

Memo

To: Jurisdictions with Transportation Needs

From: Shay Coburn, Region 10 Grant Navigator contractor

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Re: Funding Opportunities for Transportation

Colleagues:

Here are some grant opportunities related to transportation. Reach out with any questions any time. Also, please keep us updated if you are pursuing any federal monies.

1. Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

- a. To advance transportation infrastructure projects in rural and tribal communities by supporting development-phase activities for projects (that may be eligible for certain USDOT programs in the future) to: 1) Acquire services for independent financial, technical, and legal advisors OR 2) Hire staff.
- b. Must have 150,000 or less in population.
- c. Expect awards to range from \$100,000 to \$360,000.
- d. Reviewed first come first serve. Open NOW, closes 9/27/23.

2. Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program

- a. "To support planning, capital construction, and regional partnership activities that aim to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation or replacement of highways, roadways, or other infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access or economic development."
- b. 3 grant programs: Community Planning Grants, Capital Construction Grants, Regional Partnerships Challenge.
- c. Due 9/28/23.

3. Thriving Communities Program

- a. "This planning, technical assistance, and capacity building support will enable <u>disadvantaged</u> and <u>under-resourced communities</u> to advance a pipeline of <u>transformative infrastructure</u> <u>projects</u> that will increase mobility, reduce pollution, and expand affordable transportation options, connecting communities to the essential opportunities and resources that will help them thrive."
- b. The website has a list of communities selected from 2022 that could give you a good idea of the types of projects funded.
- c. Applications to be available 9/22/23, due 12/15/23.



4. <u>Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program (IFACGP)</u>

- a. "Facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring opportunities for innovative financing and delivery for eligible transportation infrastructure projects, including highway, transit, passenger rail, certain freight facilities, certain port projects, rural infrastructure projects, airports, and transit-oriented development projects."
- b. 2 types of grants, must choose 1: Technical assistance and expert services.
- c. Min. grant \$100,000, max. \$2,000,000.
- d. Link to NOFO.
- e. Estimated post date 9/22/23, estimated due date 11/17/23.

5. Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Rural Project Initiative (RPI)

- a. Low cost loans for rural transportation projects between \$10 million and \$100 million.
- b. Eligible projects: roads, bridges and tunnels; transit systems including infrastructure, bus and train stations, and buses and passenger rail vehicles and facilities; intermodal connectors, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure; freight transfer facilities; and airports under certain circumstances.
- c. Loans available while funding lasts.

6. National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI)

- a. To support buildout of electric vehicle charging stations within 1 mile of federally designated corridors (Hwy 50 and 550).
- b. Funding is through the CO Energy Office, DCFC Plazas.
- c. Expected to open fall 2023.

7. Innovative Motor Vehicle and Innovative Truck Tax Credits

- a. Starting in 2024 tax exempt entities and local governments will be able to claim a state tax credit for new electric vehicle purchases.
- b. Credits vary based on tax year and type of vehicle.
- c. Starting in 2024.