

WisDOT Safety-related Program Funding Opportunities Webinar

July 27, 2023

Agenda

- Opening comments
 - Paul Hammer, Deputy Secretary
- Highway Safety Improvement Program
 - Mike Finkenbinder, Highway Safety Improvement Program Manager (Interim)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Grants
 - Mike Schwendau, Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technical Services Section Chief
- WisDOT Federal Discretionary Grant Efforts
 - Jessica Wagner, Federal Program Officer
- Conclusion
 - Ethan Severson, Strategic Initiatives Officer





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Presentation Overview

• Basics of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

 Overview, Funding, Program Cycle/Deadlines, Typical Projects, Initiatives

HSIP Process

Application requirements, analysis, programming



HSIP Basics: Overview

- Projects that reduce the number and severity of crashes on <u>all public</u> <u>roads</u>.
- Focus is on infrastructure improvements identified and selected through a data-driven approach.
 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has introduced eligibility for noninfrastructure items such as education and enforcement.
- Projects that can be implemented quickly to address a significant safety need should be given first consideration.
- Includes High Risk Rural Roads subprogram, which funds projects on county rural major and minor collector roads.



HSIP Basics: Funding

- HSIP is a federal reimbursement program and <u>not</u> a federal grant program
- 90% federal HSIP funds available for most projects
- 10% match required
 - State pays match for STH projects
 - Locals pay match for non-STH projects (local streets and highways)

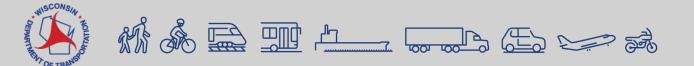




HSIP Basics: Program Cycle & Deadlines

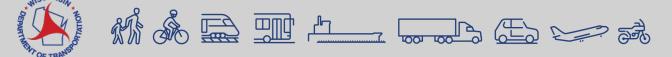
• Four-year program of projects

- Projects with longer, more complicated delivery schedules (at least 4 years) will be considered for approval in years 5 and 6, but will be given lower priority than project that can be delivered quickly.
- Program projects on an annual cycle with two application periods per year (February 15th and August 15th)
- Current program is State Fiscal Year 2024 2027



HSIP Basics: Typical Eligible Spot Projects

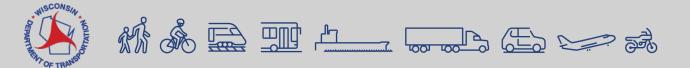
- Spot
 - Intersection safety improvements (installing/modifying traffic signals, roundabouts, etc)
 - Straightening isolated curves or hills
 - Improving sight distance
 - Installing signs, pavement markings, and delineators
- Corridor
 - Corridor signal upgrades
 - Road diets and two-way left turn lane (TWLTL) conversions
 - Pavement marking and rumble strips above current standards
 - Chevrons



Data-Driven Crash-Based Analysis

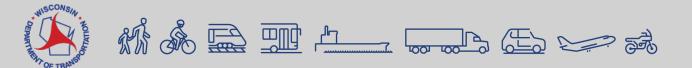
HSIP Basics: Local Safety Initiatives

- Local Initiatives:
 - High Risk Rural Roads
 - Additional screening possibilities
- Other:
 - Vulnerable Road User Assessment BIL requirement
 - Potential to lead to systemic type safety projects through HSIP



HSIP Basics: High Risk Rural Roads Subprogram

- Focus is on:
 - Local rural minor and major collector corridors
 - Run off the road crashes
 - Fatal and serious injury crashes
 - Low cost treatments that can be implemented quickly
- Program development starts with an annual review of statewide crash data to identify potential corridors for funding
- Crash data on the top corridor candidates is reviewed to verify program safety improvements are appropriate countermeasures to help mitigate existing/potential safety issues
- Once the final list of corridor candidates is identified, a site visit to each corridor is conducted to create a corridor safety evaluation which can be used as a basis for the HSIP funding application



HSIP Process: Application Requirements

- Completed HSIP Project Application Form (DT1501)
 - Form is available on the HSIP website (Safety HSIP) and Region staff
- General sketch of project proposal
- Collision diagrams
- Crash history (most recent 5 years) and appropriate crash analysis
 - A summary of crash reports is sufficient, but individual reports should be available upon request
- Site photos
- Itemized cost estimate
- Project Evaluation Factor (PEF) worksheets
 - Completed by WisDOT region staff

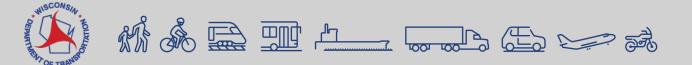
HSIP Process: Project Analysis

- WisDOT region staff calculates a project evaluation factor (PEF) for each HSIP project submittal
- PEF is used to evaluate and compare proposed projects
- PEF estimates crash reduction potential of proposed improvements and compares them to project costs over a ten year period
- PEF calculation includes:
 - Estimated costs of proposed project
 - Crash history in the project location
 - Identification of crashes and/or severity that the proposed project intends to address
 - Estimated crash reduction potential of proposed improvements based on established research and studies



HSIP Process: Programming

- Each project is programmed with a funding cap based on the amount applied for and the 90/10 funding split
 - Local projects overages charged to locals
- Projects are capped to encourage proper project scoping, accurate estimates, and help manage financial impacts to the program.
- Funding cap increases with adequate justification are allowed
- A project scope change requires resubmittal of the application



HSIP Process: Programming

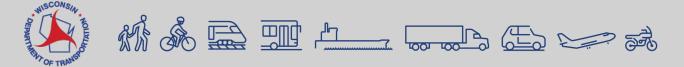
• Projects over \$1,900,000 trigger a co-pay requirement

- First \$1,900,000 is covered with normal HSIP funds (90% fed / 10% applicant)
- Second \$1,900,000 is covered by the applicant (100% applicant)
- Balance of project is shared equally between HSIP & Non-HSIP funding
- The co-pay requirement prevents a single, large project from using too much of the HSIP balance in any given year.

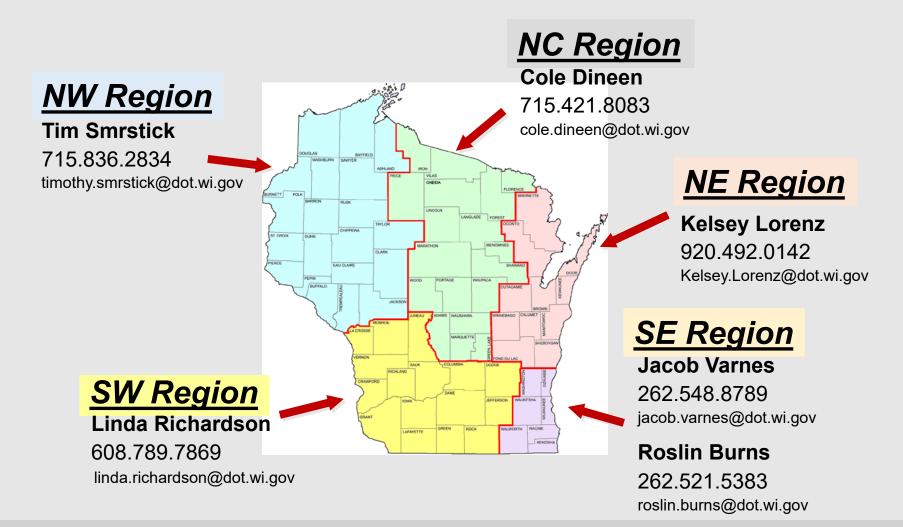


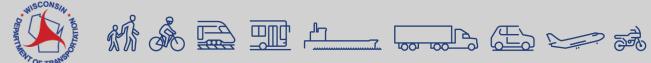
Additional Information

- WisDOT Programs for Local Government
 - Wisconsin Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (wisconsindot.gov)
 - HSIP application materials available for download at this site
- WisDOT HSIP Staff
 - WisDOT Regional HSIP Coordinators and Safety Engineers
 - General program information
 - Questions about specific potential projects and applications
 - Statewide HSIP Coordinator (Interim)
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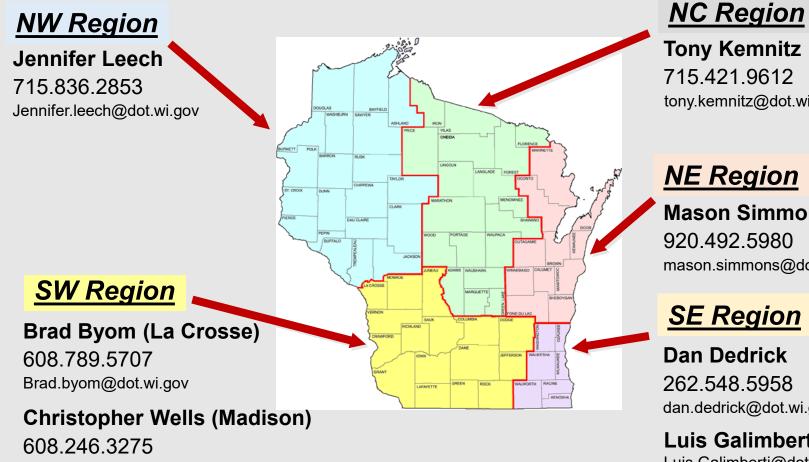


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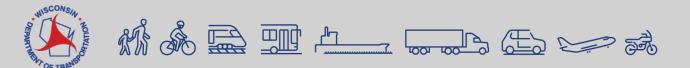
NHTSA Grants

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NHTSA Grants Overview

- NHTSA's Office of Regional Operations and Program Delivery (ROPD) administers over \$500 million in grant programs annually to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- There are three Program Areas funds Under Section 402, 405 and Section 1906.
 - 402 Funds are formula funds from the Highway Trust Fund
 - 405 Funds are incentive funds applied for annually
 - 1906 Funds are incentive funds applied for, specifically for addressing Racial Profiling.



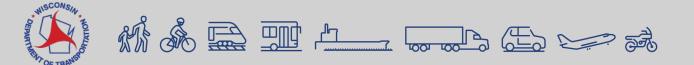
NHTSA Grants General Information

- Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS) is responsible for the management of the NTHSA 402 and 405 Safety Improvement Program.
- NHTSA grants are for behavioral norming to address:
 - Occupant protection
 - State traffic safety information systems
 - Impaired driving
 - Speeding
 - Motorcyclist safety
 - Non-motorized safety (Bicycle and Pedestrian)



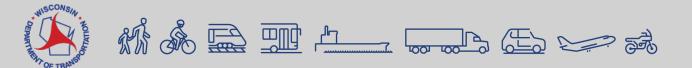
NHTSA Targeting

- BOTS created Community Map and uses WisTransPortal crash data to identify communities of interest from municipal to state level.
 - Each behavior area has specific targeting elements to rank them into the master targeting list.
 - BOTS grants are ranked by focusing on the TOP 30 counties, underserved and overrepresented populations. Then continue through the rankings to address safety concerns.
 - These are influenced through Public Participation and Engagement. Utilizing 10 elements Justice40 to identify needs.



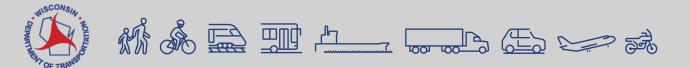
NTHSA Grant Cycle

- BOTS creates/or updates the Triennial Highway Safety Plan based on the targeting analysis. Submitted to NHTSA on July 1.
 - The 3HSP is the overall strategies and countermeasures Wisconsin will employ in the safety programming.
- BOTS creates the Annual Grant Application. Submitted to NHTSA on August 1st.
 - This is the data driven countermeasure plan of activities to deliver programs to the communities in Wisconsin.



Grant Application

- Must use Wis-E-Grants IGX to apply and manage the grant.
- NHTSA Grants are a reimbursement program with a 80/20.
- Communities that are targets have priority in project selection.
- Other communities and agencies may apply.
 - BOTS amends the Annual Grant Application monthly to take on new projects during a fiscal year.
- Grant applications must address a highway safety need associated to the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and/or the Triennial Highway Safety Plan.

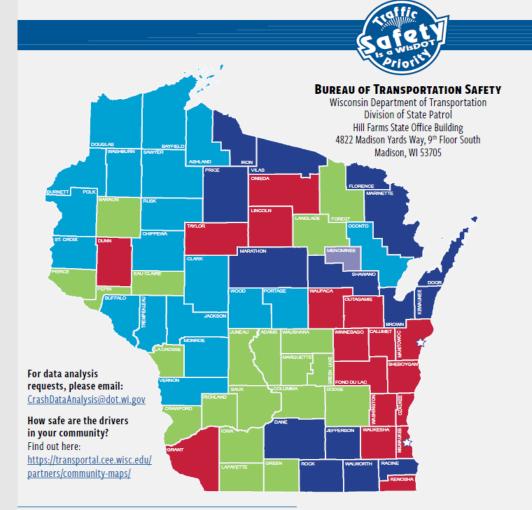


Grant Activity, Monitoring, Annual Report

- Grantees must report activity monthly and demonstrate progress towards their goals and objectives.
 - All claims must have supporting documentation for all expenses.
 - All claims must have activities to show effort and progress to the project goals.
 - All claims and expenses must be completed by the end of the grant year.
- Monitoring is determined based on a Grantee Risk Analysis.
- An annual report must be completed at the end of the fiscal year that demonstrates progress or completion of goals.
 - If a grantee doesn't meet their goals and objects, they must write a justification.



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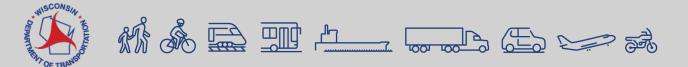
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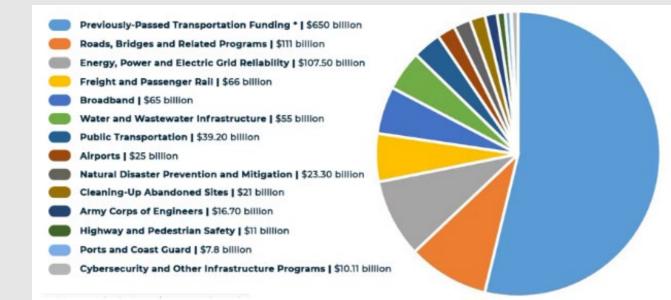
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What is **BIL**?

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), aka Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

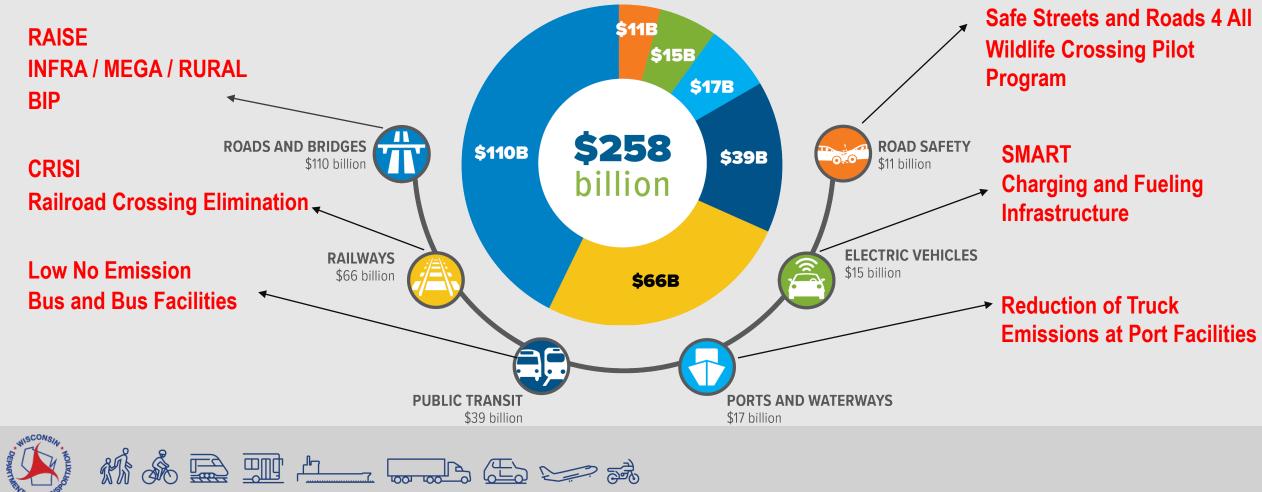
What is BIL? Why is it important?

- Infusion of federal discretionary dollars available
- The five-year, \$1.2 trillion bill makes historic investments in the nation's infrastructure.
- Over \$30 billion in discretionary grants will be funded in FFY22. But grants are competitive, so no amount is guaranteed to Wisconsin.



New Money Available

IIJA creates \$150 billion worth of new discretionary grant programs across **105 discretionary grant opportunities (Now \$258 billion total)**.



Resources Available

What is in the **<u>BIL Guidebook</u>**?

- 13 chapters 450+ pages
- Contains competitive and formula programs
- High-level explanation of each grant program
- Grouped by issue area
- Focus on Justice40
- Transparency

*Good starting point to see what is out there







U.S. DOT Justice40 Initiative

What is in the **Justice40 Initiative**?

- Confront and address decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities.
- Bring resources to communities most impacted by climate change, pollution, and environmental hazards.
- Goal at least **40% of the benefits** from U.S. DOT's grants, programs, and initiatives flow to disadvantaged communities.

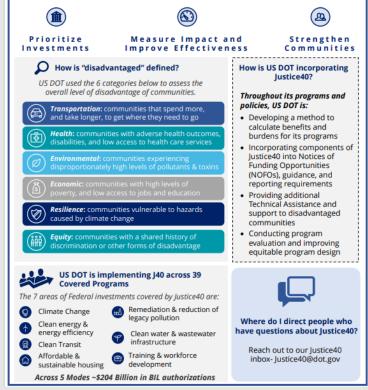
 U.S. DOT currently has <u>39 covered programs</u>, across five modes, totaling \$204 billion in BIL authorizations.

Justice40 Fact Sheet

US DOT is in the process of implementing the Justice40 Initiative created by Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. Justice40 is an all of government approach that sets a goal of 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flowing to disadvantaged communities. It is one of many initiatives US DOT is implementing to advance equity.

What Justice40 means for the US Department of Transportation (US DOT)

Through Justice40, US DOT will work to increase affordable transportation options that connect Americans to good-paying jobs, fight climate change, and improve access to resources and quality of life in communities in every state and territory in the country.



WisDOT's BIL Webpage – wisconsindot.gov/BIL

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding

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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is a historic investment and WisDOT is working hard to maximize this opportunity for Wisconsin. BIL funding comes to the state in two primary ways.

First is formula funding. This is money that moves through various state-administered programs to pay for construction and received a significant increase through BIL.

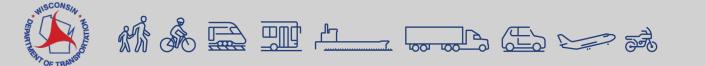
The second way federal funding makes improvements in Wisconsin is through discretionary grants. The grant programs included were authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), or Annual Appropriation (AA). Individual communities and eligible organizations can apply for these highly competitive grants through U.S. DOT and other agencies. WisDOT is not the grant administrator for these opportunities but has resources to support local government leaders in their application process.

EXPLORE STATE PROGRAMS	DISCOVER FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANTS
Federally funded: Federal formula funding received a significant increase through BIL. Links to these programs will further explain how to tap into new funding resources. • Surface Transportation Program (STP) • Urban (STP-U) • Rural (STP-R) • New Local (STP-R) • Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program • Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) • Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) • Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) • Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) State funded:	The U.S. Department of Transportation and other agencies award federal discretionary grants to eligible applicants through a highly-competitive nationwide process based on qualifications and merit. Discover how to compete for these federal discretionary grants with the link above. WisDOT offers many resources, including the opportunity to request a Letter of Support to supplement only U.S. DOT Federal Grant Applications.
 General Transportation Aids (GTA) - State funded, not BIL related funding Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) 	
Federally and State funded: Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program	

Webinars: Find transportation grant opportunities through WisDOT and the Federal Government

- June 22, 2023 WisDOT Federal Discretionary Effort session for the ITE Safety Council covered the latest in federal grant resources and the role of consultants.
- May 24, 2023 Statewide Local Program Symposium covered a wide breadth of transportation topics. Presentations included information on Federal
 Discretionary Grants, the WisDOT Local Programs, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the Transportation Economic Assistance program, and
 other important Local Program topics.

Wisconsin's investments and discretionary awards



WisDOT's BIL Webpage – wisconsindot.gov/BIL

Wisconsin's investments and discretionary awards

This map of WisDOT's improvement Program provides basic information about current and planned transportation improvement projects in Wisconsin. It includes the construction ID, work type, route, project limits and cost range. The Highway Projects and Studies map offers more details on these projects.

Discretionary Funding Wisconsin Received

Communities all across Wisconsin will receive critical investments and will position the state for success. The 🖪 White House shares this fact sheet on how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering in Wisconsin.

Most recent federal discretionary grant awards (listed in award amountement date order)

Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) FY23

- The City of Madison will receive \$258,480 for a plan for its proposed North-South "B" bus rapid transit line, which will provide high-quality service to areas of persistent poverty.
- Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will receive \$400,000 to study the feasibility of a shared Bus-Bike Only Lane on 35th Street (a major arterial street) between W. Vilet Street and W. National Avenue connecting the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County's North and South Sides.
- Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF) Fr(23, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin will receive \$48,315 for Road Safety Audits at 11 Priority Locations.
- RAISE FY23. Wisconsin will receive nearly \$35 million to complete critical transportation infrastructure projects in southeastern Wisconsin.
 - WisboT in Milwaukee County \$15,000,000
 - City of Milwaukee \$14,300,000
 - City Kenosha \$5,500,000
- Bus and Low and No Emission FY23. The cities of Beloit and Madison will receive funding (\$653,184 and \$37,962,840) to replace older busess and
 address maintenance needs to improve service to customer while reducing emissions.
- Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program FY22. The City of Eau Claire will receive up to \$9,999,600 to support project development, final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction activities to replace two at-grade crossings (vehicle and pedestrian) with grade-separated overpasses over Union Pacific's rail line. The project is Galloway Street Vehicular and Pedestrian Rail Crossing Eliminations and Construction of Galloway St. Rail Overpass. The new overpasses will connect to the Chippewa River Regional Pedestrian Bike/Pedestrian Trail.
- National Scenic Byways FY22. The Forest County Potawatomi Community Tribe in Wisconsin will receive \$302,893 funding to enhance the Tribe's biking and pedestrian trail by designing and constructing four culturally interpretive rest areas along a path which parallels the Nicolet-Wolf River Scenic Byway, adding cultural artwork to the biking/pedestrian underpass and installing wayfinding signage.
- Bridge Investment Program FY22. City of Madison will receive \$15.1 million for the john Nolen Drive Bridges to replace six bridges that serve 45,000 vehicles per day and an adjacent multi-use path along a major artery into downtown Madison.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY22. \$6 million in federal grants will be distributed to eight Wisconsin counties and municipalities to help develop comprehensive plans to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.
 - The city of Milwaukee will receive \$4.4 million to fund a project that addresses safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists at 26 intersections in the city.
 - Seven communities will receive a total of more than \$2.28 million in grants to build action plans to redesign roads, sidewalks, and crosswalks to make them safer for all road users. The Wisconsin cities include:
 - Milwaukee County \$800,000
 - St. Croix County \$500,000
 - City of Madison \$267,680
 - Kenosha County \$240,000
 Brown County \$200,000
 - Brown County \$200,000
 City of Park Falls \$144,000
 - Lac Courte Orellies Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians \$132,500



• WisDOT has received:

- 4 awards totaling \$95.5M
- Locals have received:
 - 44 awards totaling \$163.2M

• Tribes have received:

 10 discretionary grants totaling \$14.05M
 *as of May 2023, per <u>GSA map</u>, new award announcements listed on WisDOT's BIL webpage



Click image for GSRs current map (most recent pictured is May 2023)

WisDOT's BIL Discretionary Grant Webpage

Federal Discretionary Grant opportunities

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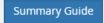
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Local programs funding

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WisDOT's Summary Guide to Federal Discretionary Grants

WisDOT compiled the following resource that summarizes federal discretionary grant opportunities. It is organized alphabetically by the federal agency that will be administering the grant opportunity, and includes deadlines (including those that will reopen), program description and eligibility requirements.



Current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Solicitations

WisDOT is monitoring these opportunities (as of July 26, 2023*) or view U.S. DOT's current list:

Program, agency and link	Amount available	Applications due
Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP) – FHWA	\$88,000,000	September 6, 2023
Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods (RCN) – OST/FHWA	\$3,155,000,000	September 28, 2023
Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG)	\$5.5 billion combined FY23 & FY24	August 21, 2023
Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) – OST	\$3,100,000,000	
National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (Mega) – OST	\$1,800,000,000	
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL) – OST	\$675,000,000	
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – OST (opens Aug. 14)	\$3,400,000	Sept. 27, 2023
Clean School Bus – EPA	\$700,000,000	August 22, 2023
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost- Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program – FHWA	\$848,000,000	August 18, 2023
Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP) – FHWA * These are listed in order of release. Information here will be update the U.S. DOT.	\$111,850,000 d as more program detai	August 1, 2023 Is are released by

- + How to apply for a Discretionary Grant
- + WisDOT Insights, At-A-Glance Calendar
- + Additional resources

Request Letter of Support

To request a Letter of Support from WisDOT to supplement *only* a U.S. DOT Federal Grant application, complete this form. This is *not* eligible for WisDOT Local Programs applications. A draft copy of the application narrative and template of the letter of support (() see example) are required. Requests should be submitted no later than 14 days prior to application submission.

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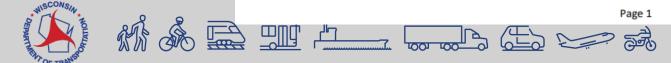


Federal Discretionary Grant Opportunities How to use this Summary Guide

WisDOT 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 USDOT. WisDOT'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 Year (FY) FY2023-FY2026.

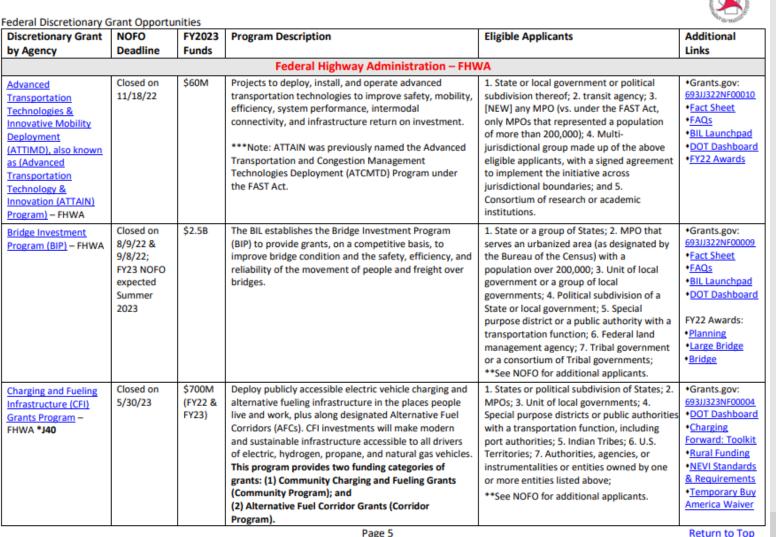
Helpful points to keep in mind:

- 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, if available. If a
 NOFO deadline has passed, it will reopen in the following year. Exact dates haven't been released by USDOT, but estimates are provided when available.
- FY2023 Funds: Only Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 funds that have been appropriated, have been included in this resource. Future funding appropriations for FY24, FY25, and FY26 will be included annually in their respective years. The FY2023 Funds listed for each grant opportunity is what is available nationally through the grant solicitation. Grants.gov provides information on estimated number of grants to be awarded and 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 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the grant opportunity's website, and/or the NOFO for detailed eligible applicant information.
- Additional Links: WisDOT's efforts to support grant applicants and additional links are provided when available.
- MPDG: The Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant common application (MPDG) provides Federal financial assistance to 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 to projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in
 rural areas.
- 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 <u>Justice40 Initiative</u>.
 *J40 Denotes the <u>USDOT current 39 programs</u>, across five modes, totaling \$204 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorizations.



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Steps in the grant application process

Review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) above. Watch for:

- · Eligible projects and recipients
- Grant award, including minimum and maximum amounts
- Special set-asides or allocations (e.g., for planning studies, projects in rural areas, etc.)
- Required local match
- Scoring criteria and emphasis areas
- The statutory deadline for obligating funds
- Grant application deadline
- · When grant awards will be announced

Select a project or projects based on eligibility criteria and requirements as outlined in the NOFO.

Begin an application based on the program requirements. Solicit technical assistance from USDOT in developing an application as needed.

Create an account then upload application materials at Grants.gov. Do this early to become familiar with the site and organize your application materials.

Submit all martials as required by the grant and note the deadlines. Tips:

- Respond to each scoring criterion or note when it is not applicable to your project
- Support statements with data or documentation whenever possible
- Conduct a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) by following USDOT guidance

Note local matches to show a strong local commitment to the project

Complete this action form via UW TOPS Lab/WisDOT.

Wait and debrief. USDOT reviews all applications and provides decision notification of projects selected for funding. Tips for projects not selected:

- Carefully review any feedback provided
- Sign up for a debrief meeting with USDOT
- Consider re-submitting the project during the next cycle but address any deficiencies in the previous
 application.

Examples and information on how to write grants:

 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) Office of Rural Prosperity provides grant writing consultants and grant writing training resources.

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resources for applying for a discretionary grant as well as an explanation of the grant process.

- Rural & Wisconsin Resources:
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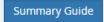
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WisDOT offers these key items to consider when applying for a Federal Discretionary Grant.

Start early, Review and use USDOT's FY2023 Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants. Use this to determine when to apply and for resources to prepare a successful application.

 If you are applying for a BIL discretionary grant that is not through USDOT, review all requirements for that agency's unique grant process. This will ensure that your specific project can meet all requirements and be able to use the federal grant funding (if awarded and made available).

Plan ahead. A good rule of thumb is to apply for a grant when a project is 1-2 years prior to project construction. If you are planning to apply for a grant to be used on a transportation infrastructure project, coordinate with a WisDOT region representative.

Use WisDOT's At-A-Glance calendar (below) to see the discretionary grant schedule, including last year's and current releases, as a planning resource for when to apply.

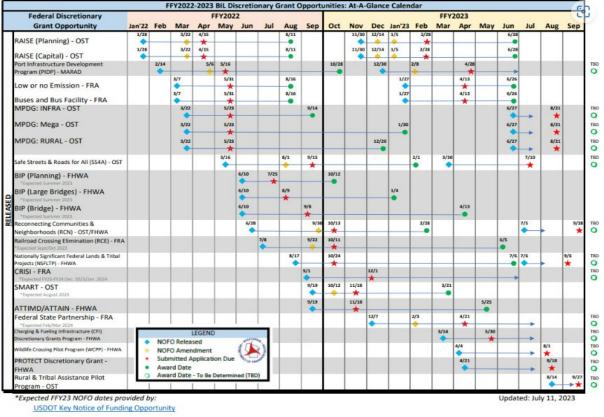
Anticipate. Grant agreement can take 6-12 months to be executed after grant award announcements have been made.

- Grant award funds aren't available to spend until the grant agreement has been executed.
- Grant funding can't be used to cover costs prior to the date of agreement execution.
- Federal funds have additional rules and requirements (watch for specifics on reporting, tracking and monitoring financial systems and grant activities) that differ from local and state requirements. See Federal 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements that govern all USDOT awards.

Be prepared for additional requirements. USDOT grants are generally made on a reimbursement basis. Typically, the grantee incurs the costs and seeks reimbursement from USDOT.

- USDOT funds in general can't be used as the non-Federal match for other programs.
- Ensure your project is included in the STIP/TIP.

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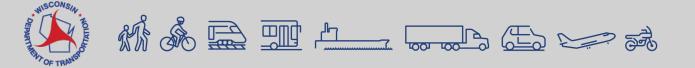
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 - Webinar: For a detailed explanation on how to use the DOT Justice40 ETC Explorer Tool, see the June 2023 webinar and use passcode: n@9R0@#t.
- Build America Center BIL Launchpad tool provides customized funding information, plan ahead calendar, match your project to successful awards.

FHWA resources:

- FHWA BIL Discretionary Grant Fact Sheets
- FHWA Competitive Grant Funding Matrix which shows eligible applicants for each FHWA discretionary grant.

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- Solicitud de subvenciones del USDOT
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Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

General Grant Program Information

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (or RAISE) program provides funding for capital investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact.

A Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) is required for this grant program. For more information about BCA's, see What is a BCA? and the USDOT's Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grants.

Opportunity Status:	Closed
Posted Date:	11/30/2022
Close Date:	02/28/2023
Eligible Applicants:	State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes an Affiliated Groups; Transportation Providers and Operators; U.S. Territor
Eligible Activities:	Planning; Construction
Transportation Type:	Air; Bike/Ped; Bridge; Maritime; Railway; Roadway; Transit
Most Recent Annual Program Funding Amount:	\$2.3 Billion
Annual Award Amount:	Not Listed
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes
Match Waiver:	Yes
Rural Set-Aside:	Yes
Grant Opportunity ID:	DTOS59-23-RA-RAISE
Grant Opportunity Link:	RAISE Program Opportunity
Agency:	USDOT / Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST)

Eligibility Information

Eligible applicants include:

- States and the District of Columbia;
- any territory or possession of the United States;
- a unit of local government;
- a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States;
- a special purpose district or public authority with a transpec Funding Information
- a federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such
- a transit agency; and
- Analysis only for a subset of projects determined by the Merit Criteria ratings. Project Readiness consists of a Technical a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that ar Capacity, Environmental Risk Assessment, and Financial Completeness Assessment. The Merit Criteria are: safety,

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sustainability, mobility and community connectivity, and quality of life merit criteria have greater priority in the process Capital projects including but not limited to: to advance projects for further analysis. highway, bridge, or other road projects eligible under public transportation projects eligible under chapter. For capital projects located in urban areas, the minimum award is \$5 million. Please note that the minimum total project cost for a project located in an urban area (and is not APP or HDC) must be \$6.25 million to meet match requirements passenger and freight rail transportation projects; port infrastructure investments (including inland port See question 16 for matching requirement calculation) and the surface transportation components of an airport (ries For capital projects located in rural areas, the minimum award is \$1 million (see FAQ # 10 for details); Planning projects do NOT have a minimum award size. intermodal projects; a project to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or preven
 The FY2023 Appropriations Act allows for maximum grant awards of \$45 million. Please note, this maximum applies only to the additional \$800 million. The maximum grant award for the \$1.5 billion in BIL funding is \$25 million. for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the R • projects investing in surface transportation facilities t The Federal cost share may not exceed 80% for urban projects that are NOT either located in an Area of Persistent maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Gr Poverty (APP) or a Historically Disadvantaged Community (HDC). any other surface transportation infrastructure project However, Federal cost share may exceed 80% for projects that are rural, or located in an Area of Persistent Poverty (APP), advance the goals of the program). or located in a Historically Disadvantaged Community (HDC) Planning projects which include planning, preparation, or or Please see https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-application-fags for more information. studies, benefit cost analysis (BCA), and other pre-construct projects **Contact Information** Andrea Jacobson RAISE Program Manager RAISEgrants@dot.gov

The Department will review Merit Criteria for all applications, and will then review Project Readiness and Economic

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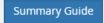
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Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP) – FHWA * These are listed in order of release. Information here will be update the U.S. DOT.	\$111,850,000 d as more program detai	August 1, 2023 Is are released by

- + How to apply for a Discretionary Grant
- + WisDOT Insights, At-A-Glance Calendar
- + Additional resources

Request Letter of Support

To request a Letter of Support from WisDOT to supplement *only* a U.S. DOT Federal Grant application, complete this form. This is *not* eligible for WisDOT Local Programs applications. A draft copy of the application narrative and template of the letter of support (() see example) are required. Requests should be submitted no later than 14 days prior to application submission.

Request Letter of Support

For more information, contact:



WisDOT's Letter of Support Request Form

BIL Letter of S	upport	In which WisDOT region is the project located?
✓ Introduction	or The Barrier Ba	Select an option
Letter of Support		Who is the point of contact that you are working with at WisDOT?
Review	OF TRANS.	
	Application Information	What grant program is the request for? *
Submit Delete	Organization Requesting Support *	Select an option
	Contact Name *	Are any WisDOT funds committed to this project? * O Yes O No
	Contact Email for Questions *	Application Details
	email@example.com Phone *	Email where the support letter should be sent *
	(999) 999-9999	email@example.com
		When is the letter needed? *
	Project Background	MM-DD-YYYY
	Project Name *	To submit a request for a Letter of Support, please attach a draft copy (max. size 10mb):
		Application Narrative *
	North Central Northwest	Choose File No file chosen
	Northeast	Template Letter of Support *
	Southwest	Choose File No file chosen
NISCONSIN	Southeast	š

Current Open NOFOs

Program, agency and link	Amount available	Application Due
<u>Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP)</u> – FHWA	\$88,000,000	Sept. 6, 2023
Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods (RCN) – OST/FHWA	\$3,155,000,000	Sept. 28, 2023
Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) FY23 & FY24	\$5.5 billion	Aug. 21, 2023
- Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) – OST	\$3,100,000,000	
<u>- National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (Mega)</u> – OST	\$1,800,000,000	
- Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL) – OST	\$675,000,000	
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – OST (opens Aug. 14)	\$3,400,000	Sept. 27, 2023
<u>Clean School Bus</u> – EPA	\$700,000,000	Aug. 22, 2023
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost- Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program – FHWA	\$848,000,000	Aug. 18, 2023
*Safety focus		



Questions?

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Other WisDOT Funding Cycle Deadlines

- Enhance Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
 - 12:00 PM, Friday, August 25, 2023
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program
 - 5:00 PM, Friday, September 1, 2023
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)-Urban, Rural, Local
 - 5:00 PM, Friday, October 27, 2023
- Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program
 - 5:00 PM, Friday, October 27, 2023
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - 5:00 PM, Friday, October 27, 2023



Thank you!!

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