

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The future of transportation infrastructure has never looked brighter. Funding opportunities are plentiful and simpler than ever to obtain. These transformative grants are available to fuel your city's traffic upgrades and safety innovation.

FEDERAL VS. STATE GRANTS

Federal grant requirements vary by grant type, typically open to agencies like DOTs, municipalities, port authorities, tribes, and MPOs. These grants often have a broader scope with the goal to support national transportation priorities, infrastructure development, safety improvements, research initiatives, and other nationwide programs.

State grants focus on projects or initiatives tailored to each individual state's needs and priorities. These grants may address local roads, state highways, public transit systems, bridge maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and other local needs. Each state determines its own criteria, procedures, and oversight policies for distributing and managing grant funds. However, state grants may have fewer regulations and be more flexible in how the funds are used when compared to federal grants

While federal funds provide a broader reach of opportunities, state funds can serve as a backup with the proper administrative support. No matter which route you choose, it's important to review each grant's guidelines and to stay updated on specific requirements.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

FEDERAL

- Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment ([ATCMTD](#))
- Carbon Reduction Program ([CRP](#))
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality ([CMAQ](#))
- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)
- Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant ([MPDG](#))
 - [Mega](#): National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program
 - [Rural](#): Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program
 - [INFRA](#): Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects Program
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ([RAISE](#))
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program ([RCP](#))
- Safe Street and Roads for All ([SS4A](#))
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation ([SMART](#))
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program ([STBG](#))
- Traffic Congestion Relief Program ([TCRP](#))

STATE

Vary by State, Traditional Funding Sources

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- Environmental Protection
- Highway Transportation Funds
- Regional and Local Grants Safety Improvement Programs
- State Department of Transportation

TIPS + TRICKS

- Check the Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) website for opening periods yearly.
- Pay close attention to eligibility criteria, requirements, and deadlines.
- Start early! Don't wait until the last minute to apply.
- Follow all directions! Failure to follow direction is the number one reason for applications to be denied

10 STEPS TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Applying for a grant, whether federal or state, involves several steps. The specific process will vary based on the type of grant and the program you're applying to. However, below is our 10 step guide to assist you in navigating through the complex world of grant applications.

1. RESEARCH AND TRACK GRANT AWARDS

Track and research available grants and their specific details. Pay close attention to eligibility criteria, requirements, and deadlines.

2. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Start developing your project plan ahead of time. This includes researching products, vendors, costs, and building a proposal. Consider projects previously deemed impossible to execute due to lack of funds.

3. REVIEW ELIGIBILITY

Check specific eligibility requirements under the grants opportunity announcement and on the USDOT

4. REGISTRATION

For state grants, check each individual grant's requirements. For federal grants:

- Register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov).
- Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number at SAM.gov
- Create a [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) username and password.
- Have the E-Business Point of Contact (POC) at your organization authorize you as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR).

Note: An organization can have multiple AORs.

5. DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Once the application is open, access and carefully review the application package. Note all the required documents, information, and forms you'll need to complete.

6. PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

- Adhere to specific instructions
- Compile necessary documents, including but not limited to the following:
 - **PROJECT PROPOSAL**
The document submitted to the grantor in which you describe the project, its relevance, objectives, the impact it aims to achieve, and why it requires funding.
 - **BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS (BCA)**
This demonstrates the economic benefit of the project

7. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Ensure all parts of your application are complete and submit via Grants.gov or the specific submission method detailed in the grant guidelines before the deadline.

8. REVIEW PROCESS

Consider tracking and following up with granting agencies during the review process. During this time, be prepared to respond to any inquiries or requests for additional information from the granting agency.

9. NOTICE OF AWARDS

If your application is successful, you will receive a grant award notification. This will include the awarded amount, any conditions or requirements and instruction regarding the next steps..

10. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Manage the funds accordingly and ensure you fulfill any post-award requirements or guidelines.



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