



FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND THE SUBMITTAL PROCESS



May 10, 2022

Regional Freight Advisory Committee

Current Grant NOFO Announcements in 2022

Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant Program

Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program

National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (MEGA)

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Available Funds (Project Type)

\$1 Billion

– All Projects (FY22)

Cost > \$500 M

– 50% Available Funds

Cost \$100-500 M

– 50% Available Funds

Federal Cost Share/Match

Up to 60%

– MEGA Grant Request
(no award min./max.)

Up to 80%

– Federal (overall)

Eligibility (Applicants)

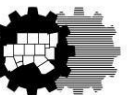
1. State or group of States (DOTs)
2. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs)
3. Local governments
4. Political subdivision of a State
5. Special purpose district or public authority w/ transportation function (incl. port authority)
6. Tribal government or consortium of Tribal governments
7. Amtrak partnership w/ one or entities above
8. Group of all above entities

Eligibility (Project Types)

1. Highway/bridge project
 - a) National Multimodal Freight Network
 - b) National Highway Freight Network
 - c) National Highway System
2. Freight intermodal (including public ports) or freight rail project with public benefit
3. Railroad/roadway grade separation or at-grade crossing elimination project
4. Intercity passenger rail project
5. Public transportation project (Ch. 53 of Title 49) or part of any project types described above

■ **No statutory obligation deadline**

■ **USDOT “seeks projects that will begin construction before September 30, 2025.”**



Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program

Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight/Highway Projects (INFRA)

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Available Funds (Project Type)

\$1.55 Billion

– All Projects (FY 22)

85% – Large

– Costs > \$100 M

15% – Small

– Costs < \$100 M

Federal Cost Share / Match

Up to 60%

– INFRA Grant Request
(no award minimum)

Up to 80%

– Federal (overall)

Award Size

No Maximum

– All Projects

\$25 Million

– Minimum (Large)

\$5 Million

– Minimum (Small)

Eligibility (New)

Applicants:

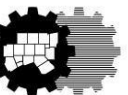
1. Federal land management agency w/ State or group of States
2. Multi-state corridor organization

Project Types:

1. Wildlife crossing
2. Surface transportation project at international border crossing
3. Marine highway project w/NHFN functional connection
4. National Multimodal Freight Network highway/bridge/freight

■ **Obligation Deadline: September 30, 2025**

■ **Construction Start Deadline: March 30, 2027**



Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program

Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL)

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Available Funds (Project Type)

\$300 Million

– All Projects (FY 22)

Lane Departures

– 15% (not TX)

Appalachians

– 25% (not TX)

Federal Cost Share / Match

Up to 80%

– RURAL Grant Request
(no award minimum)

Up to 100%

– Federal (overall)

Award Size

No Maximum

– All Projects

\$25 M Minimum

– 90% of projects

No Minimum

– 10% of projects

Project/Location Eligibility

Rural (2010 Census):

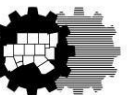
1. Outside an Urbanized Area (UA)
2. In Census-defined Urban Cluster
3. UA w/ population < 200,000

Project Types:

1. Highway, bridge, or tunnel
 - a) National Hwy Performance Program
 - b) Surface Transportation Block Grant
 - c) Tribal Transportation Program
2. Hwy freight (NHFP)/safety (HSIP)
3. Access to rural economic support
4. Integrated mobility & travel/on-demand management system

■ **Obligation Deadline: September 30, 2025**
(same as INFRA)

■ **Construction Start Deadline: March 30, 2027**
(same as INFRA)



Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program

Uniform Selection Criteria

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■ Project Outcomes (*New/Modified criteria shown in red*)

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Rating Scale	Project negatively affects outcome area OR application contains insufficient assessment information.	Outcome area claimed benefits are plausible but minimal OR claimed benefits are not plausible.	Clear and direct benefits in outcome area stem from adopting common practices for planning, designing, or building infrastructure.	Clear, direct, data-driven, and significant benefits for the outcome area are well-supported by application evidence.

- *Safety*
- *State of Good Repair*
- *Economic Impacts, Freight Movement, & Job Creation*
- *Climate Change, Resiliency, & the Environment*
- *Equity, Multimodal Options, & Quality of Life*
- *Innovation*

■ Economic Analysis (*Benefit-Cost Ratio*)

■ Project Readiness Analysis

- *Technical Assessment* – Delivery history, project feasibility, Federal compliance/requirements, ROW acquisition plan
- *Financial Completeness* – Detailed budget, design/contingency status, cost overrun plan, obligation target certainty
- *Environmental Review/Risk Assessment* – Detailed schedule, required approval/permit status, risk mitigation plan

FY 22 Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program

Statutory Requirements – INFRA, RURAL, & MEGA Programs

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- **Generates national or regional economic, mobility, and/or safety benefits – ALL**
- **Cost effectiveness – ALL**
- **Contributes to MAP-21 (23 U.S.C. 150) program goals – INFRA/RURAL**
- **Based on the results of preliminary engineering – INFRA/RURAL**
- **Availability of one or more stable/dependable funding or financing sources – MEGA/INFRA**
- **Significant need of or inability to complete easily/efficiently w/o Federal funds – MEGA/INFRA**
- **Reasonable expectation for construction within 18 months of obligation – INFRA/RURAL**
- **Applicant(s) have/will have sufficient legal, financial, & technical to carry out project – ALL**

Upcoming Grant NOFO Announcements in 2022

New/Existing Eligible Programs

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May 2022	Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program
May 2022	Safe Streets & Roads for All Grant Program – <i>NEW</i>
May 2022	Nationally Significant Federal Lands & Tribal Project Program
May 2022	Bridge Investment Program – <i>NEW</i>
June 2022	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program – <i>NEW</i>
June 2022	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program – <i>NEW</i>
July 2022	All Stations Accessibility Program – <i>NEW</i>
Aug 2022	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program
Sept 2022	Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) – <i>NEW</i>

NCTCOG GRANT ASSISTANCE

Slotting Process

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- NCTCOG is constantly seeking project opportunities from partners to submit for upcoming grant opportunities.
- NCTCOG pursues projects equally from the East and West Divisions of the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metroplex.
- NCTCOG encourages outside entities to provide project suggestions well in advance of deadlines so we can help best determine what grant opportunity a specific project will result in a successful submittal.
- NCTCOG is available to submit the grants, act as a co-applicant, provide technical assistance in both the creation of the document narrative and/or the Benefit Cost Analysis, or simply provide a letter of support.

BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Funding, Purpose and Eligibility (Pre-NOFO Information)

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Funding: FY 2022-2026 \$27 Billion

Purpose: To provide funding for highway bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection, and replacement on public roads.

Eligible Projects

- Bridges identified in the National Bridge Inventory in fair and poor condition, both on- and off-system on the National Highway System
 - ▣ 15% must be set-aside for off-system bridges; and
- Eligible project must include accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians.

RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM

Funding, Purpose and Eligibility (Pre-NOFO Information)

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Funding: FY 2022-2026 \$35 Billion

Purpose: To fund highway rail or pathway rail grade crossing improvement projects focusing on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

Eligible Projects

- Grade separation or closure, including the use of bridge, embankment, tunnel or a combination;
- Track relocation;
- Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures to improve safety related to separation, closure or track relocation projects;
- Other means to improve the safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway rail-grade crossings (including technological solutions); and
- The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

FEDERAL GRANT SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Detailed Overview for all Federal Grants

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grants

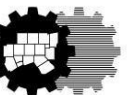
Submittal Process

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Applicants must register with Grants.gov, applicants must:

- 1. Register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.SAM.gov**
- 2. Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number¹;**
- 3. Create a Grants.gov username and password; and**
- 4. The E-Business Point of Contact (POC) at your organization must respond to the registration email from Grants.gov and login at Grants.gov to authorize you as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). There can be more than one AOR for an organization.**

¹Please note this process may take 7 – 10 days.



STEP 1: SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM)

Application Process

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Go to www.SAM.gov

Get a Unique Entity ID

Link on righthand side: click “Get Started”

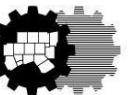
Enter required information



This account will “link” to Grants.gov account (next step)

Person who sets up entity in SAM.gov will be the E-business Point of Contact, or Administrator, for Grants.gov account

You will set user levels/access in Grants.gov account



STEP 2: GRANTS. GOV ACCOUNT

Registration Process

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Go to www.Grants.gov

Register entity

Link on upper righthand corner: click “Register”

Enter required information

Select “Organizational Account”

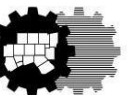
Please Keep in Mind

The E-Business Point of Contact (POC) from SAM.gov must respond to the registration email from Grants.gov

The POC can authorize the following:

Authorized Organization Representative: upload documents, submit grant applications

Workspace Manager: only upload documents – cannot submit grant applications



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USDOT BIL: <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law>

USDOT Grant Portal: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants>

USDOT (Upcoming Grant Opportunities): <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/upcoming-notice-funding-opportunity-announcements-2022>

Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg-announcement>

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