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The new Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure, such as highways and rail lines, through solutions like high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, and main street revitalization.

$1 billion is available through the RCP Program for FY 2022-26 for planning, capital construction, and technical assistance.

Up to $195 million is available for FY 2022.

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"There is nothing sacred about the status quo. These highways, roads, and railways are not rivers, lakes, or mountains. They are not divinely ordained. They are decisions. And we can make better decisions than what came before."

– Secretary Buttigieg, announcing the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program in Birmingham, Alabama
Alignment with DOT Priorities

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Reconnecting Solutions and Project Examples

Example Reconnecting Solutions
• Public transportation
• Infrastructure removal
• Pedestrian walkways and overpasses
• Capping and lids
• Linear parks and trails
• Roadway redesigns and complete streets conversions
• Main street revitalization

Project Examples
• The Big Dig in Boston, MA
• The Long Street Bridge and Cultural Wall in Columbus, OH
• Railroad Reservation Park in Birmingham, AL
• Riverfront Parkway in Chattanooga, TN
• Mandela Parkway in Oakland, CA

Source: AP/Michael Dwyer
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Eligible Facilities: Highways or other transportation facilities (like rail or transit lines), that create a barrier to community connectivity. This includes barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors.

Planning Grants

- **Eligible Applicants:** States, units of local government, Federally recognized Tribal governments, MPOs, nonprofit organizations
- **Eligible Activities:** Planning studies, public engagement activities, and other transportation planning activities as determined by the USDOT.
- **Award Limits:** No more than $2M
- **Match:** Total Federal Assistance not to exceed 80%

Capital Construction Grants

- **Eligible Applicants:** Transportation facility owners, eligible applicants to Planning Grants, as long as the owner of the facility is a joint applicant, with evidence of endorsing the application.
- **Eligible Projects:** Design activities, permitting, NEPA documentation, the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement an existing eligible facility with a new facility that reconnects communities, and delivering mitigation measures and community benefits identified through NEPA and/or planning.
- **Award Limits:** No less than $5M, no more than 50% of total project cost.
- **Match:** Total Federal Assistance may not exceed 80% (applicants may use other Federal assistance to partially satisfy the match up to 80%)
- **Prerequisite:** All necessary feasibility studies and other planning activities have been completed (must be included in the Metropolitan Long-Range Plan [if applicable], TIP/STIP/TTIP, and TAM Plan (for transit projects), and consistent with LRTP.)
Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the following:

- Alignment with four (4) merit criteria
- **Project readiness** in terms of:
  - Technical assessment of feasibility and capacity to deliver project
  - Financial completeness
  - Environmental risk and permitting (Capital Construction only)
- **Benefit-cost** analysis (Capital Construction only)

When selecting grant awards, DOT may consider:

- Benefits to economically disadvantaged communities
- Urban, rural, and Tribal balance
- Geographic diversity
- Organizational diversity
Merit Criteria

1. **Equity, Environmental Justice, and Community Engagement:**
   - Robust community engagement and a plan to assess and reduce inequities, historic and current.

2. **Mobility and Community Connectivity**
   - Existing community connection issues and a plan to address by meaningfully improving affordable, multi-modal access to jobs, healthcare, schools, etc.

3. **Community-based Stewardship, Management, and Partnerships**
   - A community-centered approach, by mechanisms such as partnerships, community advisory groups, and land trusts.

4. **Equitable Development and Shared Prosperity**
   - A holistic plan to create a thriving, resilient community, through restoration and anti-displacement, place-making, affordable housing, entrepreneurship particularly for disadvantaged businesses, and good-paying local jobs.
The "Reconnecting Communities" Principle

• DOT has established a process called “Reconnecting Extra” in which successful grant recipients will be supported in accessing additional DOT funds through the following programs:
  • Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
  • Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant programs (MPDG)
  • Loan financing programs (TIFIA, RRIF)
• DOT intends to encourage States to use their formula dollars to fund projects that reconnect communities
Technical Assistance

- Prospective applicants should consult [www.transportation.gov/reconnecting](http://www.transportation.gov/reconnecting) for resources, FAQs, webinars, and case studies.
- A new DOT Navigator provides links to a wide range of existing DOT technical assistance resources.
- Grant recipients, with a priority for economically disadvantaged communities, will have access to further technical assistance coordinated through DOT’s new Thriving Communities Program, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to implement their projects.
- Starting in 2023, a learning academy will be stood up for prospective applicants to grants.
Key Program Information

RCP Program Website: https://www.transportation.gov/reconnecting
• Includes a link to the Notice of Funding opportunity (NOFO), Frequently Asked Questions, Additional Guidance, Resources, Webinars, and more.

Application Information
• Applications are due Thursday, October 13, 2022 via grants.gov

Webinars
• “Interested in applying?” webinar – Thursday, 7/14 at 12:00PM EDT. Register here.
• Additional webinars are to be scheduled

Contact the Program: ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov
1 Collect and use disaggregated data

Reconnecting Communities: Developing Competitive Applications
Five Winning Strategies
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Five Winning Strategies

2. Put people first in your transportation strategy

3. Advance deep partnerships
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Five Winning Strategies

4 Center community voice

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID:

"We need buses on rapid schedules with park-and-ride hubs and bike hubs. Our sidewalks have lots of gaps and damage from tree roots and flooding."

5 Manage change to benefit the existing community

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID:

"Our culture and our identity are the same thing. Our culture is about food, music, art, Indians."

WHAT THE COMMUNITY SAID:

"We want to decide what changes to make, not have change happen to us. How will housing be kept affordable but still get renovated?"
Interstate 81 Viaduct Project

- $2.25 billion project
- Replace the existing elevated structure that has divided the City of Syracuse for decades and disproportionately impacted residents of color
- Create a new Business Loop 81 with an integrated Community Grid that will disperse traffic along local north-south and east-west streets
Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program

What’s the opportunity?

- The Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods
- More than $573 million is available for FY’22
- At least 20% of available funding will go to rural and Tribal areas

What's the timeline?

- Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. EDT on Oct. 4, 2022

Why does it matter?

- In 2021, there were approximately 2,148 grade crossing incidents in the U.S., resulting in 236 deaths and 662 injuries
- RCE grants will improve the safety of America’s outdated rail infrastructure, eliminate lengthy delays at railroad crossings in communities, and ultimately lower the costs of transporting goods
RCE Grants: Developing Competitive Applications
Five Winning Strategies

1. Focus on safety
2. Identify the tools you need to leverage data
3. Tackle inequities and engage key stakeholders
4. Combat climate change
5. Create jobs
## LIH Information Track Webinar Series

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### Big Grant Opportunity Sessions:
Overview for mayors from expert speakers of the most important infrastructure funding opportunity for that month.

### Delivering Results Workshops:
Sessions with federal agency officials focused on how mayors can deliver real results for residents on racial wealth equity, climate, and other policy areas aligned with community goals.

*Expected high-impact NOFOs in Fall 2022: SMART, PROTECT, BRIC*