

Federal Infrastructure Strategy

MDOT Grants



Background and Mission

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

The IIJA created **several new discretionary grant programs targeted to Maryland's cities, counties, and towns**. Combined, the amount of funding available and the new, locally focused grant programs provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform communities across our state. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to supporting local partners in their pursuits 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.

Contact:



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Select Opportunities for Local Partners

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Open

- **Choice Neighborhood Planning grants** – **Grants due June 6, 2023**
 - The program supports the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that positively impact housing, people, and neighborhoods. **\$10 million is available for community planning opportunities.**
- **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grants** – **Grants due June 13, 2023**
 - The program funds strategic deployments of publicly accessible electric and alternative vehicle charging and fueling infrastructure and **has a \$350 million grant category for community projects on local roads and publicly accessible locations.**
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants** – **Grants due July 10, 2023**
 - The program provides **\$1 billion to local partners** to develop comprehensive roadway, multi-modal safety action plans and, once a plan is approved by USDOT, seek additional funding for implementation projects. **Last year, every applicant seeking planning funding received an award.**
- **The PROTECT discretionary program grants** – **Grants 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.

Upcoming

- **Reconnecting Communities grants** – **Expected opening late spring/early summer**
 - The program provides almost **\$200 million to local partners** to plan for and remove or overcome transportation facilities (roads, highways, rail lines, bridges) that historically have served as a barrier to community connectivity.
- **Rail Crossing Elimination grants** – **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.

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