



## Memo

To: Region 10 Jurisdictions and partners

From: Shay Coburn, Region 10 Grant Navigator contractor

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Re: Funding Opportunities for Transportation

Colleagues:

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

1. [Safe Streets for All](#) - *reshare*

- a. USDOT, applications go to FHWA
- b. "Grants aim to significantly reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries by developing safety action plans implementing projects focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators." There are two categories for funding:
  - i. Planning and demonstration grants to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan, and
  - ii. Implementation grants (to implement a qualifying safety action plan) - *past due*.
- c. See the [map of recently funded projects](#) and this [list of winning applications](#).
- d. Recordings of the [March webinars](#) are online.
- e. [NOFO was amended](#) 4/16/24.
- f. **Planning and Demonstration applications due 8/29/24**

2. [Bridge Investment Program](#) - *update*

- a. *FHWA*
- b. To reduce the overall number of bridges in poor or fair condition. The bridge must be on the [National Bridge Inventory](#), rated poor or imminently poor, culverts also qualify.
- c. [Winning Strategies for Securing Bridge Funding](#), *Local Infrastructure Hub*
- d. [Webinar Recording and Summary: Bridges for Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure](#)
- e. Three categories:
  - i. Planning Project Grant - planning, feasibility analyses, revenue forecasting with no award minimum or maximum. **Due 10/1/24**
  - ii. Bridge Project Grants - with total eligible project costs of not greater than \$100 million with minimum award \$2.5 million. **Due 11/1/24**
  - iii. Large Bridge Project - with total eligible project costs of greater than \$100 million with minimum award \$50 million, 50% match required. **Due 8/1/24**



3. [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Discretionary Grants](#) - update
  - a. USDOT
  - b. “To strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work, urban and rural areas alike, in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles. This program provides two funding categories of grants:
    - i. Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program): \$500k to \$15m
    - ii. Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program): \$1m min.
  - c. *Both categories must be publicly accessible, demonstrate benefits to Justice 40 Communities, and be accessible to individuals with disabilities.*
  - d. Summary of [successful applicants webinar](#).
  - e. [Five lessons learned from grant winners](#).
  - f. *It appears as if the state is putting an application together for this but it will prioritize interstates outside of our region.*
  - g. **Due 8/28/24**
  
4. [Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program](#)
  - a. DOT
  - b. “A competitive grant program with the goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVCs) while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.”
  - c. Funds are for:
    - i. Construction Projects: engineering, design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, and other activities related to the construction of infrastructure improvements, such as the building of a wildlife crossing overpass or underpass.
    - ii. Non-Construction projects: planning, research, and educational activities that are not directly related to construction of infrastructure improvements, such as a hot spot analysis of WVCs.
  - d. All projects should seek to protect motorists and wildlife by reducing the number of WVCs and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.
  - e. Projects that reduce WVCs and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species will be prioritized.
  - f. **Due 9/4/24**
  
5. [Airport Terminals Program](#) - update
  - a. FAA
  - b. “To provide competitive grants for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation’s airports. These grants will fund safe, sustainable and accessible airport terminals, on-airport rail access projects and airport-owned airport traffic control towers. Projects may also include multimodal development.”
  - c. **Expected to open June 2024**



6. [Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Program](#)
  - a. USDOT
  - b. “To assist entities in developing improved infrastructure priorities and financing strategies for the accelerated development of a project that is eligible for funding under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program under Chapter 6 of Title 23, United States Code.”
  - c. Seems like this targets regional projects - awardees in 2023 look to be regions, states, councils of governments, transit authority, and two larger cities/one county.
  - d. **Expected to open July 2024**
  
7. [Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program](#) - update
  - a. *USDOT*
  - b. 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.
  - c. Must have 150,000 or less in population.
  - d. *Cost share may not be required.*
  - e. **Expected to open July 2024**
  
8. [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Savings Transportation \(PROTECT\)](#)
  - a. USDOT
  - b. “To ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.”
  - c. Two award types: Planning Grants and Competitive Resilience Improvement Grants
  - d. “Eligible uses include highway, transit, and certain port projects that include resilience planning, strengthening and protecting evacuation routes, enabling communities to address vulnerabilities and increasing the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.”
  - e. **Expected to open July 2024**



9. [Railroad Crossing Elimination](#) - update

- a. “For highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.”
- b. *Eligible Projects:*
  - i. *Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof;*
  - ii. *Track relocation;*
  - iii. *Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other;*
  - iv. *Measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project;*
  - v. *Other means to improve the safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings (including technological solutions);*
  - vi. *The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.*
- c. **Expected to open July 2024**

10. [Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods \(RCN\) Program](#) - update

- a. *USDOT*
- b. “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.”
- c. 3 grant programs: Community Planning Grants, Capital Construction Grants, Regional Partnerships Challenge.
- d. **Expected to open summer 2024**