

Federal Infrastructure Strategy

MDOT Grants



Background and Mission

In November 2021, President Biden signed into law the **historic \$1.2 trillion** Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The legislation represents a generational investment in our nation's transportation infrastructure. While much of the spending envisioned in this legislation will be apportioned directly to state and local partners through federal formula programs; **nearly 33% of the funding will be made available to state and local partners through competitive discretionary grants.**

The IIJA **created several new discretionary grant programs targeted to Maryland's cities, counties, and towns.** The funding made available and to these locally focused programs provides a unique opportunity to transform communities across our state. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to supporting local partners in their pursuit of federal discretionary grants.

We provide towns, cities, counties and locally operated transit services:

STRATEGIC GUIDANCE



We will help you match potential projects to the most competitive federal opportunities.

RESOURCES



We 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



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

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Select Opportunities for Local Partners

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Open

- **The PROTECT Discretionary Program grant – Due August 18, 2023**
 - The program funds roadway and transit projects that strengthen the assets to be more resilient to natural hazards, climate change, sea level rise, and other extreme weather events. The **\$848 million program** also supports planning activities and has specific set-asides for rural communities.
- **Multimodal Project Discretionary grant (MPDG) – Due August 21, 2023**
 - The MPDG program provides funding to nationally or regionally significant freight or multi-modal projects in both rural and urban areas. The MPDG program is a combined funding announcement for the INFRA, MEGA, and RURAL programs. **\$5.5 billion is available in funding across the three programs.**
- **Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program grant - Due September 28, 2023**
 - The program funds capacity building efforts to include hiring staff and procuring consultant support for project development activities. Rural and federally recognized Tribal governments are eligible. **There is no cost sharing requirement for the \$3.4 million program.**
- **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Access and Equity grant – Due September 28, 2023**
 - The programs provides **\$3.3 billion in funding** to enhance community connectivity and overcome transportation facilities (roads, highways, rail lines, bridges) that historically have served as a barrier to community connectivity.

Upcoming

- **Rail Crossing Elimination grant – Expected opening in summer**
 - The program **provides more than \$500 million** to plan for and address highway-rail or pedestrian-rail pathways that improve the mobility of goods, people, and emergency services.
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant – Expected opening in winter**
 - The RAISE program funds a wide variety of multi-modal transportation projects and project development activities. The IJA provides **\$1.5 billion in gaurenteed funding to the program each year.**

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