

Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund

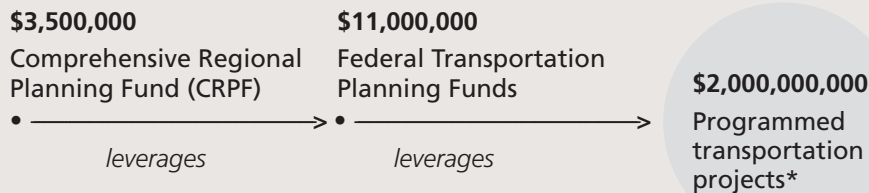
Stable resources for regional planning agencies in Illinois

What is the purpose of the Regional Planning Fund?

The Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF) is a dedicated source of funding for effective comprehensive planning to pursue economic growth throughout Illinois. It supports regional planning in rural and metropolitan areas of state through federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.=

Leveraging of the Illinois Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund in Metropolitan Chicago

The Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1973 required the formation of a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000, to ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing planning process.



* Includes all sources of Transportation Improvement Program funds.

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov>

Status of the Regional Planning Fund

Through an oversight, the state did not allocate any funds for CRPF in FY10. Gov. Pat Quinn directed the Ill. Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) to provide CMAP with a \$2.8 million grant as a stop-gap measure. The current grant does not address the shortage of funds for CMAP's other statutorily required planning activities on water, wastewater, land use, and other planning and development issues.

CRPF should be restored to \$5 million for FY11.

Why should the General Assembly restore CRPF to \$5 million for FY11?

- **To ensure effective regional planning.** The CRPF will impact the state's 14 MPO's — which cover 78% of our population and more than 92% of Illinois' gross regional product. CMAP uses these funds as the required match for federal transportation dollars, and to support a range of non-transportation planning and technical assistance activities for municipalities, including housing, community development, natural resources, and water resources.
- **To avoid risking millions in federal funding.** Without a local match, CMAP and the region would forfeit about \$11 million in federal planning funds that provide \$2 billion in programmed transportation projects in Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, and Will counties.

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