

Upcoming USDOT Funding Resources and Opportunities

The [USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#) provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to [rural communities](#). The below list spotlights just a few of the currently open funding opportunities – visit the Grants Dashboard to find more or [check out the calendar of open and upcoming grant opportunities!](#)

New and Notable!

DOT is offering \$2.97 million through its new [Mobility Equity Research Initiative](#), which seeks to advance research and technologies that support the Department's goal of expanding accessibility and mobility to underserved communities, including people with disabilities, older Americans, and rural and disadvantaged communities. DOT is seeking proposals that will produce research results and tools that build on or complement existing data and systems such as those found on <https://equity-data.dot.gov/>. This competition is open to institutions of higher education, public research entities, 501(c)3 nonprofit research entities, and consortia thereof. Applicants must be established and located in the United States or its territories or on Tribal lands. **Applications are due by March 5, 2024.**

Opening Soon!

- [Applications](#) for the next round of **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** grants are anticipated to open in February 2024. Federally recognized Tribal governments that apply can use Tribal Transportation Funds for non-Federal match. [Subscribe to email updates](#) to be notified when additional information is available.
- FTA's [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. FTA anticipates releasing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program in February 2024.
- FHWA's [Congestion Relief Program](#) NOFO is anticipated to be released soon. This new BIL \$250 million program provides discretionary grants to states, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), cities, and municipalities to advance innovative, integrated, and multimodal solutions to relieve congestion and reduce economic and environmental costs (including emissions) associated with that congestion, in the most congested metropolitan areas of the United States with an urbanized area population greater than 1,000,000.

Other Grant Opportunities

CLOSING SOON

- FTA is offering approximately \$343 million for [Fiscal Year 2024 All Stations Accessibility Program \(ASAP\) funding](#) to help make it easier for people with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems through essential upgrades, such as elevators. There is no award maximum or cap for ASAP grants. **Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the grants.gov "Apply" function by January 30, 2024.**

CLOSING IN FEBRUARY

- FHWA is accepting applications for its [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#), which awards funding to eligible entities to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. Up to \$120 million (\$60 million for FY 2023 and \$60 million for FY 2024) is set aside for the ATTAIN Program to fund grants under this NOFO. **Applications are due by February 2, 2024.**
- FTA is accepting applications for approximately **\$4.7 million in competitive grant funding for projects that improve access to vital transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals through the [Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility \(ICAM\) pilot program](#)**, which supports projects that improve transportation coordination and enhance mobility, including access to non-emergency medical transportation. Applications will be evaluated based on criteria outlined
- **DOT is offering a \$25 million funding opportunity for its [Rural Autonomous Vehicle \(RAV\) research program](#).** Accredited universities are eligible to apply for this competitive, six-year cooperative agreement program. Recipients will use RAV program funding to conduct research regarding the benefits and responsible application of automated vehicles and associated mobility technologies in rural and Tribal communities. The RAV program funds collaborative research and pilot deployment activities to support a future rural transportation system that is safe, advances American competitiveness, and supports good-paying jobs. An informational webinar on the Rural Autonomous Vehicle Program Funding Opportunity will be held *tomorrow*, January 19 at 11:00-12:15 p.m. ET – [view this webpage for more information on the webinar](#). Q&As about the competition are posted on the [RAV NOFO Questions and Answers](#) **Applications are due by March 13, 2024.**
FHWA is accepting applications for \$9.7 billion in multi-year funding to improve the nation's bridges through the competitive [Bridge Investment Program's "Planning" and "Bridge Project" categories](#), which fund bridge planning, repair, and replacement projects under \$100 million. FHWA has provided a [Bridge Project Application Template](#) and [Planning Grant Application Template](#) and highly encourages applicants to use the templates for their applications. Join FHWA for live Q&A sessions on [January 25 at 2:00 p.m. ET](#) on Planning and Bridge Project Grants and on [January 30 at 2:00 p.m. ET](#) on the Benefit Cost Analysis Tool. [Technical assistance](#) is also available to recipients who receive Bridge Investment Program grants. **Applications for this round of planning and bridge project funding must be submitted by March 19, 2024 via Grants.gov.**

In preparing your application for any of the above programs, be sure to read the specific Notice of Funding Opportunity and related program materials to ensure your project and organization are eligible and you are meeting other program/application requirements. General information to help prepare for DOT applications can also be found on the DOT Navigator, including [the Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants](#).

Popular USDOT Navigator Grant Application Resources

- [Understanding Non-Federal Match Requirements](#)
- [Grant Application Checklist for a Strong Transportation Workforce and Labor Plan](#)
- [Checklist for a Strong Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience Grant Application](#)
- [Federal Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status](#)
- [What Is a Benefit-Cost Analysis \(BCA\)?](#)
- [Use of DOT Funds for Public Involvement](#)