



**U.S. Department
of Transportation**



USDOT Technical Resources Webinar

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST**

Meeting Purpose and Agenda

The purpose for this webinar is to provide information on existing USDOT technical assistance resources and potential grant funding opportunities to communities who applied for technical assistance through the FY 2022 Thriving Communities Program.

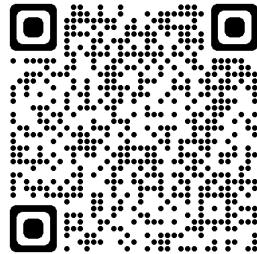
Agenda

- Overview of Common Technical Assistance Needs
 - DOT Navigator
 - Discretionary Grant Dashboard
 - Q&A
- Breakout Rooms with DOT Staff
- Key Resources
 - Federal/Local/State Contacts
 - Open NOFOs

DOT Navigator

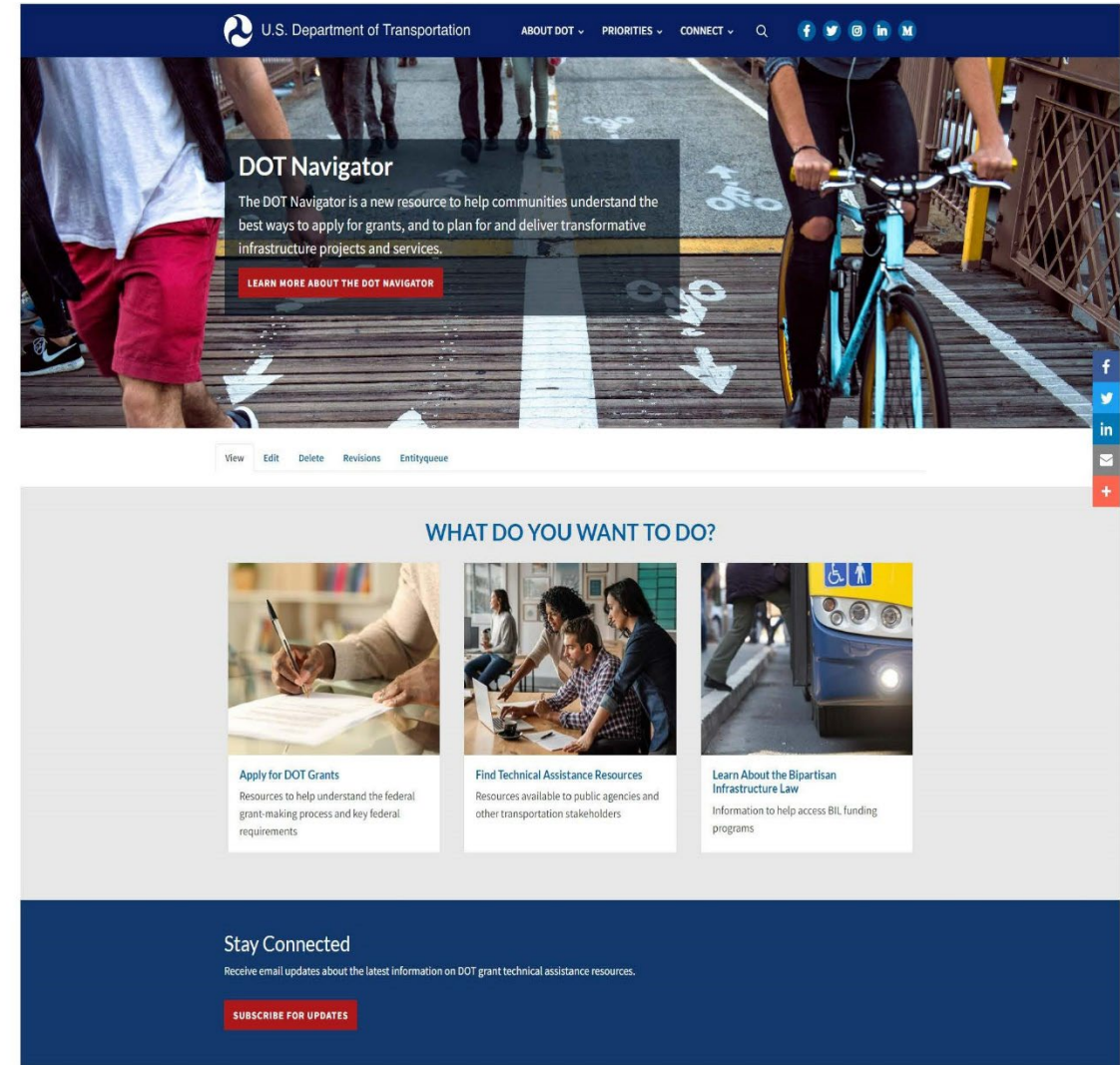
Coordinating and Improving Access to the range of DOT Technical Assistance Resources

<https://transportation.gov/dot-navigator>



Sample Grant Application Resources

- Overview of DOT Funding and Financing
- FY23 USDOT Discretionary Preparation Check List
- Understanding Federal Match Requirements
- Workforce Development and Climate Checklists
- Use of DOT Funds for Public Involvement
- Is Federal Funding the Right Fit for My Organization?



DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard

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[Grant Application Resources](#) ▸

[Technical Assistance Resources](#)

[Learn About the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)


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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. Designed with all communities in mind, the Dashboard identifies grant programs with rural and Tribal set-asides or match waivers available. The Dashboard also includes Federal grant programs outside of DOT that may be of particular interest to rural communities. An updated Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit will soon be published to help rural communities harness the Dashboard. The Dashboard is updated weekly.

[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.

 [Download CSV](#)

Keywords

Eligible Activities

- Any - ▾

Eligible Applicants

- Any - ▾

Agency/Office

- Any - ▾

Transportation Type

- Any - ▾

Match Waiver

- Any - ▾

Rural Set-Aside

- Any - ▾

Tribal Set-Aside

- Any - ▾

Status

- Any - ▾

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Related Links

- [FHWA Tribal Funding Opportunities](#)
- [EV Funding Opportunities](#)
- [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#)
- [J40 Initiative](#)

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)

General Grant Program Information

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Grant program](#) provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.

The PROTECT discretionary program offers two types of awards: planning grants and Competitive Resilience Improvement Grants.

A Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) is required for this grant program. For more information about BCA's, see [What is a BCA?](#) and the [USDOT's Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grants](#).

Opportunity Status:	Open
Posted Date:	04/21/2023
Close Date:	08/18/2023
Eligible Applicants:	State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes and Affiliated Groups; Planning and Project Organizations; U.S. Territories
Eligible Activities:	Planning; Construction; Operations and Maintenance; Technology Demonstrations and Deployment; Climate and Sustainability; Accessibility; Security
Transportation Type:	Bike/Ped; Maritime; Roadway; Transit
Most Recent Annual Program Funding Amount:	\$848 Million
Annual Award Amount:	Not Listed
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes
Match Waiver:	Yes
Rural Set-Aside:	Yes
Grant Opportunity ID:	693JJ323NF00013
Grant Opportunity Link:	Grants.gov Opportunity: PROTECT Program
Links to Additional Information:	PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program BIL Fact Sheet: PROTECT Formula Program
Agency:	USDOT / Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Eligibility Information

Eligible uses include highway, transit, and certain port projects that include resilience planning, strengthening and protecting evacuation routes, enabling communities to address vulnerabilities and increasing the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.

Eligible applicants include states (or a political subdivision of a state), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), local governments, special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, Tribal governments, and federal land management agencies (FLMAs), when applying jointly with states. Different eligibilities apply for at-risk coastal infrastructure grants.

Funding Information

The PROTECT program provides \$1.4 billion in funding over 5 years. Individual award amounts vary. Only 40 percent of award funds can be used for construction of new capacity.

Federal cost-sharing will be higher if the eligible entity develops a resilience improvement plan (or is in a state or area served by MPO that does) and the state or MPO incorporates it into its long-range transportation plan.

Contact Information

Contact PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov for more information.

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



Apply for DOT Grants

Resources to help understand the federal grant-making process and key federal requirements

Grant Application Resources

The following resources provide general information on applying for federal grants and understanding some of the key requirements.

Overview of DOT Funding and Financing

What money is available? Learn about potential options in the [Overview of DOT Funding and Financing](#).

USDOT Discretionary Grant Process

What's the process to apply for federal grants? Find out in this overview of the [USDOT Discretionary Grant Process](#).

Understanding Non-Federal Match Requirements

Are local funds required for projects that receive DOT funding? Find out in [Understanding Non-Federal Match Requirements](#)

How to Navigate Grants.gov to Submit Applications

All Federal grant opportunities must be posted through Grants.gov. Get tips and guidance on [How to Navigate Grants.gov to Submit Applications](#).

Federal Transportation Funding: Fiscal Year 2023 Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants

The [Fiscal Year 2023 Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants](#) is intended to help local governments prepare for the year ahead and chart a strategic pathway to take advantage of historic infrastructure investments of over \$32 billion available in new fiscal year 2023 Budget Authority.



Spanish

- [Solicitud de subvenciones del USDOT](#)
- [Visión general de fondos del DOT y financiamiento](#)
- [Comprendiendo los requisitos no federales de pareo](#)
- [Herramientas federales para identificar comunidades desfavorecidas](#)
- [¿Es el financiamiento federal el adecuado para mi organización?](#)

Finding Technical Assistance at USDOT

Search for existing resources available across DOT

Covers a range of transportation issues and variety of resources:

- Direct or on-call support,
- Clearinghouse and best practices,
- Training or explanatory videos,
- Reports, toolkits, and guidance documents

<https://transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

Technical Assistance Resources

At DOT, “technical assistance” includes programs, processes, and resources that provide targeted support to a community, region, organization, or other beneficiary to help them access and deploy federal funding and build local capacity to develop, design, and deliver transportation plans and projects.

View and search the table below to find existing technical assistance resources and programs funded or managed by DOT that can provide deeper levels of assistance, technical information, best practices, and training.

Keywords

▼ Advanced options

Stakeholder Type(s)	Resource Type(s)	Transportation Mode(s)
Select All	Select All	Select All
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Air (airports, aviation, drones)
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Fact Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric or Autonomous Vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional/Metro Planning Orgs (MPO)	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway
<input type="checkbox"/> State DOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Intelligent Transportation and Data Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Transit Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Micromobility (bike share, scooters, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Toolkit	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Territory	<input type="checkbox"/> Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Ports
	<input type="checkbox"/> Video/Webinar	<input type="checkbox"/> Railway
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transit

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Information to Help Understand Federal Processes

Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

Federal-aid Simplified.

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Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

Welcome to Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies, a transportation resource designed to help local agency professionals navigate the Federal-aid Highway Program. Federal-aid Essentials is structured for busy agency staff who wants further understanding of Federal-aid policies, procedures, and practices. You will find quick answers, straight to the point, and presented in plain language to help you make the right decisions in successfully completing federally funded projects.

The Federal-aid Essentials Web site contains a resource library of informational videos and related materials. Readily accessible and available when you need an answer, each video addresses a single topic presented in everyday language-condensing the complex regulations and requirements of the Federal-aid Highway Program into easy-to-understand concepts and illustrated examples. This Web site allows you to indicate areas of interest and receive alerts when material that matches your interests becomes available. You also can give feedback that will help FHWA continue to provide useful assistance.

Federal-aid Essentials can become your personal reference library available 24 hours a day. Consult Federal-aid Essentials at the start of a new roadway project concept, or when questions arise about financing, right-of-way, or environmental impacts. Or, you may have a concern about Civil Rights, or a need for more information on project development or construction administration. You may simply want to review the process to closeout a project. Federal-aid Essentials offers a wide range of video modules to address questions and concerns.

Start here: for help managing your next Federal-aid transportation project. Topics include:

- [Federal-aid Program Overview](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Right-of-Way](#)
- [Environment](#)
- [Civil Rights](#)
- [Project Development](#)
- [Project Construction and Contract Administration](#)
- [Other Programs](#)



Your State department of transportation - your State DOT - is knowledgeable about Federal-aid projects and is your primary resource for complying with Federal requirements. Federal-aid Essentials includes a comprehensive directory of [State Resources](#), consisting of links to local program Web sites, manuals, references, local technical assistance programs, and local program coordinators. Federal-aid Essentials helps you pursue better, faster and smarter ways of delivering the Federal-aid program, with the overall goal of ensuring a strong, safe infrastructure serving the public interest.

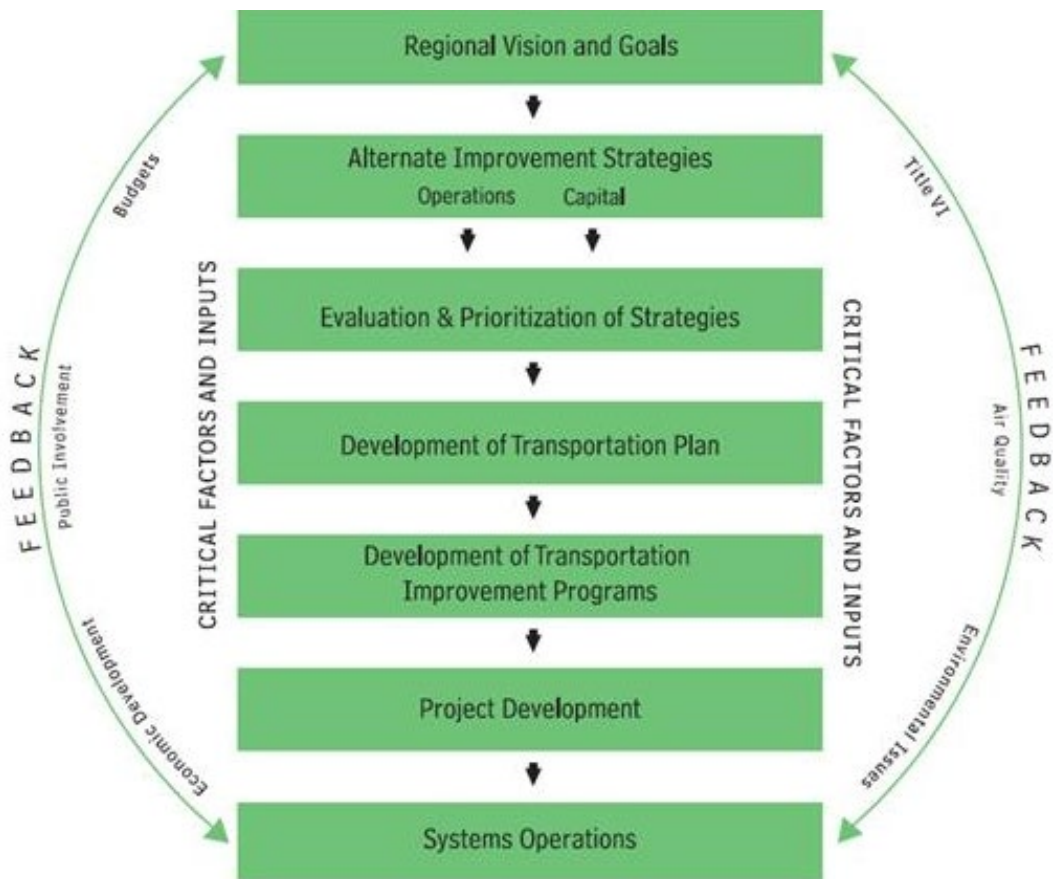


<https://www.transportation.gov/public-involvement> -



What is the Transportation Planning Process?

Your State DOT, Metropolitan Planning Organization (if in a metro area over 50,000), and local transit agencies are required to participate in a transportation planning process that is transparent and involves the public



Did you know that every state has local TA available?

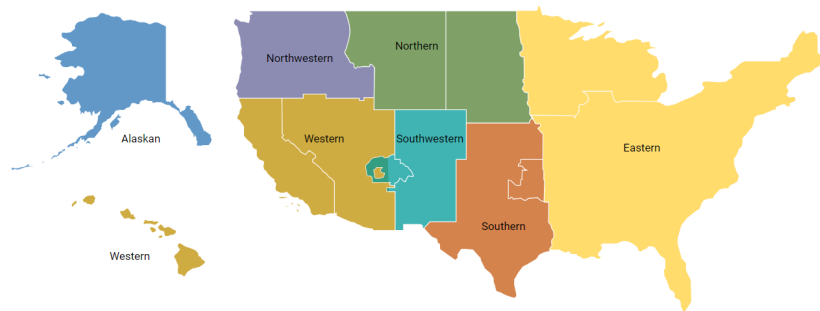
Local Technical Assistance Resources are Close at Hand

- Federal Highway Administration funds a **Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)** in every state + Puerto Rico
- FHWA also funds a **Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)**
- The Federal Transit Administration Funds a **Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)**
- Courses provided on a range of technical topics (many of them free and on-line) through the **National Highway Institute** and **National Transit Institute**

Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)

FIND A TTAP CENTER

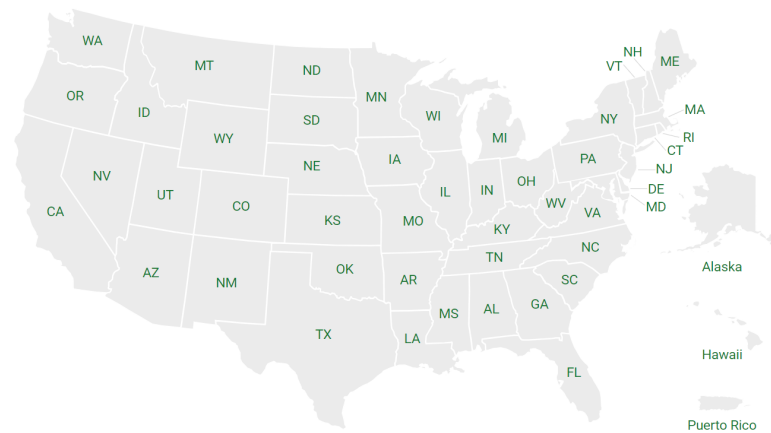
Select a Region from the map below to get TTAP center information.



For more information about the National LTAP, please visit [National Local Technical Assistance Program Association Website](#)

FIND A LTAP CENTER

Select a state from the map below to get LTAP center information.



Find a Center

-- Select State --



WEBINARS

Innovation Exchange Webinars

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Stay connected with Center for Local Aid Support (CLAS)

Sign up to receive the CLAS quarterly e-Newsletter.

Congratulations – You Were Awarded a Grant. Now What?

- ◆ Recipients of grants from the US Department of Transportation and its operating administrations (FHWA, FRA, FTA, MARAD, PHMSA) must comply with Federal requirements to successfully access and use their grant funds
- ◆ It's important to educate yourself about these requirements
- ◆ Soon after your grant award is announced, you will receive an initial communication from DOT or one of its operating administrations (FHWA, FRA, FTA, MARAD, PHMSA) with a “point of contact” for your grant
- ◆ For the grant programs that require an **executed grant agreement** for funds to be obligated, you will receive a copy of the grant agreement or grant agreement template
- ◆ If not awarded a grant, you will be notified and offered an opportunity for a **debrief** on your application and the review process – this is a good way to learn how you can make a stronger application for the next year's funding opportunity

**In administering
its grant
programs, USDOT
is committed to**

Communication

Coordination

Collaboration



Is Federal Funding the Right Fit for Your Organization?

- Pay attention to the grant's statutory **Obligation** and **Expenditure** requirements included in the NOFO. Can you meet these dates?
- Most grants require a **non-federal match** that must be secured at the time of grant obligation.
- All federal grants includes **important federal requirements** that must be met BEFORE funds can be obligated, including Title VI and NEPA.
- All federal grants must comply with **2 CFR 200** that details federal requirements including for financial reporting and oversight.
- Most USDOT grants are provided as **reimbursable** funds; not lump sum or upfront payments.
- Consider whether to use grant funding for your State DOT to provide **administrative support** (needs to be written into your application / budget and agreed to by State DOT)



Some Direct Recipients May Choose to have their State DOT Administer the Grant

- Direct recipients receive funding directly from DOT.
 - Designated recipients have been designated by the state governor or their designee to receive &/or sub-allocate (ie. State DOT or Transit Agency)
- A non-State direct recipients can pay their State DOT to assist with the delivery of a project associated with a grant.
 - Non-State recipients may enter into a contractual agreement with their State DOT for assistance with project activities that comply with state law and the applicable procurement standards (see 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.327).
 - In this relationship, the non-State recipient would reimburse the State DOT for eligible project activities as outlined in their contractual agreement.
 - Direct costs incurred by the non-State recipient during the period of performance that satisfy the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, subpart E, including 2 CFR 200.403, are allowable and eligible for reimbursement by the Federal agency.



Breakout Rooms –

At this time you will be automatically directed to a breakout room

- Safety & Transportation
 - Paul Teicher
- Reconnecting Communities
 - Andrew Emanuele
 - Tameka Macon-Ryan
- Transit
 - John Bodnar
- Bike/Ped Planning
 - Steven Suder
- Resiliency/Climate Change
 - Heather Holsinger

Polling Question

Future webinar topics

- What additional topics would you be most interested in learning more about?
 - How to identify local community partners
 - How to access formula funding and state funding
 - Meaningful Public Involvement and Title VI
 - Community Wealth Building and DBE/MBE Involvement
 - Decarbonization and EV deployment
 - Workforce Development, including Project Labor Agreements
 - Environmental Justice

Some 2023 Grant Opportunities

<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity> -

Funding Opportunity	Application Deadline
<u>Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program</u>	August 1, 2023
<u>PROTECT Program</u>	August 18, 2023
<u>Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program: <i>not yet posted</i></u>	Anticipated fall 2023
<u>Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (Mega, INFRA, and Rural)</u>	August 21, 2023
<u>Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (BIL) and Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program (IRA)</u>	October 12, 2023
<u>Thriving Communities Program <i>not yet posted</i></u>	Anticipated fall 2023
<u>Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program <i>not yet posted</i></u>	Anticipated fall 2023
<u>Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) <i>not yet posted</i></u>	Anticipated late 2023/early 2024

FHWA Field Office Resources

The field organization delivers program services to the FHWA's partners and customers. This organization consists of the FHWA Resource Center, State-level Federal-aid and the Office of Federal Lands Highway.

Federal-aid Division Offices

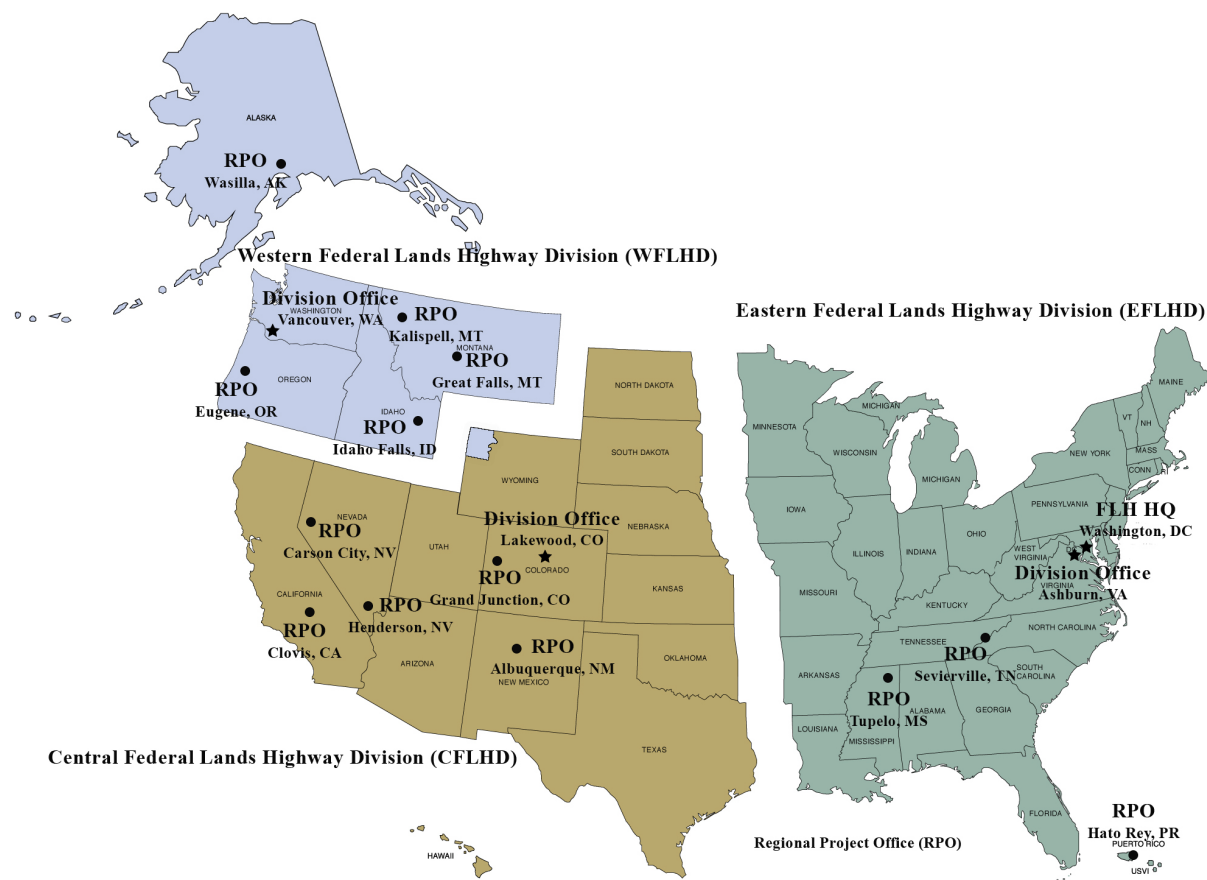
- Division offices provide Federal-aid program delivery assistance to partners and customers in highway transportation and safety services, including but not limited to, planning and research, preliminary engineering, technology transfer, right-of-way, bridge, highway safety, traffic operations, environment, civil rights, design construction and maintenance, engineering coordination, highway beautification, and administration.
- Fifty-two operating division offices (one in each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico), located in the same city as the State department of transportation, which is usually the State capital.
- Regional office contacts can be found by visiting: <https://highways.dot.gov/about/field-offices#divisions>





The Office of Federal Lands Highway (FLH)

The Office was established to promote effective, efficient, and reliable administration for a coordinated program of federal public roads and bridges; to protect and enhance our Nation's natural resources; and to provide needed transportation access for Native Americans. Their primary purpose is to provide financial resources and transportation engineering assistance for public roads that service the transportation needs of Federal and Indian lands.



- The Office of Federal Lands Highway provides these services in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and US Territories through our Headquarters Program Office in Washington, DC, and three field division offices (Eastern, Central, and Western) located in Ashburn, VA; Lakewood, CO; and Vancouver, WA.
- In addition, there are thirteen Regional Project Offices (RPOs)
- For more information visit:
<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/about>

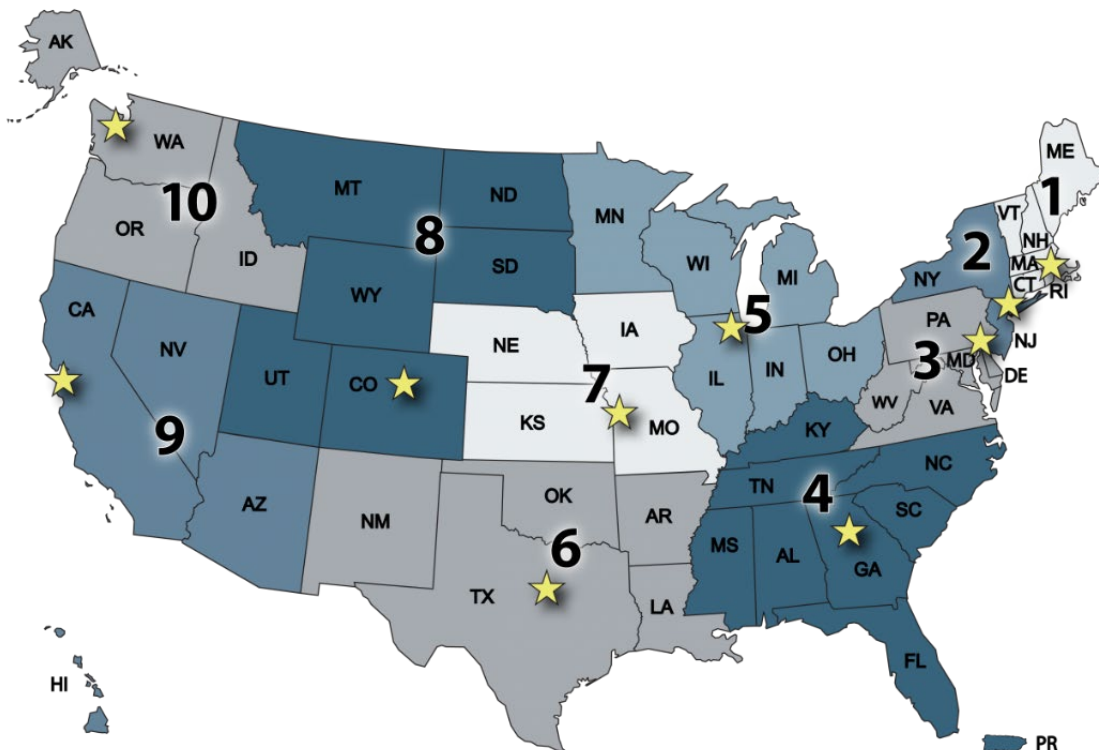




FTA Regional Office Resources

- The 10 FTA Regional Offices work with local transit officials to develop and manage grants.
- Staff in FTA Metropolitan Offices provide additional support in cities/regions with greater transit activities.
- Regional office contacts can be found by going to:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices>





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