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INDOT spokeswoman Darlene Bauman said the committee that reviewed the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) fund requests will decide what to do with the \$140,000 that Carroll County can't accept.

A volunteer organization is trying to raise \$80,000 to match an ISTEA grant that was issued in November 1994 for restoration and rehabilitation of the 124-year-old covered bridge at Adams Mill near Cutler.

"It's wasting. It's cracking," said Barbara Cottingham, president of the Friends of Adams Mill Valley Inc., which has raised more than \$40,000. "We'd love to have some of the money from the Hamilton Street Bridge grant."

A Civil War encampment is planned Saturday and Sunday at Adams Mill, and a midsummer festival will be held Aug. 3.

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State sends money to fix bridge that isn't there

Preservation grant arrives too late in Carroll County

By Max Showalter
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It may have been too little. It was definitely too late.

Through a federal program administered by the Indiana Department of Transportation, a \$140,000 historic preservation grant has been earmarked for Carroll

County.

The money is to be used for rehabilitation and partial reconstruction of the Hamilton Street Bridge in Delphi.

The only problem: The 104-year-old iron bridge was dismantled and sold for scrap earlier this year. That was after it partially collapsed into Deer Creek last July when the driver of an 11-ton PSI Energy truck tried to cross the bridge, which had a 3-ton weight limit.

"It is only about four months late," said Delphi

Mayor Sam Deiwert, who led an effort to preserve the structure built in 1891 by the Lafayette Bridge Co.

Some ornamental pieces are being saved for future use by the Delphi Parks Department, but the rest of the one-lane bridge was cut up and hauled away in February. It was one of the few Whipple Truss design bridges remaining in the state.

"I saw it go out of town on a flatbed truck," Deiwert said.

Bill Duff, president of the

Carroll County Commissioners, was surprised to learn INDOT had proceeded with the funding process.

"We called last fall and I told them the bridge was down in the stream. I don't think anybody talks to each other down there."

Bids for a new bridge to carry Hamilton Street over Deer Creek on the southeast edge of Delphi will be opened by commissioners on July 1. PSI Energy paid Carroll County \$500,000 for damage to the old bridge and donated

\$115,000 to the Delphi Preservation Society.

Earlier this week, Carroll County Attorney Barry Emerson was instructed by commissioners to write a letter informing the state that the county is no longer eligible for the grant that specifies the preservation work be done on the Hamilton Street Bridge.

"I wish they'd give it to us for the Adams Mill Bridge," Duff said.

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Historic bridge

Hamilton Street Bridge over Deer Creek in Delphi collapsed July 30 when an 11-ton truck attempted to cross. Carroll County commissioners will open bids on July 1 for building a replacement for the 104-year-old bridge.



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