

Background

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has a variety of competitive grant programs available to municipalities to fund various types of transportation projects and activities.

Several grants were established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58 signed in 2021, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”) which invests in our infrastructure to help build a safe, resilient and equitable transportation future.

This document highlights four federal discretionary grant opportunities for infrastructure projects.

We provide towns, cities, counties and local government:

STRATEGIC GUIDANCE



MDOT will help you identify the most competitive federal opportunities for your potential projects.

RESOURCES



MDOT will help track grant announcements, provide technical advice on your grant applications, and share monthly newsletters and webinars on federal discretionary grant opportunities.

STATE ASSISTANCE



MDOT will help you secure letters of support for your grant application and, on a case-by-case basis, may consider state matching fund requests.

Contact:



Visit our website www.mdot.maryland.gov/iijagrants.



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Select Opportunities for Local Partners

MDOT Grants



GRANTS

- **Congestion Relief Program**
 - Funding: Administered by USDOT.
 - Objective: Advances innovative, integrated and multi-modal solutions for congestion relief.
 - Eligible applicants: Project sponsors at the state and local levels.
 - Award Amount: \$10 million or greater.
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)**
 - Funding: Administered by USDOT.
 - Objective: Helps communities build transportation projects with significant local or regional impact to improve safety and equity.
 - Requirements: Project sponsors at the state and local levels.
 - Type of funding: Grant.
 - Award Amount: Planning grants have no minimum.
- **The Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)**
 - Funding: Administered by USDOT.
 - Objective: Funds purpose-driven innovation to build data and technology capacity (ie. traffic lights, smart grids, sensors). Projects solve real-world challenges facing communities.
 - Requirements: Divided into two stages. During Stage 1, public sector project leaders build internal buy-in and partnerships to refine and prototype their concepts, and report on results. Only Stage 1 recipients are eligible for Stage 2 Implementation Grants.
 - Type of funding: Grant.
 - Award Amount: Average is \$1.5 million.

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- **Safe Streets and Roads for All**
 - Funding: Administered by USDOT.
 - Objective: To repair outdated roadways and prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
 - Type of funding: Grant match. 80% Federal.
 - 20% from non-Federal sources.
 - Type of SSR8 grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants or Implementation Grants.
 - Award Amount: Unspecified.

Grant Application Best Practices. Competitive grant applicants are known to hire a consulting company for grant writing and submission support, funding oversight through program management and assistance with project implementation.