



# Discretionary Grant Resources

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# US DOT Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation provides grants to help build up and maintain a fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system for the American people, today and into the future



# DOT Navigator

The [DOT Navigator](#) is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. This is an excellent site for “all thing grants” especially Technical Assistance resources, including access to several recent webinars highlighting new toolkits, guidance etc.



# Calendar of Key NOFOs

In order to provide stakeholders with more visibility into upcoming funding opportunities, DOT publishes a list of anticipated dates for upcoming NOFOs for key programs within the BIL and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).



# DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard

The [DOT 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 [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\)](#) Initiative and an updated [Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit](#) was recently published to help rural communities harness the Dashboard. The Dashboard is updated weekly.



# BIL Launchpad

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) offers unprecedented opportunities for local governments and communities to secure competitive federal grants and modernize America's infrastructure.

To help navigate transportation grant programs and expedite applications, the [BIL Launchpad](#) provides customized information on available funding, interactive technical support, data on successful awards, and essential resources.



# Other Resources-FHWA Competitive Grant Funding Matrix

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and FHWA have a variety of competitive grant programs used to fund various types of transportation projects and activities. The [Competitive Grant Funding Matrix](#) illustrates these programs broadly, organized by applicant type. Potential applicants should refer to the applicable column in the matrix. The matrix lists grant programs (rows), which can be matched with the potential applicant (columns) the program can fund





# Other Resources-DOT Navigator Email List

Click this [link](#) to join the listserv or visit the [USDOT Navigator](#) to find information and resources on applying for USDOT grants and planning for and delivering transformative infrastructure projects and services. **Example of listserv email:**

**Gibson, Johnnie (FHWA)**

**From:** Department of Transportation <usdot@info.dot.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2023 8:08 AM  
**To:** Gibson, Johnnie (FHWA)  
**Subject:** USDOT Navigator – November Biweekly Bulletin

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## The deadline to apply to be a Thriving Communities Program Capacity Builder is tomorrow, November 28!

The deadline to apply to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support at a national or regional level through the Thriving Communities Program (TCP) is tomorrow, November 28 at 4:59 p.m. ET! Find more information on the [TCP website](#) and in the TCP [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). NOTE: The separate Call for Letters of Interest to receive support through TCP has closed and submissions are being reviewed.



## USDOT Technical Assistance Spotlight

- Prepare for upcoming Discretionary Grant Opportunities! USDOT is hosting a webinar on December 5 at 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET to spotlight a new Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Tool developed by the Department and the updated Rural Grant Application Toolkit. Staff from the Office of the Secretary will provide a walkthrough of each. [Register here to attend the webinar.](#) Visit the [USDOT Navigator webinars page](#) to view slides and recordings from past webinars. If you'd like to learn more about BCAs, check out this [DOT Navigator BCA resource](#).
- Support for Rural Grant Applicants
  - The revised [Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit for Competitive Federal Transportation Funding](#) helps potential applicants identify and navigate discretionary grant opportunities for rural transportation projects. The [Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit](#) provides an overview of key activities in the federal discretionary grants process, as well as resources to help rural applicants maximize their potential for award success. Developed as part of the [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\) Initiative](#), the [Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit](#) complements the recently released [DOT Discretionary Grants](#)