



USDOT Discretionary Grants Opportunity

Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program — FY 2023

The NSFLTP Program provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally — significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands.

This program, administered by the Federal Highway Administration, addresses significant challenges across the nation for transportation facilities that serve Federal and tribal lands.

Eligibility:

Total funding available:

\$88.29 million

Minimum project cost:

\$12.5 million (*construction*)

Maximum project cost:

None

Federal share:

Up to 90% (*100% for projects on a Tribal transportation facility*). However, other Federal sources can be used as the required 10% match. Donations of materials, services, ROW, utility relocation can also serve as local match.

Set-asides:

Exactly half of funding must go to projects on Tribal transportation facilities. At least one project serving a National Park facility with over 3 million annual visitors must be funded.

Eligible Applicants:

Federal land management agencies (*FLMA*) or federally recognized Tribe. FLMAs or Tribes can also sponsor an application submitted by other public entities (*states, municipalities, etc.*)

Eligible Uses:

NSFLTP funds can only be used for construction phase activities (*including reconstruction or rehabilitation*) — not design or any other project development.

Eligible Projects:

1. Single continuous project
2. Public highway, road, bridge, trail, or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal or Tribal land (*regardless of who owns and operates the facility*)
3. NEPA is completed

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

All applications are to be received no later than:

November 6, 2023

11:59 p.m. EST

Application Requirements

Applications Due:

11:59 P.M. EST on November 6, 2023

BCA Required?

No, but application requests “data and evidence to support project merits”

Page limit:

“Recommended” limit of 10 pages for the narrative

Selection Criteria

STATUTORY CRITERIA

Note: projects are not required to meet all below criteria — preference will be given to those that meet more of them.

- Furthers the department’s goals, including state of good repair, economic competitiveness, quality of life and safety
- Improves the condition of critical transportation facilities, including multimodal transportation facilities
- Needs construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation
- Has matching funds (*projects with a greater percentage of matching funds rank higher than projects with a lesser percentage of matching funds*)
- Is included on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- Uses new technologies and innovations to increase project efficiency
- Is supported (*whether for construction or for operation and maintenance*) by funds other than those received under this program
- Spans two or more states
- Serves land owned by multiple Federal agencies or Tribes

DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA

Note: specific methods for demonstrating these criteria can be found within the NOFO.

1. Project readiness
2. Located in an underserved community*
3. Reduction of greenhouse gases/improved environmental justice*
4. The extent to which the project will advance the Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity Program objective*
5. The extent to which the project will advance the Job Quality, Workforce Development, and Workforce Equity objective.*

**Not considered for Tribal projects. Tribal projects will be evaluated based on statutory criteria and readiness (discretionary criteria 1) alone.*



HDR’s Infrastructure Finance and Transportation professionals stand by ready to support project sponsors applying for funding from the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program

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