

HOW TO APPLY FOR BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FUNDING

Through the Department of Transportation



U.S. Senator Gary Peters

U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) helped pass the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law which will help grow our economy, strengthen our economic competitiveness and make our economy more sustainable, resilient, and equitable.

See below to learn about programs through the Department of Transportation that are supported through the bipartisan infrastructure law – and how you may be eligible to apply for assistance.

Resources

- DOT state-by-state fact sheets highlighting IIJA benefits [HERE](#)
- DOT Fact Sheet – What the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Will Mean for American Mobility – [HERE](#)
- Federal Highway Administration IIJA homepage [HERE](#)
- Federal Transit Administration IIJA homepage [HERE](#)
- Federal Aviation Administration IIJA homepage [HERE](#)

Competitive Grant Funding:

- **Highways**
 - **Bridge Investment Program (\$12.5B)** – This new competitive grant program will assist state, local, federal, and tribal entities in rehabilitating or replacing bridges, including culverts. Large projects and bundling of smaller bridge projects will be eligible for funding.
 - Eligible applicants: State or group of states; metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000 individuals; unit of local government or group of local governments; political subdivision of a state or local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; tribal government or a consortium of tribal governments; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.



- **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (\$1.4B)** – In addition to formula grants to States, PROTECT will provide \$1.4 billion in competitive grants to eligible entities to increase the resilience of our transportation system
 - Eligible applicants: State or political subdivision of a state; metropolitan planning organization; unit of local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian tribe; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
 - Grant categories: Planning Grants, Resilience Improvement Grants, Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants
- **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (\$2B)** – This new competitive grant program will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth.
 - Eligible applicants: State; regional transportation planning organization; a unit of local government; tribal government or a consortium of tribal governments; multijurisdictional group of entities.
- **Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (\$350M)** – This new competitive grant program will provide grants for projects designed to reduce wildlife- vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity.
 - Eligible applicants: State highway agency, or an equivalent of that agency; a metropolitan planning organization; local government; regional transportation authority; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian tribe; federal land management agency; groups of these entities.



- **Charging and fueling infrastructure grants (\$2.5B)** – This discretionary grant program will provide \$2.5 billion in for charging and fueling infrastructure.
 - Eligible applicants: State or political subdivision of a state; metropolitan planning organization; unit of local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian tribe; a territory of the United States; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
 - Grant categories: \$1.25 billion in funding will build out charging and fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors; \$1.25 billion in funding will provide Community Charging grants convenient charging where people live, work, and shop
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (\$1B)** – This new competitive program will provide grants for state, local, MPO, and tribal governments to remove barriers to access and mobility, including funding for planning, design, and removal or mitigation of barriers, and reconstruction of street grids or other infrastructure.
 - Eligible applicants: State; local government; tribal government; metropolitan planning organization; nonprofit organization; eligible facility owner.
- **FHWA Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (\$275M)** – This discretionary program provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally-significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands. IIJA amends this program to allow smaller projects to qualify for funding and allows 100% federal share for tribal projects.
 - Eligible applicants: Entities eligible to receive funds under the Federal Lands Access Program (23 State U.S.C. 204), the Federal Lands Transportation Program (23 U.S.C. 203), the Tribal Transportation Program (23 U.S.C. 202), and the Federal Lands Planning Program (23 U.S.C. 201) may apply for funding under the NSFLTP Program, except that a state, county, or unit of local government may apply for funding under the NSFLTP Program only if sponsored by an eligible federal land management agency (FLMA) or federally recognized Indian tribe.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.



- **Congestion Relief Program (\$250M)** – This new competitive grant program will provide grants in large urban areas for projects to advance innovative, multimodal solutions to relieve congestion and improve transportation operations and performance.
 - Eligible applicants: A state, for the purpose of carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1,000,000; a metropolitan planning organization, city, or municipality, for the purpose of carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1,000,000.
- **Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility Deployment (\$300M)** – This section will provide grants to install and operate advanced transportation technologies that will improve safety, mobility, intermodal connections, and performance.
 - Eligible applicants: The Secretary of Transportation shall solicit applications for grants at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

● **Transit:**

- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low and No Emission Bus Program (\$5.6B)** – IIJA expands this competitive program which provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.
 - Eligible applicants: Direct or designated recipients of Federal Transit Administration grants; states; local governmental authorities; Indian tribes.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.
- **FTA Buses + Bus Facilities Competitive Program (\$2.0B)** – This program provides competitive funding to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
 - Eligible applicants: Designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, states or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.



- **Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program (\$23B)** – The IIJA guarantees \$8 billion, and authorizes \$15 billion more in future appropriations, to invest in new high-capacity transit projects communities choose to build.
 - Eligible applicants: Public entities (transit authorities and other state and local public bodies and agencies thereof) including states, municipalities, other political subdivisions of states; public agencies and instrumentalities of one or more states; and certain public corporations, boards, and commissions established under state law.
- **FTA All Station Accessibility Program (\$1.75B)** – This competitive grant program will provide funding to legacy transit and commuter rail authorities to upgrade existing stations to meet or exceed accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - Eligible applicants: "Shall include a State or local government authority."
- **5307 Ferry Program (\$150M)** – IIJA retains the \$30 million per year passenger ferry program for ferries that serve urbanized areas.
 - Eligible applicants: Eligible applicants under this program must be designated recipients or eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds, which include public entities engaged in providing a public transportation passenger ferry service in urbanized areas.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.
- **Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Program (\$500M)** – This competitive grant program will support the transition of passenger ferries to low or zero emission technologies.
 - Eligible applicants: TBD
- **Rural Ferry Program (\$2B)** – This competitive grant program will ensure that basic essential ferry service continues to be provided to rural areas by providing funds to States to support this service.
 - Eligible applicants: TBD
- **Multimodal and Freight Funding:**
 - **MEGA Projects (\$5B)** – This new National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program will support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance.



- Eligible applicants: States, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, political subdivisions of States, port authorities, tribal governments, or Amtrak in partnership with another entity.
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants (\$7.5B)** – RAISE grants support surface transportation projects of local and/or regional significance.
 - Eligible applicants: State; District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federally recognized Indian tribe or a consortium of such Indian tribes; transit agency; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.
- **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (\$500M)** – The SMART Grant program will be a programmed competition that will deliver competitive grants to states, local governments, and tribes for projects that improve transportation safety and efficiency.
 - Eligible applicants: State; political subdivision of a state; tribal government; public transit agency or authority; public toll authority; metropolitan planning organization; two or more eligible entities.
- **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants (\$8B)** – INFRA grants will offer needed aid to freight infrastructure by providing funding to state and local government for projects of regional or national significance. The IIJA also raises the cap on multimodal projects to 30% of program funds.
 - Eligible applicants: State or group of states; metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000 individuals; unit of local government or group of local governments; political subdivision of a state or local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; tribal government or a consortium of tribal governments; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.



- **Port Infrastructure Development Program (\$2.25B)** – IIJA increases investment in America's coastal ports and inland waterways, helping to improve the supply chain and enhancing the resilience of our shipping industry. IIJA overall doubles the level of investment in port infrastructure and waterways, helping strengthen our supply chain and reduce pollution.
 - Eligible applicants: State; political subdivision of a state, or a local government; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; special purpose district with a transportation function; Indian tribe or a consortium of Indian tribes; multistate or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities; lead entity described here jointly with a private entity or group of private entities, including the owners or operators of a facility or collection of facilities at a port.
- **National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program (\$1B)** – This new grant program will fund states, tribes, and local governments for culvert replacement and removal projects. Priority would be given to projects aimed to improve fish passage for anadromous fish.
 - Eligible applicants: State; unit of local government; Indian tribe.
- **Marine Highway Program (\$25M)** – Grants through the program are distributed for projects that mitigate landside congestion, expand transportation options, and realize public benefit and external cost savings by awarding Marine Highway grants to qualified applicants to implement designated Marine Highway projects.
 - Eligible applicants: State governments (including State departments of transportation), metropolitan planning organizations, port authorities, and tribal governments, or private sector operators of marine highway services within designated Marine Highway Projects.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.
- **Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (\$400M)** – This new competitive grant program will provide grants to reduce emissions from ports, including through electrification projects.
 - Eligible applicants: The Secretary of Transportation shall solicit applications for grants at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary determines to be necessary.



● **Rail:**

- **Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (\$36B)** – IIJA provides planning and construction funds for states, local governments, tribes, and Amtrak to expand the intercity passenger rail system in the United States through improvements to existing routes and the creation of new ones.
 - Eligible applicants: State (including the District of Columbia); group of states; interstate compact; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; political subdivision of a state; Amtrak, acting on its own behalf or under a cooperative agreement with one or more states; any combination of eligible entities.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.
- **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (\$5B)** – IIJA expands eligibility for CRISI grant applicants and eligible projects, providing competitive grants to states, local governments, Amtrak, railroads, universities, and others for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.
 - Eligible applicants: State; group of states; interstate compact; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; political subdivision of a state; Amtrak or another rail carrier that provides intercity rail passenger transportation; Class II railroad or Class III railroad; rail carrier or rail equipment manufacturer in partnership with at least one of these earlier entities; Transportation Research Board and any entity with which it contracts in the development of rail-related research, including cooperative research programs; university transportation center engaged in rail-related research; non-profit labor organization representing a class or craft of employees of rail carriers or rail carrier contractors.
 - Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply.
- **Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program (\$3B)** – This new grant program will provide states, tribes, and local governments planning and construction funds for highway-rail grade crossing separation projects that will improve safety and mobility.



- Eligible applicants: State, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other United States territories and possessions; political subdivision of a state; federally recognized Indian tribe; unit of local government or a group of local governments; public port authority; metropolitan planning organization; group of eligible entities.

● Safety:

- **Safe Streets for All (\$5B)** – This program will provide funding directly to local and tribal governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.
 - Eligible applicants: Metropolitan planning organization; political subdivision of a state; tribal government; multijurisdictional group of eligible entities.
- **Crash Data Modernization Grants (\$750M)** – This program provides funding to modernize state and federal crash databases to enable better data sharing and research into motor vehicle crashes.
 - Eligible applicants: States.
- **Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Programs (\$746.6M)** – Provides funding for additional grant programs for States, law enforcement
 - Eligible applicants: States, tribes, local governments, driver training organizations, or safety organizations
- **Replacing Outdated Pipelines (\$1B)** – These grants will help community-owned utilities to replace outdated gas pipelines in order to reduce injuries and fatalities and prepare our pipeline infrastructure for cleaner fuels.
 - Eligible applicants: Municipality or community-owned utility (not including for-profit entities).

Formula-Based Funding:

● Highways:

- **National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) (\$148B)** – The NHPP provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS), for the construction of new facilities on the NHS, and to



ensure that investments of Federal-aid funds in highway construction are directed to support progress toward the achievement of performance targets established in a State's asset management plan for the NHS.

- Click [HERE](#) for additional program policy, guidance, information and resources.
- **Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) (\$64.8B)** – The STBGP provides funding to States and local governments for a wide range of eligible surface transportation improvements, with flexibility to best address State and local transportation needs.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program policy, guidance, information and resources.
- **STBGP Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Set-aside (\$7.2B)** – The TAP program authorizes funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure to enhance mobility and access to public transportation, environmental mitigation and preservation activities; recreational trails; safe routes to school projects; and other activities
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program background, funding features and eligible activities.
- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) (\$15.6B)** – Aims to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program background and related resources.
- **Railway-Highway Grade Crossings Program (\$1.2B)** – Provides funds for safety improvements to reduce the number of fatalities, injuries, and crashes at public railway-highway grade crossings.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, policy, guidance, and related resources.
- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (\$13.2B)**
 - Provides funding to States for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate



matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas).

- Click [HERE](#) for additional program information and resources.

● **Metropolitan Planning Program (\$2.3B)** – Provides funding to support a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas.

- Click [HERE](#) for additional program information and resources.

● **National Highway Freight Program (\$7.1B)** – Ensures the efficient movement of freight on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) and supports several goals, including:

- Investing in infrastructure and operational improvements that strengthen economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, reduce the cost of freight transportation, improve reliability, and increase productivity;
- Improving the safety, security, efficiency, and resiliency of freight transportation in rural and urban areas;
- Improving the state of good repair of the NHFN;
- Using innovation and advanced technology to improve NHFN safety, efficiency, and reliability;
- Improving the efficiency and productivity of the NHFN;
- Improving State flexibility to support multi-State corridor planning and address highway freight connectivity; and
- Reducing the environmental impacts of freight movement on the NHFN.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program background, funding features, and eligible activities.

● **Carbon Reduction Program (\$6.4B)** – A new DOT program established to invest in projects that support a reduction in transportation emissions.

- Eligible projects: Include transportation electrification and EV charging, public transportation, including Bus Rapid Transit, infrastructure for bicycling and walking, intelligent transportation systems (ITS) improvements, infrastructure to support congestion pricing, diesel engine retrofits, and port electrification.
- Additional Requirements:
 - Of funding, 65% will be suballocated by population to support eligible project priorities in local communities.



- States will also be required to develop emission carbon reduction strategies.
- **PROTECT Formula Program (\$7.3B)** – Provides funding to States to enhance the resiliency of surface transportation infrastructure assets to natural disasters and other climate hazards, including projects to improve coastal infrastructure and evacuation routes.
- **Bridge Formula Program (\$27.5B)** – Provides funding to States and Tribal governments to repair and rebuild bridges in poor condition. To help counties and local governments that struggle to pay for costly bridge projects, 15 percent of funds will be set aside for “off-system bridges” including projects on locally-owned facilities that are not on the National Highway System.
- **Electric Vehicle Formula Program (\$5B)** – Provides funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability.
- **Ferry Boats and Facilities (\$912M)** – Funds the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, guidance, and allocation updates.
- **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Grants (\$2.43B)** – Provides financial assistance to States to reduce the number and severity of crashes and hazardous materials incidents involving commercial motor vehicles.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program background and funding information
- **Highway Safety Program Grants (Section 402) (\$1.99B)** – Provides grants to States to improve driver behavior and reduce deaths and injuries from motor vehicle-related crashes. Grant funds can be used for programs to reduce drug- and alcohol-impaired driving, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and encourage seat belt use, among other uses.
 - Click [HERE](#) for more information on the program and eligible usage of funds.
- **National Priority Safety Program Grants (Section 405) (\$1.86B)** – Provides grant funding to States to address selected national priorities for reducing highway deaths and injuries, including addressing impaired driving counter-measures, distracted driving, and motorcyclist safety.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional information, resources, and previous allocations.



- **Appalachian Development Highway System (\$1B)** – Provides funding to States to build and complete highway corridors designated in the Appalachian Development Highway System, to generate economic development and improve access across Appalachia.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, economic impact, completion status, and other resources.
- **Puerto Rico and Territorial Highway Program (\$1.1B)** – Provides funding to Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories to support for the condition and performance of highways.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program background and funding features.
- **Federal Lands Transportation Programs (\$1.7B)** – Provides funding to ensure the safety and condition of highways on Federal lands including roads maintained by the National Park Service.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional program information, guidance, guidelines, and other resources.
- **Tribal Transportation Program (\$3B)** – Provides funding to Tribal governments for the safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities.
 - Click [HERE](#) for additional background and program resources.
- **Transit:**
 - Urbanized Area Program (\$33.5B) – Makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
 - Click [HERE](#) for more information on the program, including previous allocations and funding requirements.
- **Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program (\$2.2B)** – Provides formula funding to states for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, eligibility, and funding requirements.



- **Rural Program (\$4.6B)** – Provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, eligibility, and funding requirements.
- **State of Good Repair Program (SGR) (\$23.14B)** – Provides capital assistance for maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation projects of high-intensity fixed guideway and bus systems to help transit agencies maintain assets in a state of good repair. Additionally, SGR grants are eligible for developing and implementing Transit Asset Management plans.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, eligibility, and funding requirements.
- **Buses and Bus Facilities Program (\$3.2B)** – Makes federal resources available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
 - Click [HERE](#) for program background, eligibility, and funding requirements.
- **Aviation:**
 - **Airport Infrastructure Grants (\$15B)** – For airport-related projects that would be eligible for funding under the Airport Improvement Program or Passenger Facility Charge, for projects such as runways and broader needs like terminal and gate construction, multi-modal projects, and low-emission ground service vehicles. \$100M of which must be for competitive grants for airport sponsors that participate in the contract tower program and contract tower cost share program to make improvements to contract towers.
 - Click [HERE](#) for the program homepage, which will be updated with more information as it becomes available.
 - **Terminal Development (\$5B)** – For a discretionary grant program for terminal development projects to improve aging terminal infrastructure. In awarding grants, DOT is specifically directed to consider certain projects, such as those that increase airport capacity and passenger access, and those that improve energy efficiency.
 - Click [HERE](#) for the program homepage, which will be updated with more information as it becomes available.



- **Air Traffic Facilities and Equipment (\$5B)** – To replace and improve air traffic control facilities and equipment, including landing and navigational aids. \$200M of this funding must be allocated to contract tower facilities.
 - Click [HERE](#) for the program homepage, which will be updated with more information as it becomes available.