

INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT PROGRAM

The Mississippi Industrial Access Road Program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), is designed to encourage and promote industrial growth by providing access roads to industrial developments.

Under this program, MDA and MDOT assist local governmental entities in the construction of links to highways or roads necessary to connect new & existing industrial sites to adequate road facilities. MDA and MDOT will designate the “industrial site” for purposes intended for the Industrial Access Road Program.

An “industrial site” is generally defined as the property holdings, an area around a building site containing parking facilities, and circulation roadways. Connections that would normally be considered as driveways from a public road to adjacent property or roads built for internal circulation within an industry’s boundaries will not be eligible for assistance.

Once the project has been approved and selected, MDA shall issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to the effect that such designated and selected link of highway or road should be constructed in order to encourage and promote economic development and file this certificate with the Director of MDOT.

MDA will not select and designate any such link of road or highway until satisfactory evidence that an industry desires and intends to locate on the selected site and that the location of the industry and the construction of such road or highway is economically feasible. Construction of any such road shall not begin until the location and construction of such industry is assured and contracts have been made between the industry and the local authority.

Eligibility

Local governmental authorities of the county or municipality with a need for access roads to new and existing industrial sites are eligible to apply for this program.

Eligible Projects

Industrial development of any port or harbor area or other industrial site in which it is necessary to connect selected sites to adequate road or highways is eligible to apply for the program.

Funding

Any highway or public road approved under this program will be constructed from highway funds of the highway district, in which the highway or road is located.

To apply for this program, the eligible entity should contact MDA for additional program information.

Statute: Section 65-1-41, MS Code