

How to use this Summary Guide

Summary Guide to Federal Discretionary Grants, Michigan Department of Transportation

Federal Discretionary Grant Opportunities

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) developed this summary guide to provide summary information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and Appropriations Act (AA) discretionary grant opportunities. Information will be updated as additional program details are released by the US Department of Transportation (USDOT). MDOT's Summary Guide only lists discretionary grant opportunities that have funding that has been appropriated (either Highway Trust Fund or General Fund) for the remaining years of BIL Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2026.

Helpful points to keep in mind:

- Discretionary Grant by Agency: Grant opportunities are organized alphabetically by the federal agency that will be administering the grant opportunity.
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Deadline: The NOFO submission deadline listed shows the NOFO period for FY 2023 and/or 2024, if available. If a NOFO deadline has passed, it will reopen in the following year. Exact dates haven't been released by the USDOT, but estimates are provided when available.
- FY 2024 Funds: Only FY 2024 funds that have been appropriated have been included in this resource. Future funding appropriations for FY 2025 and 2026 will be included annually in their respective years. The FY 2024 funds listed for each grant opportunity is what is available nationally through the grant solicitation. [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) provides information on estimated number of grants to be awarded, as well as maximum grant award amounts.
- Program Description: A basic description about the program has been included for a quick understanding about the discretionary grant program.
- Eligible Applicants: The eligible applicant list is provided. Please review the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the grant opportunity website, and/or the NOFO for detailed eligible applicant information.
- Additional Links: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) efforts to support grant applicants and additional links are provided when available.

- [The Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant \(MPDG\) Common Application](#): The MPDG provides federal financial assistance for highway and bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade and separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, and freight and multimodal projects, or groups of such projects, of national or regional significance, as well as for projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Reimbursement Grants: The federal-aid Highway Program is a reimbursement program, meaning that costs are reimbursed as costs are incurred. Costs incurred prior to FHWA project authorization are not eligible expenses.
 - Justice40 (J40) Covered Programs: There are seven areas of federal investments covered by the [Justice40 Initiative](#).
- *J40 - Denotes the [USDOT current 40 programs](#), across five modes, totaling \$207 billion in BIL authorizations.

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Discretionary Grant by Agency	NOFO Deadline	FY 2024 Funds	Program Description	Eligible Applicants	Additional Links
Federal Highway Administration					
Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program	June 17, 2024	\$44.55 M	The Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) projects will help improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off-road active transportation infrastructure and help protect the environment; and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities.	1. Local or regional governmental organizations; 2. Multicounty special districts; 3. State; 4. Multistate group of governments; or a Native American tribe.	Grants.gov: 693JJ324NF00012
Bridge Investment Program	Feb. 19, 2024	\$9.7 B	The Bridge Investment Program (BIP) is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. It also expands applicant eligibilities to create opportunity for all levels of government to be direct recipients of program funds. Alongside states and federal land management agencies, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and local and tribal governments can also apply directly to FHWA, making it easier to advance projects at the local level that meet community needs.	"1. A state or a group of states; 2. An MPO that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau) with a population of more than 200,000; 3. A unit of local government or a group of local governments. **See NOFO for full list of applicants.	Grants.gov: 693JJ324NF00006

Bridge Projects; Planning and Other Bridge Projects	Feb. 19, 2024	\$9.7 B	The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for two funding categories: (1) Planning and (2) Bridge project grants (a project with total eligible costs not greater than \$100 million) for awards under the BIP. This notice establishes a “rolling application” process for planning and bridge project applications by providing the schedule, requirements and selection process for such projects for the remaining available amounts of the BIP funding provided by the IJJA, also known as the BIL, for FY 2023 - 2026, which total up to \$9.7 billion (see section B.1 for details for funds available for each fiscal year).	1. A state or a group of states; 2. An MPO that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau) with a population more than 200,000; 3. A unit of local government or a group of local governments. **See NOFO for full list of applicants.	Grants.gov: 693JJ324NF00006
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Programs (includes NEVI)	Aug. 28, 2024	\$1.3 B	The purpose of this NOFO is to solicit applications for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) established under the IJJA/BIL. In addition, funds under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program 10 percent set-aside (NEVI 10), also established by the BIL, will also be awarded under this NOFO.	1. Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; 2. Special district governments; 3. Others; 4. Public housing authorities/Native American housing authorities; 5. City or township governments; 6. State governments; 7. County governments; 8. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized).	Grants.gov: 693JJ324NF00017
Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grants - State Request for Applications	June 10, 2024	\$1.2 B	The purpose of the Low Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) Program is to reimburse or provide incentives to eligible recipients for the use, in projects, of construction materials and products that have substantially lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with all relevant stages of	1. State DOTs.	Inflation Reduction Act Section 60506 - Low-Carbon Transportation Materials

			production, use and disposal as compared to estimated industry averages of similar materials or products, hereafter referred to as low carbon transportation materials. The program will also serve to help eligible transportation agencies update or develop specification language and conduct identification activities needed to demonstrate materials are appropriate for use on federal-aid construction projects.		Program Request for Applications (dot.gov)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration					
State Electronic Data Collection	May 15, 2024	\$3.5 M	On Nov. 15, 2021, Congress enacted the IIJA P.L. 117-58, also referred to as BIL. Pursuant to BIL section 24108(d), Congress mandated that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) establish the State Electronic Data Collection (SEDC) program to provide grants to states to upgrade and standardize state crash data systems to enable full electronic data transfer to the NHTSA, which includes enabling electronic data collection, intrastate data sharing and electronic data transfer to the NHTSA to increase the accuracy, timeliness and accessibility of the data, including data relating to fatalities involving vulnerable road users. This program implements the BIL SEDC grant program.	1. State governments.	Grants.gov: 693JJ924R000025
Federal Transit Administration					
Buses and Bus Facilities Program	April 25, 2024	\$3.9 M	The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$394 million in competitive grants under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities. Synopses and full announcement will be posted on Grants.gov as opportunity FTA-2024-004-	1. State governments; 2. County governments; 3. City and township governments; 4. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); 5. Others	Grants.gov: FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS

			TPM-BUS. Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website by 11:59 p.m. Eastern April 25, 2024.		
Congestion Relief Program	April 22, 2024	\$150 M	The BIL establishes the Congestion Relief Program to provide discretionary grants to eligible entities to advance innovative, integrated and multimodal solutions to congestion relief in the most congested metropolitan areas of the United States with an urbanized area population greater than 1,000,000. The goals of the program are to reduce highway congestion, reduce economic and environmental costs associated with that congestion, including transportation emissions, and optimize existing highway capacity and usage of highway and transit systems through: (1) improving intermodal integration with highways, highway operations and highway performance; (2) reducing or shifting highway users to off-peak travel times or to nonhighway travel modes during peak travel times; and (3) pricing of, or based on, as applicable, parking; use of roadways, including in designated geographic zones; or congestion.	1. A state, MPO, city, or municipality carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population greater than 1,000,000. [§ 11404; 23 U.S.C 129(d)(1)(A)]	Grants.gov: 693JJ324NF00009
Ferry Service for Rural Communities	June 17, 2024	\$216 M	The FTA announces the opportunity to apply for \$216 million in competitive grants under the FY 2024 Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program (FSRC) (Federal Assistance Listing #20.532). FSRC makes funding available competitively to assist in the financing of capital, planning and operating assistance for eligible ferry services.	1. States and territories in which eligible service is operated.	Grants.gov: FTA-2024-009-TPM-RURALEFERRY
Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program	June 17, 2024	\$49 M	The FTA announces the opportunity to apply for \$49 million in competitive grants under the FY 2024 Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (ELEF) (Federal Assistance Listing #20.532). ELEF makes funding	1. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); 2. Any	Grants.gov: FTA-2024-008-TPM-FERRYPILOT

			available competitively to assist in the financing of capital projects for the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferry vessels that reduce emissions by using alternative fuels or on-board energy storage systems and related charging infrastructure to reduce emissions or produce zero onboard emissions under normal operation.	eligible recipient of 5307 or 5311 funding.	
Low or No-Emission (Bus) Grants	April 25, 2024	\$1.1 B	The FTA announces the availability of approximately \$1.1 billion in competitive grants under the Low or No-Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction and leasing of required supporting facilities. Synopses and full announcements will be posted on Grants.gov as opportunity FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNO. Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov website by 11:59 p.m. Eastern April 25, 2024.	1. State governments; 2. County governments; 3. City and township governments; 4. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); 5. Others.	Grants.gov: FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNO
Passenger Ferry Boat Program	June 17, 2024	\$51 M	The FTA announces the opportunity to apply for \$51 million in competitive grants under the FY 2024 Passenger Ferry Grant Program (PFG) (Federal Assistance Listing #20.532). Of that amount, \$5 million is available only for low or zero-emission ferries or ferries using electric battery or fuel cell components and the infrastructure to support such ferries. As required by federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively to designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Urbanized Area Formula funds to support capital projects to improve existing passenger ferry service, establish new ferry service and repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals and related facilities and equipment.	1. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); 2. State governments and must be designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds, which include public entities engaged in providing a public transportation passenger ferry service in urban areas that are eligible to be direct recipients.	Grants.gov: FTA-2024-007-TPM-PASSFERRY

Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning	July 22, 2024	\$10.4 M	The pilot program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning helps support FTA’s mission of improving public transportation for America’s communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning around a new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project. Per statute, any comprehensive or site-specific planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.	1. County governments; 2. City or township governments; 3. State governments; 4. Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" on the website link for clarification).	Grants.gov: FTA-2024-005-TPE-TODP
Office of the Secretary					
Asset Concessions and Innovative Finance Assistance	May 10, 2024	\$57.72 M	The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program (IFACGP or the Program). Up to \$57.72 million will be awarded on a competitive basis to assist eligible public entities in facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring opportunities for innovative financing and delivery for eligible transportation infrastructure projects, including highway, transit, passenger rail, certain freight facilities, certain port projects, rural infrastructure projects, airports, and transit-oriented development projects. This notice will award funding from FY 2022, 2023 and 2024.	1. County governments; 2. Special district governments; 3. City or township governments; 4. State governments; 5. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized).	Grants.gov: DOT-IFACGP-FY2223-01
National Infrastructure Project Assistance	May 6, 2024	\$1.7 B	The National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) program was created in the BIL to fund major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs. It is a highly competitive program. The BIL provides \$5 billion for Mega over five years, of which	1. A state or a group of states; 2. An MPO; 3. A unit of local government; 4. A political subdivision of	Grants.gov: NIPA-25-26-MEGA

			approximately \$1.7 billion remains and will be made available through this NOFO. Half of the funds available in each fiscal year is reserved for projects greater than \$500 million in cost, while the other half is reserved for projects greater than \$100 million but less than \$500 million in cost.	a state. **See NOFO for full list of applicants.	
Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects	May 6, 2024	\$2.7 B	<p>The department is combining three major discretionary grant programs and two fiscal years of funding into one Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity to reduce the burden for state and local applicants and increase the pipeline of “shovel-worthy” projects that are now possible because of the BIL. The Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program is a competitive program. The BIL provides approximately \$8 billion for INFRA over five years, of which approximately \$2.7 billion will be made available through this NOFO.</p> <p>Applications will be evaluated on six outcome criteria, economic analysis, project readiness, and statutory requirements. The six outcome criteria are: (1) safety; (2) state of good repair; (3) economic impacts, freight movement, and job creation; (4) climate change, resilience and the environment; (5) equity, multimodal options and quality of life; and (6) innovation areas: technology, project delivery and financing.</p>	<p>1. A state or group of states (for INFRA, the definition of state includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico); 2. An MPO that serves an urbanized area; 3. a unit of local government or group of local governments.</p> <p>**See NOFO for full list of applicants.</p>	Grants.gov
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program	May 6, 2024	\$780 M	The department is combining three major discretionary grant programs and two fiscal years of funding into one MPDG opportunity to reduce the burden for state and local applicants and increase the pipeline of “shovel-worthy” projects that are now possible because of the BIL.	1. A state; 2. a regional transportation planning organization; 3. a unit of local government; 4. a tribal government or a consortium of tribal	Grants.gov: RSTGP-25-26-RURAL

			<p>The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural) program was created in the BIL to support projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life. It is a highly competitive program. The BIL provides approximately \$1.7 billion for Rural over five years, of which approximately \$780 million will be made available through this NOFO. At least 90 percent of rural funding must be awarded in amounts of \$25 million or more. Those seeking less than \$25 million are competing for only about \$78 million nationwide this round.</p>	<p>governments; or 5. a multijurisdictional group of entities above.</p> <p>**See NOFO for full list of applicants.</p>	
<p>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)</p>	<p>Planning and Demonstration: May 16, 2024</p> <p>Implementation: May 16, 2024</p>	\$1.26 B	<p>The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. Funds for the FY 2024 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.</p>	<p>1. Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; 2. Special district governments; 3. County governments; 4. Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); 5. City or township governments; 6. Independent school districts.</p>	<p>Grants.gov: DOT-SS4A-FY24-01</p>
Federal Railroad Administration					
<p>Consolidated Rail Infrastructure</p>	<p>May 28, 2024</p>	\$2.38 B	<p>The purpose of the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program is to invest in a wide range of projects within the United States to</p>	<p>1. A state (including the District of Columbia). 2. A group of states. 3. An</p>	<p>Grants.gov: FR-CRS-24-001</p>

<p>Safety Improvements</p>			<p>improve railroad safety, efficiency and reliability; mitigate congestion at both intercity passenger rail and freight rail chokepoints to support more efficient travel and goods movement; enhance multimodal connections; and lead to new or substantially improved intercity passenger rail transportation corridors. This program invests in railroad infrastructure projects that improve safety, support economic vitality (including through opportunities for small businesses), create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union, increase capacity and supply chain resilience, apply innovative technology, and explicitly address climate change, gender equity and racial equity.</p>	<p>interstate compact. 4. A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states.</p> <p>**See NOFO for full list of applicants.</p>	
<p>Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail</p>	<p>July 14, 2024</p>	<p>\$2.034 B</p>	<p>The pilot program for TOD Planning helps support FTA’s mission of improving public transportation for America’s communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning around a new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project. Per statute, any comprehensive or site-specific planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.</p>	<p>1. State governments; 2. City or township governments; 3. County governments; 4. Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" on the website link for clarification).</p>	<p>Grants.gov: FTA-2024-005-TPE-TODP</p>