

Local Infrastructure Hub: A SMART Approach to Road Innovation

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FY23 SMART Grants Program NOFO

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Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)

- SMART is a grant program created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to fund demonstration projects focused on **advanced smart city or community technologies and systems**.
- Provides up to **\$100M annually** from FY22 – 26 to eligible projects in States, political subdivisions of a State (e.g., cities, counties, towns), Tribal governments, transit agencies, toll authorities, MPOs, and groups of eligible recipients.

FY23 Stage One NOFO is open now through 10/10/23 at 5PM ET

SMART Grants Program Values

The SMART Grants Program:



Funds
Demonstration
Projects



Addresses
Real World
Challenges



Aims for
Purpose
Driven
Innovation



Builds Local
Technology
Capacity

Program Structure

The structure is a **two-stage program**.

- Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Grant: \$250,000 to \$2 million over 18 months
- Stage 2 Implementation Grant: up to \$15 million over 36 months

This NOFO is open to Stage 1 applications.

STAGE 1:

- Proof-of-concept
- Build & strengthen partnerships
- Move quickly and demonstrate capacity

STAGE 2:

- Scale prototypes to demonstrate benefits to community
 - Capture lessons learned
 - Evaluate benefits
- Work towards key performance indicators

BEYOND:

- Plan for widespread deployment of successful demonstrations

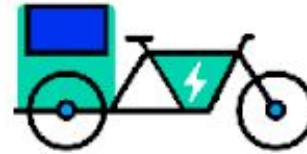
Technology Areas



**Smart
Grid**



**Sensor-Based
Infrastructure**



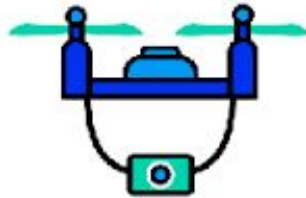
**Commerce Delivery
& Logistics**



**Smart
Traffic
Signals**



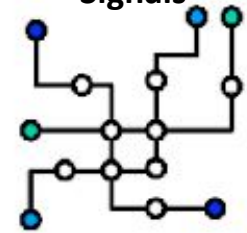
**Coordinated
Automation**



**Innovative
Aviation**



**Connected
Vehicles**



**Systems
Integration**



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FY22 SMART Grants Program Cohort

Overview of FY22 Applications and Projects

All SMART
Applications:

389
Projects
Submitted

\$570M
Requested
funding

49
+D.C.
States
represented

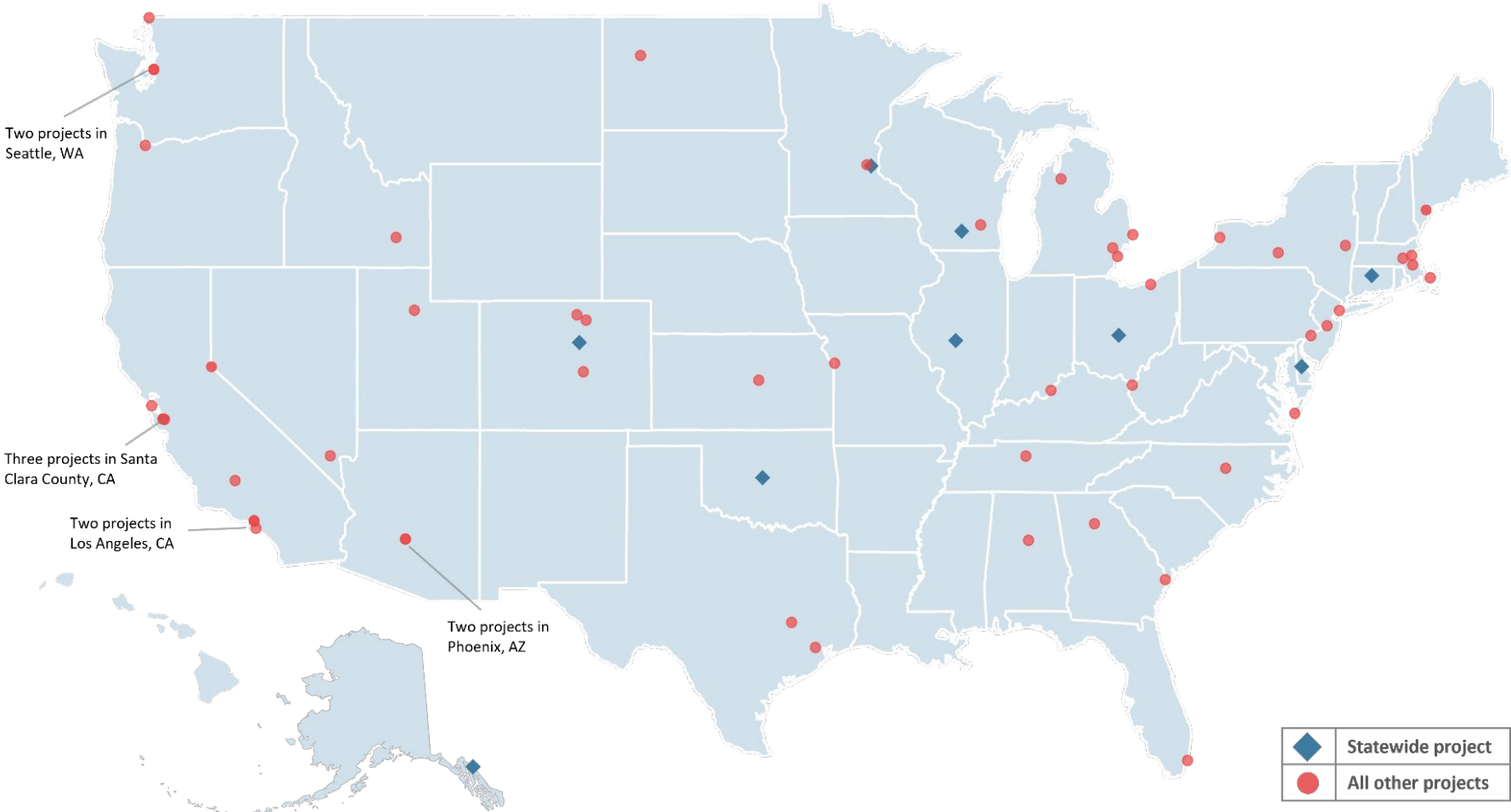
FY22 SMART
Recipients:

59
Projects

\$94M
Requested
funding

33
States
represented

Map of 59 SMART Projects



FY22 Cohort Themes



Safety



**Managing
Public
Space**



**Transit
Innovation**

- The cohort themes are merely descriptive of the cohort; projects were not chosen to fulfill these themes.
- A full list of projects that were awarded FY22 Stage 1 awards can be found on the [2022 cohort page](#) of the SMART website.
- Projects that match these use cases may not necessarily be selected to receive a SMART grant in FY23.

Successful Applications: Lessons Learned

Applications that were Successful in FY22 Stage 1 Grant Demonstrated the Following:

- Alignment with Program Structure: Stage 1 activities would result in a prototype or deployment. The proposal provides a vision for Stage 2.
- Purpose-Driven Innovation: The project targeted specific existing problems; there was a clear reason for using the chosen technology to solve the problem; the project accounted for equity and policy considerations.
- Transformational Approach: The project leveraged existing technology through demonstration projects and innovative approaches.
- Benefit to Community: The applications demonstrated a clear context for the type of project; the project was rooted in the vulnerabilities of the applicant's own transportation system.



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FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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New Requirements

- \$250,000 minimum award size
- Anticipated workforce impacts
- Anticipated NEPA requirements
- Project Location File
- Additional guidance for Budget Narrative

Other Considerations

- Stage 2 Implementation
- Equity & Justice40
- Community engagement

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FY23 NOFO is live now for Stage One Grants

- Application Deadline: Tuesday, 10/10/2023 at 5:00PM ET to Valid Eval website (usg.valideval.com/teams/USDOT_SMART_2023/signup)

Resources

- SMART Grants website: www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART
- Webinar from 8/17: www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/webinars

Contact

- smart@dot.gov for any questions about our program.

Mayors' Panel



Karina Ricks

Partner, Cityfi



Jeni Arndt

Mayor of Fort Collins, Colorado

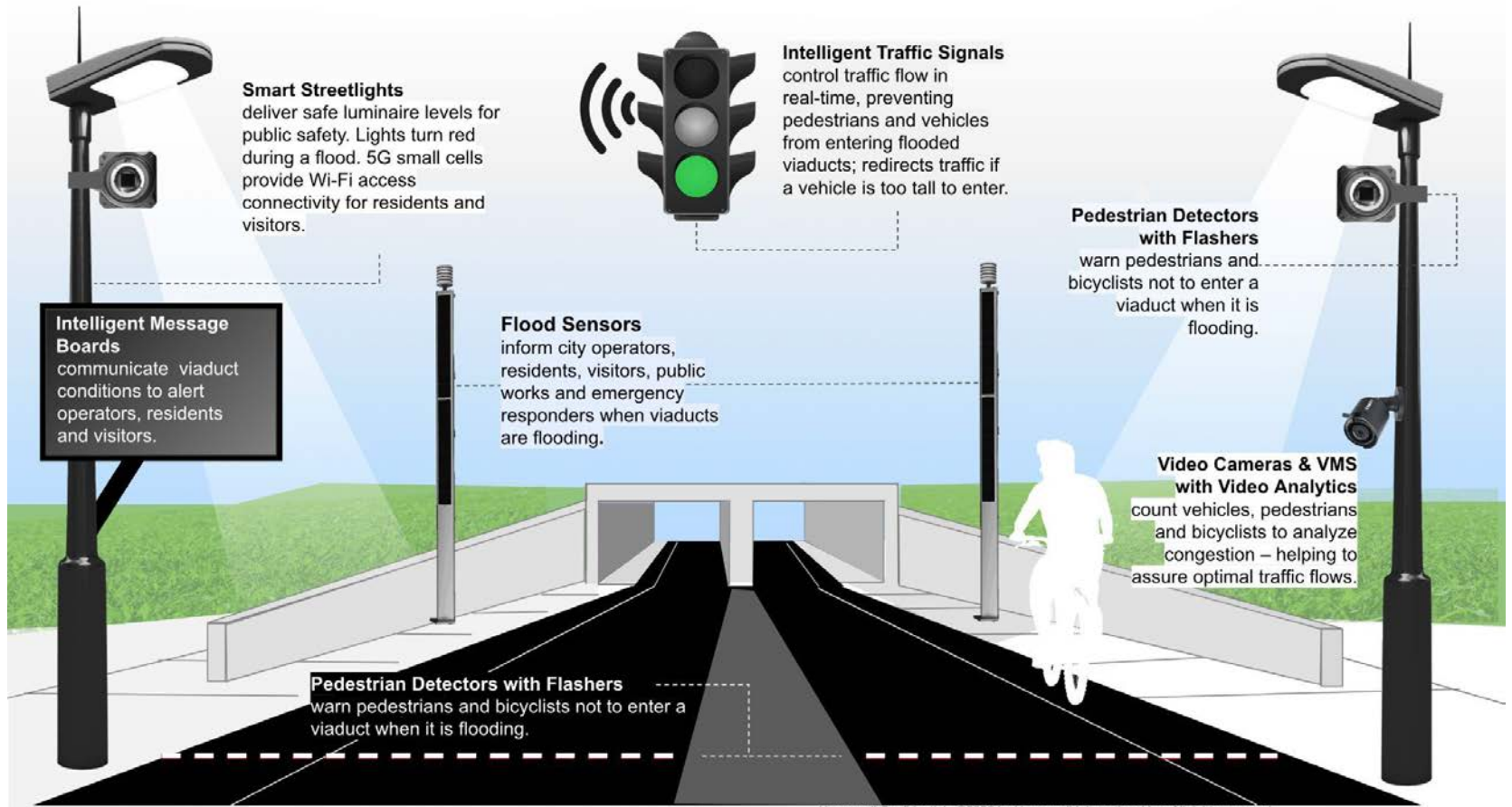


Craig Greenberg

Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky

Five Insights on Developing an Impactful SMART Project:

1. Don't invent an initiative.
2. Solve old problems in new ways.
3. Align your partners.
4. Prepare to win.
5. Phone a friend.



Smart Streetlights
deliver safe luminaire levels for public safety. Lights turn red during a flood. 5G small cells provide Wi-Fi access connectivity for residents and visitors.



Intelligent Traffic Signals
control traffic flow in real-time, preventing pedestrians and vehicles from entering flooded viaducts; redirects traffic if a vehicle is too tall to enter.

Pedestrian Detectors with Flashers
warn pedestrians and bicyclists not to enter a viaduct when it is flooding.

Intelligent Message Boards
communicate viaduct conditions to alert operators, residents and visitors.

Flood Sensors
inform city operators, residents, visitors, public works and emergency responders when viaducts are flooding.

Video Cameras & VMS with Video Analytics
count vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists to analyze congestion – helping to assure optimal traffic flows.

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Registration Now for the SMART bootcamp!

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Transportation** or
SMART Grants Program



Bootcamps are available for cities that have

- Been through the NLC SMART bootcamp before
- Applied unsuccessfully for the SMART grant, or
- Have a draft grant application for the SMART Grants program, and need help getting it over the finish line.

Register at <https://localinfrastructure.org/application-bootcamp/>

Local Infrastructure Hub Sessions

September



September 26

**Bridging the Gap: Funding
Broadband for All**

October



October 10

**Investing in Resilient
Communities**



Big Grant Opportunity Sessions



Delivering Results Workshops



Technology and Innovation



Federal Assistance e311 Series

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