



U.S. Department
of Transportation

BUILD vs TIGER Fact Sheet

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants solicitation will make \$1.5 billion available to surface transportation projects that align with the merit criteria described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). BUILD replaces the pre-existing TIGER grants program. Like TIGER, FY 2018 BUILD Transportation Grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. For this round of BUILD, no more than \$150 million can be awarded to a single State.

To reflect the Administration’s Infrastructure Initiative, DOT plans to award a greater share of BUILD Transportation funding to projects located in rural areas that align well with the merit criteria than to those in urban areas. Rural applicants can highlight their needs in response to several of the evaluation criteria, including to deploy rural broadband as part of an eligible transportation project. BUILD encourages local governments to proactively raise new sources of revenue with a new criterion to evaluate local activities to generate additional non-Federal revenue for transportation infrastructure.

BUILD applications will be evaluated based on the following merit criteria: safety, economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental protection, state of good repair, innovation, partnership, and additional non-Federal revenue for infrastructure investments. Below is a side-by-side comparison of the merit criteria used in TIGER and BUILD:

| TIGER | BUILD |
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| <p>Merit criteria</p> <p><i>Primary criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • State of Good Repair • Economic Competitiveness • Environmental Sustainability • Quality of Life <p><i>Secondary criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation • Partnership <p><i>Other criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated Project Readiness • Project Costs and Benefits • Cost Sharing or Matching <p><i>Additional considerations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic diversity among recipients | <p>Merit criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • State of Good Repair • Economic Competitiveness • Environmental Protection • Quality of Life • Innovation • Partnership • Non-Federal Revenue for Transportation Infrastructure Investment <p><i>Other criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated Project Readiness • Project Costs and Benefits <p><i>Additional considerations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic diversity among recipients |

For additional explanation of the criteria, please see the BUILD NOFO

What stayed the same from TIGER competitions?

The eligible costs and project types have not changed. The minimum and maximum project award sizes are the same as in FY 2017.