



RURAL OPPORTUNITIES TO
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ROUTES

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Key Active & Upcoming NOFOs



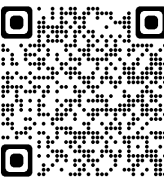
Program	NOFO Close Date	Available Funding	OA
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program (First Deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants)	April 4, 2024	\$1,256,687,000	OST
Various PHMSA Grants	April 5, 2024	\$13,076,125	PHMSA
Various PHMSA Grants	April 10, 2024	\$4,558,000	PHMSA
Various FMCSA Grants	April 19, 2024	\$179,400,000	FMCSA
Low or No Emission Grant Program	April 25, 2024	\$1,103,963,762	FTA
Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program	April 25, 2024	\$390,045,823	FTA
Port Infrastructure Development Program	May 10, 2024	\$650,000,000	MARAD
MPDG (Mega, INFRA, Rural) Program	May 6, 2024	\$5,100,000,000	OST
Small Shipyard Grants	May 8, 2024	\$8,750,000	MARAD
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program (Second Deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants)	May 16, 2024	\$1,256,687,000	OST
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program (Sole Deadline for Implementation Grants)	May 16, 2024	\$1,256,687,000	OST
Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program	June 17, 2024	\$44,550,000	FHWA
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program (Third and Last Deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants)	August 29, 2024	\$1,256,687,000	OST
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program	Opens April 2024	TBD	FRA
Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) Grants	Opens April 2024	TBD	PHMSA
Ferry Service for Rural Communities	Opens Spring 2024	TBD	FTA

Please note schedule is approximate and subject to change

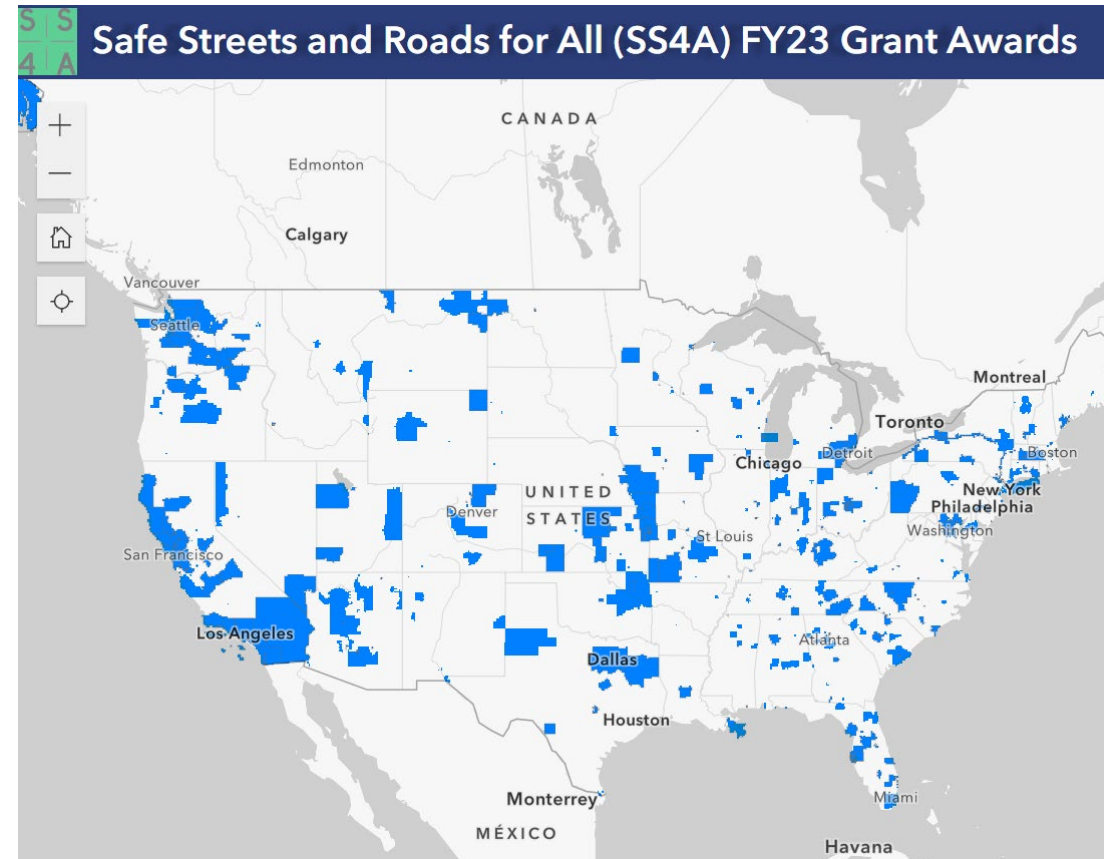
<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>

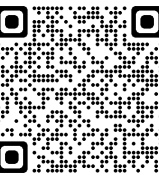
Note: This table does not include all BIL programs or eligible entities, and there are additional nuances not represented in this table.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



- Purpose: To prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roadways.
- Focus is on comprehensive safety action planning and implementing those plans.
- Over \$1.7 Billion has been awarded to over 1,000 communities in FY22 & FY23
- FY24 funding
 - **April 4, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT):** Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants
 - **May 16, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT):** Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants
 - **August 29, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT):** Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes





- PIDP is a discretionary grant program that funds projects to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port.
 - Provides funding for planning and capital projects
 - **Includes a statutory set-aside for small ports (approx. 25%)**
 - **20% local match can be waived for projects in rural areas and/or small ports**
 - **Equity selection consideration allows for “unique” challenges faced by rural and tribal areas**
- FY23 Alaska awards include:
 - 40-Acre Deep Water Port Development, Wrangell, AK, \$421,000
 - Construction of a New Small Boat Harbor, Yakutat, AK, \$8,963,522
 - Cape Blossom Port Planning Project, Cape Blossom, AK, \$2,455,485
 - Arctic Deep Draft Port Utility Services, Nome, AK, \$11,250,000
 - Jakolof Bay Dock Replacement Project, Seldovia, AK, \$2,376,646
 - Metlakatla Port Improvements Project, Annette Island, AK, \$3,384,439
 - Dock Infrastructure Replacement Project, Cold Bay, AK, \$43,376,746
- **FY24 NOFO closes May 10, 2024 with \$500M available**

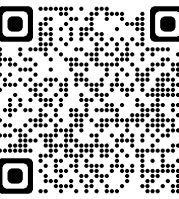


- The **Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program** provides funding to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
 - **FY24 NOFO closes April 25, 2024 with \$390M available**
- The **Low or No Emission** competitive program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.
 - **FY24 NOFO closes April 25, 2024 with \$1.1B available**
- Both funding opportunities also introduce **streamlined application requirements for Tribes requesting less than \$1 million**, making it easier for tribes with relatively small requests to apply.





MPDG Program Grants

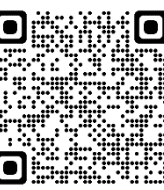


Program	Description	Additional Considerations	FY25 & FY26 Funding
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)	Supports multimodal freight and highway projects of national/regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people across rural and urban areas	25% of large (grants > \$25 Million) grants & 30% of small (< \$25 Million) grants for projects in rural areas	\$2.7 Billion
National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega)	Supports large, complex projects that are difficult to fund by other means and likely to generate national/regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits	50% of funds set-aside for projects > \$500 million	\$1.7 Billion
Rural Surface Transportation Grant (Rural)	Supports projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life	At least 90% of funding must be awarded to grants > \$25 Million	\$780 Million

FY25/26 NOFO closes May 6, 2024 with \$5.1B available



Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)



- New competitive grant program to construct projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities.
- Two types of grants:
 - Planning and Design grants (min \$100K)
 - Construction grants (min \$15M)
- Grants are for developing active transportation networks and active transportation spines:
 - Active transportation networks connect destinations within a community or metropolitan region, including schools, workplaces, residences, businesses, recreation areas, medical facilities, and other community areas.
 - Active transportation spines connect communities, metropolitan regions, or States.
- 80/20 cost share maximum, **unless eligible project will be serving communities with a poverty rate of over 40% in which case, the Secretary may increase the federal cost share up to 100%.**
- **FY24 NOFO closes on June 17, 2024 with \$45 Million available**



Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

- Goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVCs) while improving habitat connectivity.
- Construction & Non-Construction Projects are eligible for funding
- FY22-23 awarded \$110M for 19 projects in 17 states, including 4 tribes – **none in Alaska**
- FY24 NOFO anticipated to be released in April 2024



PROTECT

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation
- To plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards.
- Eligible activities include planning, resilience improvement, community resilience and evacuation routes, at-risk coastal infrastructure, nature based solutions, etc.

Culvert – Aquatic Organism Passage

- To replace, remove, or repair culverts/weirs that improve/restore anadromous fish passage
- FY22 program awarded \$196M in 10 states
- **AK was awarded \$44M for 45 projects in FY22 round (23 state, 22 tribal)**
- FY23 NOFO anticipated later this year

FHWA Discretionary Grant Program for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)

(Multi-year)

\$623 million awarded in January 2024

Additional grant rounds coming (summer 2024)

Learn more:

fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/

\$2.5 Billion for EV charging, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure. Divided into two distinct grant programs:

Corridor Charging Grant Program

- Strategically deploy publicly accessible alternative fueling infrastructure along designated **Alternative Fuel Corridors**

Community Charging Grant Program

- Strategically deploy publicly alternative fueling infrastructure in **communities**

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Playbook

- Interactive web-based resource to help communities plan and build EV infrastructure.
- Modules with guiding questions, videos, worksheets, and additional resources.
- For use by any communities and other entities wanting to plan and build EV infrastructure.
- Funded by Joint Office and built by subject matter experts at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and World Resources Institute as part of Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) peer-learning cohorts.

[Access the Playbook](#)



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Public webinars, guides, reports, checklists, and tools on **DriveElectric.gov**

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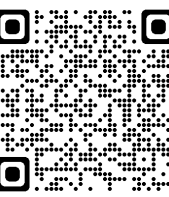


Come to us with your questions, and we'll connect you with the right resources and tools.



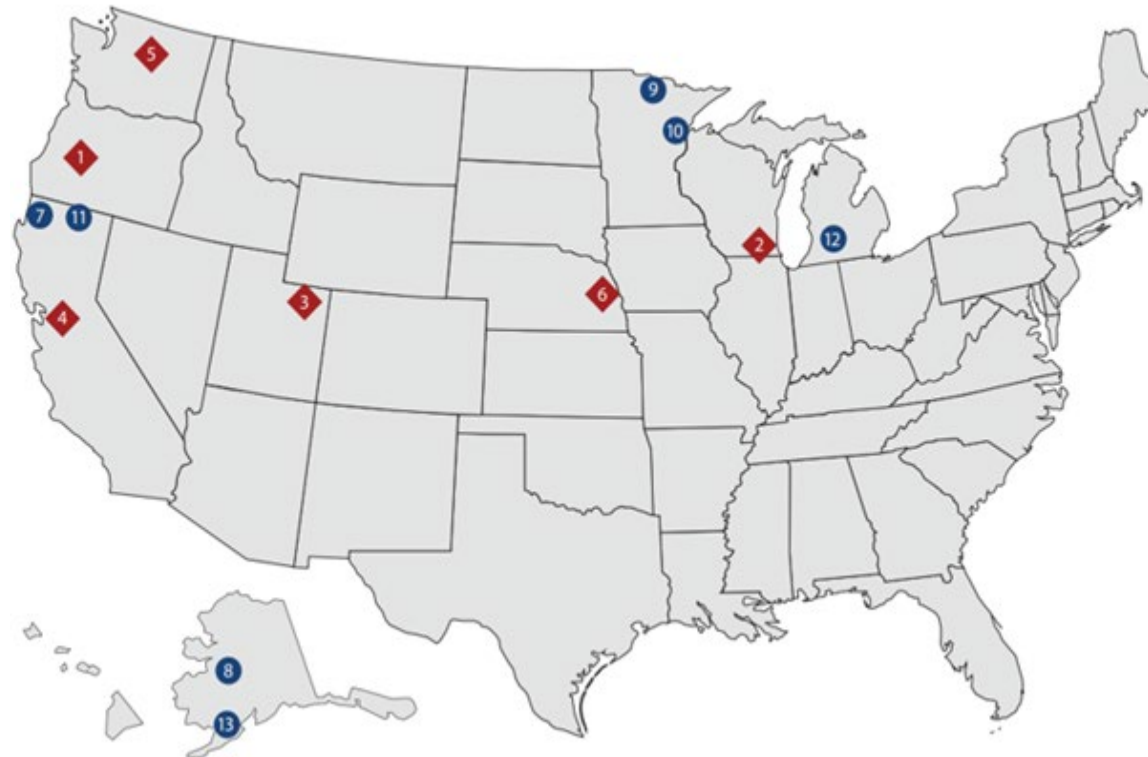
Connect with an expert member of the Joint Office Technical Assistance Team for a hands-on, unbiased, one-on-one consultation to address any technical assistance needs with planning and deploying zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure





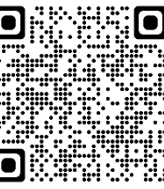
- New BIL technical assistance program for eligible entities to hire financial, technical, and legal advisors
- NOFO for FY22/23 - \$3.4 million
 - \$1.6 million for tribal governments
- 406 total applicants requesting \$127 million
 - 70 from tribes, requesting \$19 million
 - Applications from 47 states and 3 territories

Rural and Tribal Technical Assistance Pilot Program Selected Communities



1	City of Independence, OR
2	City of Elkhorn, WI
3	Roosevelt City, UT
4	Contra Costa County, CA
5	Douglas County, OR
6	City of Blair, NE
7	Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, CA
8	Nulato Village, AK
9	Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government, MN
10	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, MN
11	Karuk Tribe, CA
12	Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, MI
13	Igiugig Village Council, AK

◆	RURAL SELECTED COMMUNITIES
●	TRIBAL SELECTED COMMUNITIES



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Keywords

Eligible Activities Eligible Applicants

Agency/Office Transportation Type

Match Waiver Rural Set-Aside Tribal Set-Aside Status

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HIGHLIGHTS

- 90+ grant programs
- Covers DOT and Non-DOT Agencies
 - 8 DOT Agencies
 - 10+ Non-DOT Agencies
- Multiple search filters
 - Keyword
 - Eligible Activities
 - Eligible Entities
 - Transportation Type
 - Match Waiver
 - Status (Open/Closed)
- Customized features for Rural and Tribal communities
- Save results as Excel csv file



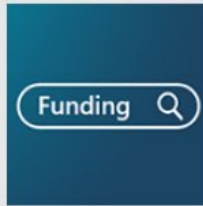
DOT Navigator: Assistance to Help to Develop Strong Discretionary Grant Applications

What Do You Want to Do?



PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION

Get planning tips, checklists, and information on applying for federal grants



FIND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Search grant opportunities to meet your community's transportation needs



GET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Find resources to get funding and build capacity to do transportation projects



LEARN ABOUT FUNDING AND MATCH

Learn about USDOT grant funding, including match requirements and flexibilities



ACCESS DATA AND MAPPING TOOLS

Access data and mapping tools to help write a strong grant application



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Get information to help access BIL funding programs

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- [Lista de cotejo para solicitudes de subvención que alcancen una fuerza laboral de transporte sólida y un plan laboral](#)
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Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)



Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) is an initiative to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by developing user-friendly tools and information, aggregating DOT resources, and providing technical assistance. The ROUTES Initiative aims to ensure rural transportation infrastructure's unique challenges are considered in order to meet priority transportation goals of safety, mobility, and economic competitiveness.

Read our newly released [Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit](#), which was developed as part of the ROUTES Initiative to help rural communities plan and fund electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

The ROUTES Initiative is established to...

- **Engage Rural Communities** through a series of events to better understand their transportation needs and priorities, and to collect essential data from stakeholders representing different communities, groups, workers, and industries to identify necessary transportation solutions.
- **Harmonize DOT Programs** to implement rural policy by re-constituting the ROUTES Council to lead and coordinate Departmental activities to implement the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) and better align new and existing funding, financing, and technical assistance programs with the needs of rural and Tribal communities.
- **Utilize a Whole-of-Government Approach** by partnering with other rural-focused federal agencies and regional commissions to expand DOT's presence in rural America, better promote DOT's resources to their customers, and capitalize on synergies between federal funding programs.

The Rural Transportation Network is Critical for Our Economy

- Rural transportation networks are critically important for domestic production and export of agriculture,

Webinars

- Benefit Cost Analyses for Rural Projects
- TIFIA Rural Projects Initiative
- Transit Resources
- National Roadway Safety Strategy

Tools and Toolkits

- Rural Eligibility Map
- Point of Contact Map
- Grant Applicant Toolkit
- Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit

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