

Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Office of the Secretary of Transportation
<u>Application Deadline:</u> May 23, 2022	<u>Max Award:</u> 15% allocated to projects under \$100M; 85% allocated to projects over \$100M

Description

The Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program is an existing competitive program that will see a more than 50% increase in this year's funding due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These grants advance the Administration's priorities of rebuilding America's infrastructure and creating jobs by funding highway, multimodal freight and rail projects that position America to win the 21st century.

USDOT has combined the INFRA Program with 2 other discretionary programs (Mega and Rural) under a single Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) opportunity. Each eligible applicant may submit three unique applications per grant program (Mega, INFRA, and Rural), for a total application limit of nine. Unless specified by the lead applicant, each application will be considered for all discretionary programs where project eligibility criteria are met.

Eligible Recipients

1. State or group of States
2. Metropolitan planning organization that serves an Urbanized Area with a population of more than 200,000 individuals
3. Unit of local government or group of local governments
4. Political subdivision of a State or local government
5. Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority
6. Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States
7. Tribal government or a consortium of tribal governments
8. Multistate corridor organization
9. Multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities

Matching Grant Requirements

INFRA grants can be used for up to 60% of project costs. Other federal grants may be applied, but the total federal share for a project receiving INFRA grants may not exceed 80%.

Eligible Projects

- A highway freight project on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)
- A highway or bridge project on the National Highway System
- A freight intermodal, freight rail, or freight project within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility and that is a surface transportation infrastructure project necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, or access into or out of the facility
- A highway-railway grade crossing or grade separation project
- A wildlife crossing project
- A surface transportation project within the boundaries or functionally connected to an international border crossing that improves a facility owned by Fed/State/local government and increases throughput efficiency
- A project for a marine highway corridor that is functionally connected to the NHFN and is likely to reduce road mobile source emissions
- A highway, bridge, or freight project on the National Multimodal Freight Network

New or Existing Program

Existing

Tips for Being Competitive

The Department seeks to fund projects under the MPDG common application that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate change impacts through specific design elements, address environmental justice, and address equity and barriers to opportunity. Competitive applicants will also successfully demonstrate positive impacts in the six project outcome criteria: 1) safety; 2) state of good repair; 3) economic impacts, freight movement, and job creation; 4) climate change, resiliency, and the environment; 5) equity, multimodal options, and quality of life; and 6) innovation.

Labor Requirements

Each applicant selected for MPDG grant funding must demonstrate an effort to create good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and incorporation of high labor standards. To the extent that applicants have not sufficiently considered job quality and labor rights in their planning, as determined by the Department of Labor, the applicants will be required to do so before receiving funds for construction, consistent with Executive Orders 14025 and 14052.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

In FY2021, the City of Columbus was awarded \$25 million for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project involving the reconstruction of interchanges and roadways on the innerbelt I-70 and I-71 freeways.

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Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions

- [April 7, 1-3pm EDT](#): How to Apply for the MPDG Opportunity
- [April 12, 1-3pm EDT](#): How to Apply for the MPDG Opportunity - Rural and Tribal Applicants, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and Historically Disadvantaged Communities

Webinar recordings and presentation slides for previous events can be found at the [MPDG Webinar Page](#).

**Types of Partners
Required**

None required; however, due to the extensive nature of the projects being funded, partners will likely be needed to demonstrate the lead applicant's ability to complete the project scope.

Total Allocation

\$1.55 billion for FY2022

**Links to Grant
Opportunity**

- [Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant \(MPDG\) Opportunity on Grants.Gov](#)
- [Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant - Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [The INFRA Grant Homepage](#)
- [MPDG - Frequently Asked Questions](#)