: Program Guidelines** 
- **Formula Data Inputs** 
- **CHIPS Apportionment Balances** 
- **EWR Apportionment Balances** 
- **PAVE-NY Apportionment Balances** 
- **POP Apportionment Balances** 
- **STR Apportionment Balances** 

Key Program Requirements

- ➔ State/federal programs are reimbursement programs; expenses must be submitted within 18-months of project expenditures
- ➔ Municipalities must retain records for a period of 36 years
- ➔ Invoices are not a valid proof of payment. Examples of valid proofs of payment are cancelled checks, electronic funds transfer (EFT), bank or credit card statements
- ➔ Sponsor must provide:
 - Completed Checklist
 - Photos of ADA-compliant curbs ramp
 - Summaries of equipment, labor and materials used for project
 - Signed and dated reimbursement request form
- ➔ Sponsors may roll annual apportionments forward toward a larger capital project



Key Program Requirements

- ➔ Eligible project activities, unless otherwise noted, must have a service life of ten or more years; general roadway operations and maintenance expenses are not eligible
- ➔ Equipment purchases with a minimum 10-year service life must be approved by NYSDOT and are not eligible under the PAVE-NY, POP or State Touring Route Programs
- ➔ Municipally owned-equipment (hourly equipment rates) may only be reimbursed as part of an eligible project/actual verifiable hours



Key Program Requirements

- ➔ Construction work that exceeds \$350,000 must be competitively bid in accordance with General Municipal Law
- ➔ Stockpiled materials are reimbursable only when those materials have been physically placed as part of a specific eligible project
- ➔ Municipalities using program funds must adopt State or federally-recognized highway and bridge design standards and construction specifications

Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)

- ➔ Provides direct State aid to local governments for highway and bridge:
 - Repair
 - Rehabilitation
 - Reconstruction

- ➔ Funds provided in addition to core federally-aided projects



Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)

- ➔ Projects required to have a minimum 10-year service life
- ➔ There are 4 eligible preventive maintenance activities authorized by statute:
 - ❑ Micro-surfacing
 - ❑ Paver placed surface treatment (“Nova Chip”)
 - ❑ Single course surface treatment involving chip seals or oil/stone
 - ❑ Double course surface treatment involving chip seals or oil/stone

CHIPS Funding



- ➔ Apportioned annually through State Budget
- ➔ Reappropriation of previous years' balances
- ➔ Quarterly payments starting in June
- ➔ Payments made by the Office of State Comptroller (OSC)
- ➔ Reimbursement requests and documentation may be submitted via e-mail to NYSDOT

CHIPS - Eligible Activities

- ➔ Highway Resurfacing
- ➔ Highway Reconstruction
- ➔ Bridge/Culvert Rehabilitation
- ➔ Bridge/Culvert Replacement



CHIPS - Eligible Activities

- ➔ Traffic Control Devices
- ➔ Guiderail
- ➔ Highway lighting
- ➔ Highway garage/barn
- ➔ Commuter park and ride lots
- ➔ Transportation equipment with a minimum service life of 10-years (requires NYSDOT approval)
- ➔ Sidewalks within the Local Highway Inventory right-of-way



CHIPS - Ineligible Activities

- ➔ Pothole repairs
- ➔ Crack sealing
- ➔ Snow removal and street cleaning
- ➔ Brush and weed control
- ➔ State highways
- ➔ Parking lots
- ➔ Sanitary sewers, water lines, and other utilities not impacted by a highway reconstruction project



PAVE-NY

- ➔ Enhanced assistance to local governments apportioned annually through State Budget
- ➔ Provides enhanced State assistance to local governments for:
 - ❑ Highway Resurfacing
 - ❑ Highway Reconstruction
- ➔ Reappropriation of previous years' balances



Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR)

- ➔ Enhanced assistance to local governments apportioned annually through State Budget
- ➔ Supports repairs to highways/bridges
- ➔ Project eligibility; programmatic rules; and reimbursement requirements same as CHIPS
- ➔ Reappropriation of previous years' balances

State Touring Route Program (STR)

- ➔ **Apportionments** – Pursuant to enacted State Budget – funds apportioned directly to cities, towns, and villages that have capital maintenance responsibility for signed touring routes.
- ➔ **Apportionment of Funds** - funds apportioned based on the total number of signed touring route miles for which such municipality has capital maintenance responsibility, as determined pursuant to the local highway inventory conducted by the Highway Data Services Bureau of the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

State Touring Route Program (cont.)

- ➔ **Programmatic Requirements** - Follow programmatic and reimbursement requirements for CHIPS except that purchase of equipment is **not** eligible.

- ➔ **Eligible Projects**
 - ❑ Preference should be provided to roads located on a signed touring route for which the municipality has capital maintenance responsibility; however,
 - ❑ Funds may be used on an eligible roadway on the Local Highway Inventory (LHI).

Pave Our Potholes (POP)

- ➔ **Apportionments** – The newest Program that commenced in the SFY 22-23 budget which provides \$500 million in funding over five-years to local governments to resurface and renew the worst roadway pavements in the State.
- ➔ **Eligible Projects** - Provides State assistance to local governments for :
 - Highway Resurfacing
 - Highway Reconstruction
- ➔ **Programmatic Requirements** -Follow most programmatic and reimbursement requirements for PAVE-NY*.

Program Guidelines and Eligible Project Activities

- ➔ **Program Guidelines** - The CHIPS Program Guidelines can be found at: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/chips>
- ➔ **Eligible Project Activities** - Linked within the program guidelines

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