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Rural and Tribal Assistance (RTA) Pilot Program

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General Information

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Forecast 2
Opportunity Number:	DOT-OST-2025-103	Forecasted Date:	Aug 07, 2025
Opportunity Title:	Rural and Tribal Assistance (RTA) Pilot Program	Last Updated Date:	Aug 06, 2025
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Estimated Post Date:	Aug 07, 2025
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Estimated Application Due Date:	Oct 08, 2025 The RTA online application portal opens September 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM ET
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	Estimated Award Date:	Nov 28, 2025
Category of Funding Activity:	Transportation	Estimated Project Start Date:	Dec 29, 2025
Category Explanation:		Fiscal Year:	2025



<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	100	<b>Archive Date:</b>	Oct 08, 2025
<b><a href="#">Assistance Listings:</a></b>	20.943 -- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b>	\$ 54,200,000
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	No	<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$ 2,500,000
		<b>Award Floor:</b>	\$ 250,000

## Eligibility

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
<b>Additional Information on Eligibility:</b>	Applicants for the program must be one of the following:1. A unit of local government or political subdivision that is located outside of an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000 residents, as determined by the Bureau of the Census. Examples of local governments and political subdivisions include the following: County; Borough; Municipality; City; Town; Township; Parish (under the state of Louisiana); Local public authority, including any public housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937; Special district; School district; Council of governments, whether or not incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law; or Any other agency or instrumentality of a multi-, regional, or intra-State or local government;2. A state, territory, or possession of the United States seeking to advance a project in a location outside of an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000 residents as determined by the Bureau of the Census;3. A federally recognized Indian Tribe; 4. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

## Additional Information

<b>Agency Name:</b>	69A345 Office of the Under Secretary for Policy
<b>Description:</b>	The Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program, administered by the Build America Bureau (the Bureau), was created under Public Law 117-58 to



advance transportation infrastructure projects in rural and tribal communities by supporting planning and development-phase activities for projects reasonably expected to be eligible for certain U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or the Department) credit and grant programs. However, there is no requirement for grantees to apply for other DOT funding programs in the future. RTA Program funding is for planning and design phase activities of transportation infrastructure projects that meet the Program’s eligibility requirements discussed in [Section II](#). Grant recipients may hire staff or procure the services of expert firms to develop their projects. [Section II. D](#) lists example activities that would be eligible under this Program. **Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applications.** [Section IV](#) discusses the application. The review process and criteria used to select applications for award is discussed in [Section VI](#). [Section V](#) includes the Program’s submission requirements for applying, including when the application window opens.

**Link to  
Additional  
Information:**

**Grantor** Rural and Tribal USDOT  
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**Information:** 202-366-0765

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