



SWARCO MCCAIN

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2025

Take advantage of a wide range of grant opportunities, offering unparalleled funding programs to bring your next project to life, upgrade infrastructure, and implement innovative traffic solutions. Don't miss your chance to explore these programs and make a lasting impact.

FEDERAL VS. STATE GRANTS

Federal grant requirements vary by type and are generally available to a wide range of entities, including DOTs, municipalities, MPOs, and smaller agencies or organizations focused on transportation and infrastructure. These grants often have a broader scope with the goal to support national transportation priorities, infrastructure development, safety improvements, research initiatives, and other transportation-focused initiatives across the country.

State grants address local needs and priorities, such as road safety, highway improvements, public transit accessibility, bridge repairs, and bike or pedestrian infrastructure. Each state sets its own criteria and policies, often with more flexibility and fewer regulations than federal grants.

While federal funds provide a broader reach of opportunities, state funds can serve as a backup with the proper administrative support. No matter which route you choose, it's important to review each grant's guidelines and to stay updated on specific requirements.

AVAILABLE GRANTS

FEDERAL

- Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment ([ATCMTD](#))
- All Stations Accessibility Program ([ASAP](#))
- Carbon Reduction Program ([CRP](#))
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality ([CMAQ](#))
- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)
- Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant ([MPDG](#))
 - [Mega](#): National Infrastructure Project Assistance
 - [Rural](#): Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program
 - [INFRA](#): Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects Program
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ([RAISE](#))
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program ([RCP](#))
- Safe Street and Roads for All ([SS4A](#))
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation ([SMART](#))
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program ([STBG](#))
- Traffic Congestion Relief Program ([TCRP](#))

STATE¹

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- Environmental Protection
- Highway Transportation Funds
- Regional and Local Grants Safety Improvement Programs
- State Department of Transportation
- State Transportation Improvement Programs
- Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

TIPS + TRICKS

- Check the [Notices of Funding Opportunities \(NOFO\) website](#) for opening periods yearly.
- Pay close attention to eligibility criteria, requirements, and deadlines.
- Start early! Don't wait until the last minute to apply.

¹Vary by State, Traditional Funding Sources

10 STEPS TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Applying for a federal or state grant can seem complex, with processes varying by grant type and program. To make it easier, we've crafted this 10-step guide to help you confidently navigate the application process and take advantage of these grant funding opportunities.

1. RESEARCH AND TRACK GRANT AWARDS

Research and track available grants and their specific details. Pay close attention to eligibility criteria, requirements, and deadlines.

2. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Start developing your project plan ahead of time. This includes researching products, vendors, costs, and building a proposal. Consider projects previously deemed impossible to execute due to lack of funds.

3. REVIEW ELIGIBILITY

Check specific eligibility requirements under the grant's opportunity announcement and on the USDOT website.

4. REGISTRATION

For state grants, check each individual grant's requirements. For federal grants:

- Register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov).
- Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number at [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov).
- Create a [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) username and password.
- Have the E-Business Point of Contact (POC) at your organization authorize you as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR).

Note: An organization can have multiple AORs.

5. DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Once the application is open, access and carefully review the application package. Note all the required documents, information, and forms you'll need to complete.



Learn how to write a proposal!

6. PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

- Adhere to specific instructions.
- Compile necessary documents, including but not limited to the following:
 - **PROJECT PROPOSAL**
The document submitted to the grantor in which you describe the project, its relevance, objectives, the impact it aims to achieve, and why it requires funding.
 - **BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS (BCA)**
This demonstrates the economic benefit of the project.

Note: Some grants may also require additional documents such as a detailed budget, project timeline, letters of support, proof of eligibility, or organizational information.

7. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Ensure all parts of your application are complete and submit via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or the specific submission method detailed in the grant guidelines before the deadline.

8. REVIEW PROCESS

Consider tracking and following up with granting agencies during the review process.

9. NOTICE OF AWARDS

If your application is successful, you will receive a grant award notification, including the awarded amount, requirements, and instructions regarding the next steps.

10. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Manage the funds accordingly and ensure you fulfill any post-award requirements or guidelines.

Note: Stay informed about the specific requirements and funding levels of each grant program, as they may have been adjusted. Regularly reviewing official communications from the USDOT and related agencies will ensure you have the most up-to-date information.