

## **Southeast Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Project Funding Awards Frequency Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **Overview**

#### ***What is the Southeast Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Program?***

The Southeast Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Program is an effort to develop an understanding of infrastructure, condition, investment needs across below ground drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, as well as encourage regional coordination of project planning between private and public organizations in the 7-county region. It involves collecting data on these 3 piping systems within the region for the purpose of creating a needs assessment. SEMCOG is working closely with the Michigan Infrastructure Council, the Water Asset Management Council and the Transportation Asset Management Council and will provide a summary of information to them in an effort to define the need for investment in our underground infrastructure. This new program for water infrastructure will work towards a number of goals for the region, including:

- Understand the overall condition of infrastructure assets;
- Strengthen coordination on infrastructure projects to improve cost efficiencies and reduce inconvenience to the public;
- Share best practices for asset management programs;
- Develop a clearinghouse to summarize regional infrastructure condition and needs; and
- Communicate region-wide priorities at the state level.

This program encourages a culture of regional coordination in project planning for both road projects and underground infrastructure projects. By collecting data on water infrastructure systems, we can develop an underground infrastructure needs assessment complementary to the region's transportation asset management program.

#### **What is the reimbursement process?**

This program reflects data acquisition and local agencies will be reimbursed for expenses associated with collecting and providing/uploading asset data into the Program Portal. A formal bidding process is not required through SEMCOG. The reimbursement process is described as follows:

Community invoice must be sent to [accountspayable@semcog.org](mailto:accountspayable@semcog.org) or SEMCOG, address, attention Accounts Payable. Invoice descriptions must be labeled as Infrastructure Asset

Management Data Acquisition. Invoices must be detailed and costs over \$2500 must include additional backup (such as consultant invoices).

Reimbursement will be in accordance with the following table:

	<i>Drinking Water Distribution</i>	<i>Sanitary Sewer Collection</i>	<i>Storm Sewer Collection</i>
a) Provide existing data in SEMCOG data schema format	\$100/hour		
b) Digitize as-built plans/construction drawings, etc.	Up to \$1,000 / mile	Up to \$1,000 / mile	Up to \$1,000 / mile
c) GPS field verification of existing digitization	Up to \$2,000 / mile	Up to \$2,000 / mile	Up to \$2,000 / mile

The final invoice will be paid after existing and new water infrastructure asset data is uploaded to the Program Portal consistent with the SEMCOG data schema.

## **When should I upload my data?**

If you received funding to make improvements to your data please upload your data only after you have finished making improvements. You can only submit each system one time. If you are submitting more than one system, you can submit the systems that are not getting any improvements at any time.

For example: If you maintain a water pipe dataset and a sewer pipe dataset, and you received funding to do GPS field verification on your sewer pipe dataset and plan to complete the improvements to this data in 3 months, please submit the sewer pipe dataset after the improvements have been made. You may upload the water dataset at any time.

## **What is the timing for project completion?**

All work must be completed by June 30, 2020. Final invoice is due by July 10, 2020. You may set up your account and review/sign the data sharing agreement at any time. Please **Please refer to the data upload directions on the [SEMCOG Project Portal](#).**

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