

Regional Grant and Investment Opportunities

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Role at MORPC



MORPC

- Maintaining relationships with MORPC members, local governments, and industry partners
- POC for new financial resource opportunities sought by MORPC and its members
- IIJA and new regional funding opportunities and strategies
- Oversee grant proposals and lead teams from MORPC staff and across the region
- Strategize community and regional support for grant opportunities
- Track other community applications for similar funding or programs

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BIL in Brief



- Authorizes \$1.2 trillion for transportation and infrastructure spending
 - \$550 billion of this going toward new investments and programs
- \$550 billion includes:
 - \$176 billion for Roads, Bridges, and Railways
 - \$73 billion for Power Grid
 - \$71 billion for Resiliency/Climate Impact
 - \$65 billion for Broadband
 - \$64 billion for Public Transit and Airports
 - \$55 billion for Drinking Water
 - \$43 billion for Miscellaneous Infrastructure
- Implementation

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Imminent- RAISE Discretionary Grant program



- Originally created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as TIGER grants, and rebranded as BUILD grants, RAISE grants support surface transportation projects of local and/or regional significance
- FY2022 RAISE grants continue to align with the Department's strategic goals to improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability
- Four Central Ohio applications:
 - MORPC – LinkUS
 - Licking County – Multimodal center
 - Franklin County - Trailways
 - City of Columbus – Williams Road

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Near term- Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG)



- Allows applicants to use one application to apply for up to three separate grant opportunities:
- Mega: \$1 billion of FY2022 funding available
- INFRA: ~\$1.55 billion in FY2022 funding available (Columbus Crossroads)
- Rural: \$300 million in FY2022 funding available
 - The common set of criteria include: safety; state of good repair; economic impacts, freight movement, and job creation; climate change, resiliency, and the environment; equity, multimodal options, and quality of life; and innovation.
 - Additional considerations include cost effectiveness; demonstrated project readiness, which includes technical assessment, financial completeness, and environmental review and permitting risk; and geographic diversity among recipients, including a balance between the needs of urban and rural projects.

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Near term- MEGA



- New program focused on supporting large, complex projects that are “difficult to fund by other means and likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits.”
- Total funding: \$5 billion from FY2022-FY2026
- 50% of the funding being awarded to projects greater than \$500 million in total project cost
- Remaining 50% of the funding being awarded to projects between \$100 million and \$500 million in total project costs.
- Uses:
 - A highway or bridge project carried out on:
 - the National Multimodal Freight Network of title 49, United States Code;
 - the National Highway Freight Network, United States Code; or
 - the National Highway System, United States Code;
 - A freight intermodal (including public ports) or freight rail project that provides a public benefit;
 - A railway-highway grade separation or elimination project;
 - An intercity passenger rail project; and
 - Certain public transportation projects that are eligible for Federal Transit Administration funding of title 49, United States Code

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Near term- INFRA



- Existing program that was updated in IIJA to include new eligibilities, set-asides, and other programming changes
- Total funding: \$7.25 billion from FY2022-FY2026
- Uses:
 - Projects that improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and hold the greatest promise to eliminate freight bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements.

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Near term- Rural Surface Transportation Grant



- New program that aims to support projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life
- Total funding: \$1 billion from FY2022-FY2026
- Eligible uses:
 - Highway, bridge, or tunnel projects eligible under the National Highway Performance Program, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, or the Tribal Transportation Program;
 - Highway freight project eligible under the National Highway Performance Program;
 - Highway safety improvement project;
 - Project on a publicly-owned highway or bridge improving access to certain facilities that support the economy of a rural area;
 - Integrated mobility management system, transportation demand management system, or on-demand mobility services

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USDOT Expected NOFO Dates



Month	NOFO	Operating Administration/Office
May	Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program	Federal Transit Administration
May	University Transportation Centers Program	Office of the Secretary
May	Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Program	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
May	Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program	Office of the Secretary
May	Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program	Federal Highway Administration
May	Bridge Investment Program	Federal Highway Administration
June	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	Federal Railroad Administration

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USDOT Expected NOFO Dates (contd)



Month	NOFO	Operating Administration/Office
June	Ferry Programs: Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Program; Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program; Passenger Ferry Grant Program	Federal Transit Administration
June	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	Office of the Secretary
July	All Stations Accessibility Program	Federal Transit Administration
July	Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	Federal Transit Administration
Summer	National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program	Federal Highway Administration
August	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program	Federal Railroad Administration
September	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program	Office of the Secretary

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ONLINE RESOURCES



- [The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for Ohio \(transportation.gov\)](https://transportation.gov)
- [INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT \(IIJA\) Overview of highway provisions \(dot.gov\)](https://dot.gov)
- [FTA Program Fact Sheets under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law | FTA \(dot.gov\)](https://dot.gov)

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