

Bridge Investment Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Federal Highway Administration
<u>Application Deadline:</u> Planning applications due July 25, 2022 Large Bridge Project applications due August 9, 2022 Bridge Project applications due September 8, 2022	<u>Max Award:</u> None

Description

The Bridge Investment Program provides funding opportunities across three categories: (1) Planning; (2) Bridge Projects; and (3) Large Bridge Projects. The goals of the BIP are: (1) to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; (2) to improve the condition of bridges in the United States; and (3) to provide financial assistance that leverages and encourages non-Federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects.

Eligible Recipients

1. A State or a group of States
2. A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the Bureau of the Census) with a population over 200,000;
3. A unit of local government or a group of local governments;
4. A political subdivision of a State or local government;
5. A special purpose district or a public authority with a transportation function;
6. A Federal land management agency;
7. A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; and
8. A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities as described above

Matching Grant Requirements

No matching required for Planning grants. 20% matching requirement for Bridge Projects. 50% matching requirement for Large Bridge Projects.

Eligible Projects

BIP has three funding categories: 1) Planning, 2) Bridge Projects, and 3) Large Bridge Projects.

- Planning: These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for planning, feasibility analysis, and revenue forecasting associated with the development of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for BIP funding under either the Bridge Projects or Large Bridge Projects funding categories.

- Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects: These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that: (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of bridges in the United States by reducing a) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that are in poor condition or that are in fair condition and at risk of falling into poor condition within the next three years, or b) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that do not meet current geometric design standards or cannot meet the load and traffic requirements typical of the regional transportation network. Eligible costs include:
 - Development phase activities, including planning, feasibility analyses, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities
 - Construction, which includes replacement and preservation, reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of real property (including land related to the project and improvements to the land), environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, acquisition of equipment, and operational improvements directly related to improving system performance
 - Expenses related to the protection of a bridge, including seismic or scour protection
 - On the request of an eligible entity carrying out an eligible project, amounts awarded to the entity to pay subsidy and administrative costs necessary to provide to the entity Federal credit assistance

DOT has allocated \$20 million for Planning grants and \$2.36 billion for Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects. The minimum award size is \$2.5 million for Bridge Projects and \$50 million for Large Bridge Projects.

Eligible applicants may submit applications for one, two, or all three of the funding categories, but each category has distinct eligibility and selection criteria and application deadlines.

New or Existing Program

New program

Tips for Being Competitive

Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects will be evaluated on their proposed performance in the following outcome criteria: 1) State of Good Repair, 2) Safety, 3) Mobility and Economic Competitiveness, 4) Climate Change, Resiliency, and the Environment, 5) Quality of Life, and 6) Innovation.

In selecting Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects, FHWA will consider the extent to which BIP funds leverage non-Federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects.

Labor Requirements

In accordance with evaluation criterion #3 “Mobility and Economic Competitiveness,” applicants should describe in detail how the project is expected to support a strong

economy and labor market and thereby contribute to national or regional significance and benefits. This includes the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union, and the incorporation of strong labor standards including project labor agreements, use of local and economic hiring preferences, workforce development programs and registered apprenticeships, and labor management partnerships. The application should also describe in detail how the project is expected to support the hiring and retention of historically underrepresented groups of workers, including through use of local and economic hiring preferences, investments in high-quality workforce development programs with supportive services, and other policies.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

N/A

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Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions

A recording of the Bridge Investment Program Overview Webinar is available on the [FHA Program page](#).

Types of Partners Required

Competitive applications will demonstrate partnerships with State, local, community-based, and private entities in the planning and designing of the project to provide the most benefits to all affected by the project, and the roles of these entities in the planning, design, construction, and operation of the project.

Total Allocation

\$2.4 billion

Anticipated Award Date

Not stated

Link to Grant Opportunity

- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)
- [FHA Bridge Investment Program Homepage](#)
- [Bridge Investment Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement](#)