

FY23 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program

This is only a summary; applicants should not rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.

Program Description – The purpose of the NSFLTP grants is to provide Federal funding to projects of national significance for construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of transportation facilities within, adjacent to, or providing access to Federal or Tribal lands. Assistance listing 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction, applies.

Opportunity Numbers – 693JJ3-NSFTLP-FY23		Agency – DOT FHWA	
Obligation Deadline: September 30, 2026		Closing – Sep 6, 2023, 11:59 PM EST	BCA Required? No
Available Funding: \$88.29M 50% available for federal lands transportation facilities, 50% available for eligible projects on Tribal transportation facilities		NOFO & Related – https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=349112	
Minimum Award: Min project cost of 12.5M		Eligible Project Cost Restrictions: See Below	
Eligible Applicants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Federal Land Management Agency 2.) Tribes 3.) States, County, and Local governments are eligible to apply only if sponsored by FLMA or federally recognized Tribe 		Required Cost Share: Cost Sharing not required on projects on Tribal transportation facility. Federal share may be up to 90% on all other projects. NOFO explicitly states under the statutory criteria that projects with over 50% non-grant funding will be given preference followed by, 30-50% non-grant funding, then 10-29%, and lastly projects under 10%.	

Statutory Criteria:

- a. **Furtheres the goals of DOT, including safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, and quality of life,**
- b. **Improves the condition of critical transportation facilities, including multimodal facilities.**
- c. **Needs construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation.**
- d. **Has costs matched by funds that are not provided under the NSFLTP Program**
- e. **Is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places**
- f. **Uses new technologies and innovations that enhance the efficiency of the project**
- g. **Is supported by funds, other than funds received under the NSFLTP Program, to construct, maintain, and operate the facility**
- h. **Spans two or more States. A project that meets this criterion will be more competitive than a project that does not.**
- i. **Serves land owned by multiple Federal Agencies or Tribes.**
- j. **A project that meets this criterion will be more competitive than a project that does not.**

NSFLTP Grant Priorities –

- Further the goals of DOT, which include safety and the state of good repair;
- Improve the quality of life for a local community and/or the traveling public;
- Improve physical or operational deficiencies of the facility;
- Use new technologies and innovations; and
- Support economic vitality at the national and regional level.

Eligible Projects –

- a. The project is a single continuous project;

- b. The project meets at least one of the following definitions of transportation facilities from 23 U.S.C. § 101, except that such facilities are not required to be included in an inventory described in 23 U.S.C. § 202 or 23 U.S.C. § 203:
- c. The project demonstrates completion of all activities required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)
- d. The project must have estimated construction costs, based on the results of preliminary engineering, equal to or greater than \$12,500,000; and

Eligible Project Costs –

e. The project will use NSFLTP Program funds only for construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of transportation facilities. Project design activities are not eligible for NSFLTP Program funds or allowable toward match requirements. In addition, activities involved in the construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of transportation facilities do not include maintenance activities. For example, constructing publicly accessible facilities for a transit system, such as a bus shelter for awaiting passengers, would qualify as a construction activity. Building a maintenance structure for buses as part of a transit facility would qualify as a maintenance activity and would be ineligible for funding.

Application & Narrative Requirements – The application must include the following: Standard Forms (SF-424); SF-424C & SF-424D; Grants.gov Lobbying Form; SF-LLL, Cover Page with chart included from page 15 of NOFO; completed NEPA document; Project Narrative (FHWA recommends the project narrative adhere to the guidelines and format shared in the NOFO (pages 16-26)).