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| Document Type: | Grants Notice | Version: | Synopsis 17 |
| Funding Opportunity Number: | DOT-OST-2024-103 | Posted Date: | Dec 19, 2024 |
| Funding Opportunity Title: | Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program NOFO | Last Updated Date: | Dec 18, 2024 |
| Opportunity Category: | Discretionary | Original Closing Date for Applications: | April 3, 2025. Applications will open at 2:00 p.m. ET on March 4, 2025 and will close at 4:59 p.m. ET on April 3, 2025. Grants are awarded first-come, first-served, with applications reviewed in the order in which they are received. |
| Opportunity Category Explanation: | | | |
| Funding Instrument Type: | Grant | | |
| Category of Funding: | Infrastructure Investment and | | |

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| Activity: | Jobs Act (IIJA) | Current Closing Date for Applications: | April 3, 2025. Applications will open at 2:00 p.m. ET on March 4, 2025 and will close at 4:59 p.m. ET on April 3, 2025. Grants are awarded first-come, first-served, with applications reviewed in the order in which they are received. |
| Category Explanation: | Transportation | | |
| Expected Number of Awards: | 50 | | |
| Assistance Listings: | 20.943 -- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program | | |
| Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: | No | Archive Date: | May 07, 2025 |
| | | Estimated Total Program Funding: | \$ 27,000,000 |
| | | Award Ceiling: | \$750,000 |
| | | Award Floor: | \$200,000 |

Eligibility

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| Eligible Applicants: | Special district governments Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification) State governments County governments Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) City or township governments |
| Additional Information | Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Additional information on eligible applicants for this Program is included in the |

on Notice of Funding Opportunity.
Eligibility:

Additional Information

Agency Name: 69A345 Office of the Under Secretary for Policy

Description: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Rural and Tribal Assistance (RTA) Pilot Program grants. A total of \$27 million is available to award for planning and design phase activities for developing transportation projects in rural or tribal communities. Grants will support hiring staff or expert firms to provide technical, legal, or financial assistance to advance transportation projects that would be reasonably expected to be eligible for select Department of Transportation discretionary grant or credit programs. There is no local match required to participate in this program.

Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants with an eligible project who meet the merit criteria described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The application form to apply for Program funding will be available beginning at **2:00 p.m. ET on March 4, 2025** on the Program's webpage:

<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>.

This is the only place where applications can be submitted and will be accepted. Do not submit applications through grants.gov.

A pdf (one each for Single Project and Multi-Community grants) of the application questions is included in the NOFO package available under the "Related Documents" tab of this grants.gov page and is also available on the Program's webpage link above.

Two types of grants will be awarded: Single Project grants and Multi-Community grants, which will fund projects in, at minimum, three separate communities submitted under a single application.

- Single Project grants: \$10 million available to award
- Min. award amount: \$200,000

- Max. award amount: \$750,000
- Multi-Community grants: \$17 million available to award
- Min. award amount: \$500,000
- Max. award amount: \$2.25 million

\$10 million of Program funding is set aside for tribal governments.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early, given the first-come, first-served award process. The application portal will close at 4:59 p.m. ET on April 3, 2025; however, award funding may be committed before this date.

** The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or BIL) is a generational investment in the nation's transportation system. Section 21205 of Division B of the BIL (Rural and Tribal Infrastructure Advancement) creates a pilot program to provide grants to fund financial, technical, and legal assistance to states and rural and tribal communities.

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