

Discretionary Grants

2024 WV LTAP-WVAMPO-WVDOH

Planning Conference

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West Virginia Division Office Organizational Chart – May 2024

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- 24 years FHWA WV Division
 - Area Engineer
 - Districts 1, 2, 9, 10
 - Design Program Manager
 - Discretionary Grants Manager



BIL and IIJA



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

also known as Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

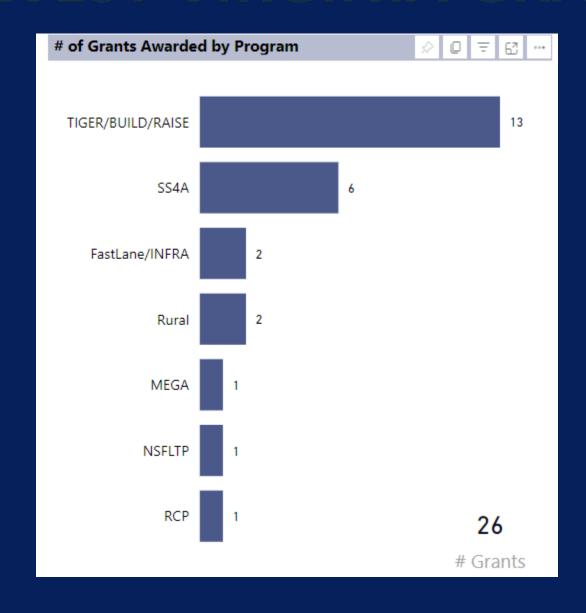
\$350 Billion over 5 years

New Programs New Opportunities

- Invests \$350 billion in highway programs over 5 years
- Creates more than a dozen new highway programs
- Creates more opportunities for local governments and other entities

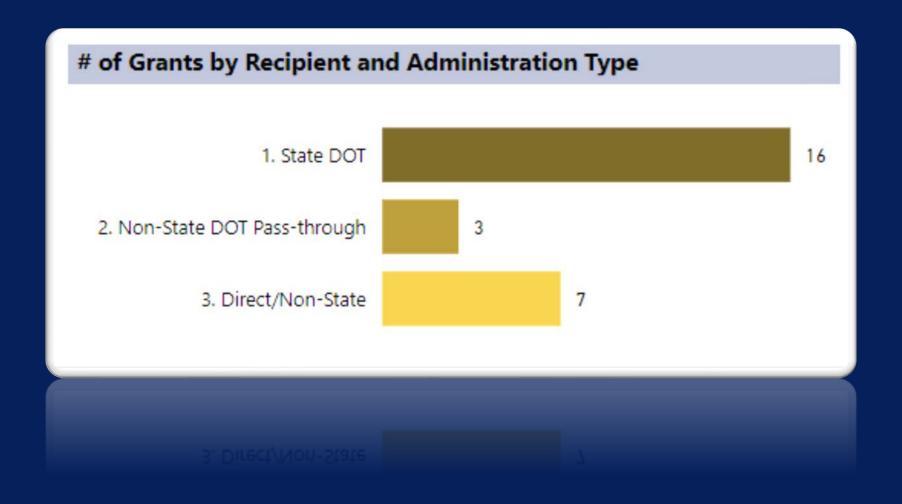
<u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - FHWA | Federal Highway Administration</u> (dot.gov)years

WEST VIRGINIA GRANTS





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WV INFRASTRUCTURE HUB



West Virginia Infrastructure Hub

About the IIJA and IRA

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law on November 15, 2021. This legislation presents a significant opportunity for states and local governments to enhance various aspects of infrastructure. Through this law, improvements can be made in areas such as roads, bridges, public safety, public transportation, resilience measures, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, ports, rail systems, environmental remediation, clean water accessibility, internet connectivity, and job creation.

The **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** was signed into law on August 16, 2022. The IRA provides billions of dollars in incentives, grants, and loans, as well as tax credits programs to support new infrastructure investments in the areas of clean energy, transportation, and the environment.



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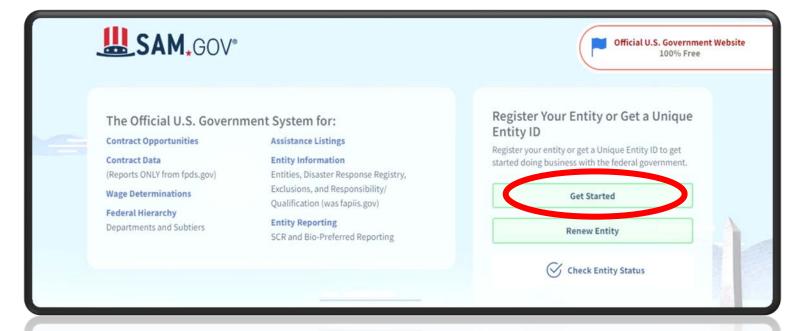
So How to Get a Slice of the Pie?





Obtain **UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI)** from the System for Award Management

https://sam.gov



Start Early!

The SAM.gov registration process can take up to TEN days!



Check Entity St.



Register at Grants.gov

https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-registration









Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit for Federal Transportation Funding

Get help navigating grants for rural transportation projects



Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants

Chart a strategic path to take advantage of historic infrastructure funding



Federal Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status

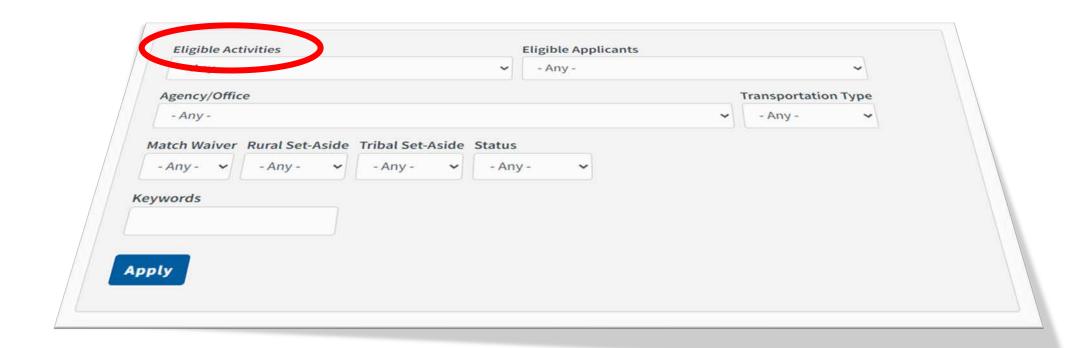
Access tools to determine disadvantaged community status (Justice40 Initiative)

https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator





DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard



https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard



- Read the NOFO
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DISCLAIMER

Due to the **COMPETITIVE** nature of discretionary grants, the *FHWA West Virginia Division Office* cannot provide potential recipients with an unfair advantage in the preparation of a grant application.

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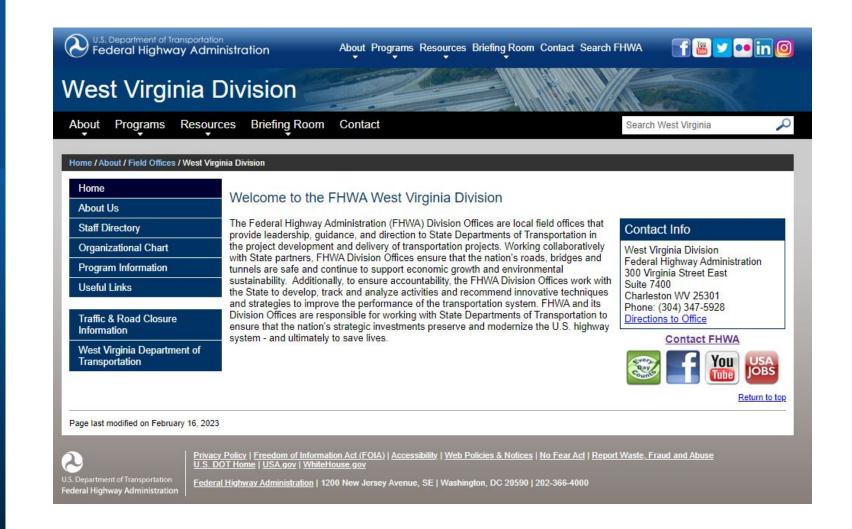
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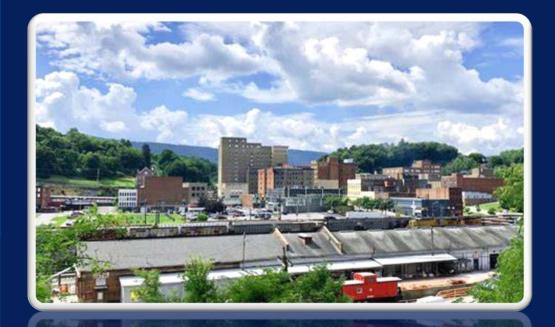




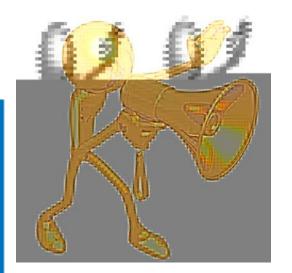
After the project is awarded, the FHWA Division Office will be your primary Point of Contact (POC).



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Bluefield Restoring Railroad Roots \$13,480,000 RURAL 2023 Grant Awarded December 2023





- Announcement
 - Fact Sheet
- Grant AgreementTemplates
- Webinars



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Changes to the Scope, Schedule and Budget from the application will be addressed in the Grant Agreement Template.





- Roles & Responsibilities
 - FHWA
 - Recipient
- Scope/Schedule/Budget
- Status of Draft Grant Agreement





Work initiated prior to the GRANT AGREEMENT being executed will not be reimbursed.

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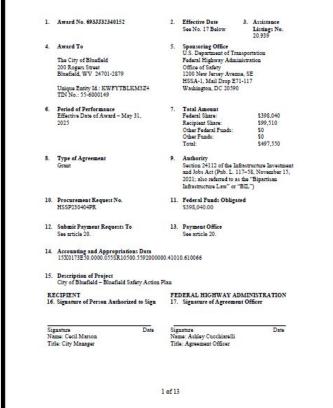
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Develop the Grant Agreement using the template.

TIMEFRAME: 8 weeks – 15 months

PROCUREMENT

- Consultant Selection Process is addressed in 23 CFR 172 and 2 CFR 200.320.
- The Brooks Act is required for all consultant contracts using federal funds.
- It must be a qualifications-based selection.
- Small purchase requirements may apply if the project is less than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold of \$250,000.
- Local Jurisdictions may use their own procurement procedures but will need to be reviewed by FHWA prior to consultant procurement.







NEPA

- Some grant programs will require NEPA clearance prior to execution of the grant agreement. For instance, a capital grant or an implementation grant.
- Some grants may be obligated in phases. For example:
 - NEPA
 - Design
 - Construction



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CONSTRUCTION

- 23 CFR requires various reviews/approvals during project development phases. Once example is that Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) must be reviewed prior to authorizing a construction contract.
- 2 CFR also includes construction contract requirements.
- It is highly recommended to get guidance from the FHWA Division Office prior to advertisement.



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REPORTING

- All grants have reporting requirements (Scope, Schedule and Budget).
- Quarterly Reports and SF-425s must be submitted to the FHWA Division Office in January, April, July and October.
- Both the Grant Recipient and the FHWA Division Office must do reporting.





DOT Navigator

https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator

23 CFR Applies to most grants

eCFR:: Title 23 of the CFR - Highways

2 CFR 200 applies to the execution of all grants.

eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

NHI has produced free training on Understanding the Uniform Guidance Requirements (2 CFR 200) for Federal Awards:

National Highway Institute: 2 CFR 200

Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Guidance and BCA template

https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dot-navigator/what-is-a-benefit-cost-analysis

Federal-Aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/index.cfm

Understanding Non-Federal Match Requirements

https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dot-navigator/understanding-non-federal-match-requirements









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