



Memo

To: Jurisdictions with Transportation Needs

From: Colleen Hannon, Region 10 Grant Navigator

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Re: Funding Opportunity for Bridge Projects

Colleagues:

USDOT has announced its next cycle of Bridge Improvement Projects funding. The deadline is March 19, 2024. What's important to know about this program is that the bridge must be identified in the National Bridge Inventory. Generally, that Inventory goes only as low as County classifications, not necessarily local, unless the local road is a State highway, etc. You can do a search for a bridge using this tool. Please find the link below and read item, Q21 which talks about this issue. In Q21, there is a link to the NBI site. Please check if your bridge is in the database. <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/qa.cfm#q19>

More details follow:

On December 20, 2023, FHWA opened the FY 2023 through FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the BIP – Planning and Bridge Project Grants. The NOFO was published on [Grants.gov](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/grants/) and can be accessed through the following link: [BIP - Planning and Bridge NOFO](#). Additional information on the program can be found on the [BIP Webpage](#).

FHWA is working to develop 2 pre-recorded overviews of the FY 2023 through FY 2026 NOFO for BIP – Planning and Bridge Project Grants, one recording will focus on Planning grants and the second will focus on Bridge Project grants. These overviews will be posted as soon as they are available on the [BIP Webpage](#). Additionally, the BIP Team has scheduled two LIVE Question and Answer Sessions: one on January 25 from 2 PM to 3 PM (EST) focused on technical aspects of the BIP – Planning and Bridge Projects NOFO and a second one on January 30 from 2 PM to 3:30 PM (EST) focused on the BIP Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Tool.

Before joining the session, it is requested that participants review the NOFO, the prerecorded overviews (when available), and the updated Questions and Answers which all can be found on the [BIP Webpage](#). Also, participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the sessions to the official BIP Mailbox (bridgeinvestmentprogram@dot.gov). The LIVE Question and Answer Sessions will address the pre-submitted questions and any others asked during the session as time permits. In addition to the questions and answers, topics that will be discussed include, general information on the grant opportunities, the narrative and application templates, and the BCA tool.

Stakeholders and interested parties can use the following links to join the sessions:

- **Planning and Bridge Project Grants - LIVE Q&A Session** will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM ET through this [Zoom Webinar link](#)



- **Benefit Cost Analysis Tool** - LIVE Q&A Session will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 2:00 PM ET through this [Zoom Webinar link](#)