

# GRANT ALERT

March 21, 2024

## Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)

DEADLINES	PROGRAM NAME & LINK
<p><b>Monday, June 17, 2024, 11:59pm</b></p> <p><i>(Submitting agencies must complete the Grants.gov registration process before submitting the final application; the process usually takes 2-4 weeks to complete.)</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program   USDOT</a></p>
DESCRIPTION	
<p>The program provides discretionary grants to eligible entities to plan, design, and construct eligible projects that provide safe and connected active transportation infrastructure in an active transportation network or active transportation spine. ATIIP projects will help improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off-road active transportation infrastructure and help protect the environment; and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities.</p> <p>The Notice of Funding opportunity provides for two different grant categories: (1) Planning and Design Grants and (2) Construction Grants.</p> <p><b>What's New this Round?</b> N/A, New Grant Opportunity</p>	
ELIGIBILITY	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Applicants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A state</li> <li>• A multistate group of government</li> <li>• A metropolitan planning organization (MPO), regional planning organization (RPO), or council</li> <li>• A local or regional governmental organization</li> <li>• A multicounty special district.</li> <li>• An Indian Tribe</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Projects</b></p> <p>Projects must consist of an active transportation project or group of projects within or between a community or group of communities, at least one of which falls under the jurisdiction of the applicant. Applicants may apply for more than one type of grant.</p> <p><b>Planning and Design Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that develop a plan for an active transportation network or spine project.</li> <li>• Projects must have planning and design costs of at least \$100,000.</li> </ul>

### Construction Grants

- Projects which construct, rehabilitate, or reconstruct active transportation networks or spines.
- Projects must have total costs of at least \$15,000,000.

## FUNDING & COST-SHARING

### General

The NOFO provides up to \$44,550,000 in grant funds for FY 2023.

- FHWA may award up to \$41,550,000 in Construction grants. Of that \$41,550,000, at least 30 percent (\$12,465,000) will be set aside for projects that construct active transportation and at least 30 percent (\$12,465,000) will be set aside for projects that construct active transportation spines.
- FHWA may award up to \$19,620,000 in Planning and Design grants. At least \$3,000,000 will be set aside for Planning and Design grants.
- FHWA will award at least \$3,000,000 in Planning and Design grants, and at least \$12,465,000 in Construction grants for active transportation networks and spines respectively. FHWA reserves the right to award the remaining \$16,620,000 in remaining funding on any type of grant.

### Cost-Sharing

The Federal share of the cost of a project carried out with an ATIIP grant shall not exceed 80 percent of the total project cost and awardees must provide at least a 20 percent matching share.

For projects serving communities with a poverty rate of over 40 percent based on the majority of census tracts served by the project, the Federal share is 100 percent of the total project cost.

## APPLICATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications should discuss the administration priorities and how the project addresses them.

- **Safety**
- **Climate Change and Sustainability**
- **Equity**
- **Workforce Development**
- **FHWA Priority Selection Considerations**

Applications will be evaluated on the following merit criteria:

- **Mobility and Community Connectivity**
- **Community Support**
- **Commitment to Increasing Walking, Biking, and Other Types of Active Transportation**
- **Financial Completeness**
- **Equitable Development**
- **Other DOT Goals and Priorities**

- Safety for pedestrians and cyclists,
- Access to jobs and key destinations,
- Economic competitiveness,
- Environmental protection, and
- Quality of life.

## PROJECT TIMEFRAME

If a grant recipient will be a State DOT or if a State DOT will serve as a pass-through to a non-State DOT entity awarded a grant, the DOT Payment System will be “Current Bill” in FMIS. The start of the period of performance will begin on the date of authorization for the project FMIS and end on the project end date in FMIS.

If a grant recipient will be a non-State DOT entity, the DOT Payment System will be “DELPHI iSupplier” and the start of the period of performance will begin on the date of the grant agreement executed by FHWA which will obligate ATIIP and end on the period of performance that is listed in the grant agreement.

FHWA expects the period of performance to be no more than 2 years for Planning and Design grants and 5 years for Construction grants.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

After completing the merit review, among projects of similar merit, FHWA will prioritize FY 2023 ATIIP projects that meet the following:

- Projects that connect key community institutions through active transportation infrastructure, particularly schools
- Projects that provide substantial benefits to disadvantaged communities within or around the project area.

## PENNDOT ROLE

### PennDOT Emphasis

PennDOT continues to coordinate with planning partners and stakeholders to implement the [2019 Pennsylvania Active Transportation Plan](#). The Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program provides PennDOT, and its partners, the opportunity to continue to advance active transportation projects across the Commonwealth. Improving the safety of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists is of utmost importance to the Department and its partners.

### PennDOT Support

Transportation Federal Funding Opportunities Resource Account:

[RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov).

PennDOT will consider providing support for regionally supported grant proposals as applicable.

PennDOT support may include offering data and subject matter expertise as available.

**The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is June 3, 2024.**