

The <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)</u> provides approximately \$350 billion for Federal highway programs over a five-year period (FY2022 through FY2026). Most of this funding is apportioned (distributed) to States based on formulas specified in Federal law. However, the BIL also provides funding through a wide range of <u>competitive grant programs</u>.

If you are interested in applying for grants through this program, a great place to start is the <u>United</u> <u>States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Navigator</u> website. This resource helps communities and organizations understand the best way to apply for grants, find relevant grants, and receive technical assistance throughout the process. Here you can find <u>fact sheets and guidance documents</u> on a wide range of topics, and a vast library of resources for <u>grant seekers</u>, with technical briefs, checklists, and much more.

On the USDOT website you can also find the <u>comprehensive list</u> of all the grant programs authorized under the BIL for US DOT. Each program listed will have information on requirements, eligibility, and covered activities.

Furthermore, in order to provide stakeholders with more visibility into upcoming funding opportunities, US DOT is publishing a list of anticipated dates <u>for Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)</u> for key programs within the BIL as well as adjacent programs that support BIL objectives. This list will be updated often, so make sure to check it regularly for new programs as they become available.

<u>The Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)</u> is another initiative to address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure by developing user-friendly tools and information, aggregating US DOT and other resources, and providing technical assistance. This website has information on funding and financing opportunities, an easy-to-use eligibility map, webinars to walk you through the process, and an <u>applicant toolkit</u> designed for all levels of grant applicant experience.

An additional resource is the <u>Build America Bureau (BAB)</u>, a new initiative to provide technical assistance programs to support innovative finance for Tribal, rural, and regional projects. The BAB will help you find financing opportunities and support you as you advance your transportation project from drawing board to delivery. They also offer project-level technical assistance every step of the way, including helping you navigate the <u>environmental review process</u>.

The <u>Local Infrastructure Hub</u> is a national program designed to connect cities and towns with the resources and expert advice they need to access federal infrastructure funding in order to drive local progress, improve communities, and deliver results for residents. You can also find additional information on <u>equity, engagement, and environmental justice</u> initiatives. This website has its own library of webinars and support that provides learning opportunities about BIL funding, including a comprehensive grant search function. You can also sign up to get instant updates once new opportunities become available.

Not all the BIL funding opportunities are going to be found under the US DOT banner. Some can be found through the Departments of Energy, Commerce, and Health and Human Services, among others. <u>This press release from the White House</u> documents the different categories of funding currently available but be sure to check back for updates as the process evolves.

