Background
A new state funding initiative enacted in the SFY 2022-23 Budget apportions $100 million annually to assist municipalities with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of local highways and roads.

Eligible Applicants
Pave Our Potholes (POP) is available to all cities, counties, towns and villages that report local roadway mileage to NYSDOT pursuant to the Local Highway Inventory (LHI).

Funding Availability
The new five-year State Transportation Plan authorizes $100 million annually for the next five years. Subject to appropriation, eligible activities will be reimbursed as of April 1 of each respective year.

Apportionment of Funds
Funds are apportioned by NYSDOT based on the ratio of funds each municipality received under Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), as is done with the PAVE-NY program.

Eligible Projects
Eligible project activities include highway resurfacing and highway reconstruction projects with a service life of ten years or more. Municipal project sponsors must follow locally adopted street and highway design and construction standards. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards for local streets and highways or NYSDOT highway standards may be used for the design of municipally owned roads.

Programmatic Requirements
POP will follow the programmatic and reimbursement requirements of PAVE-NY, with eligible project activities limited to Highway Resurfacing and Highway Reconstruction. Refer to the NYSDOT Program Guidelines for additional information.

Reimbursements
Municipalities should use the PAVE-NY CP75 form to request reimbursement under this program. Reimbursements in SFY 2022-23 will be made on or about 15th of July, September, December, and March. Requests for reimbursements must be submitted within 18 months of a project’s completion for expenditures incurred on or after April 1, 2022.

Carryover Balances
Subject to reappropriation, POP apportionments will be eligible for carryover from one SFY to the next. Notwithstanding, municipalities are strongly encouraged to utilize funds in the year apportioned to improve the physical condition of roadways, create jobs and enhance local economic competitiveness.

For additional information contact your CHIPS representative. A listing of Regional CHIPS representatives can be found at: https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/chips/representatives.