



TERRITORIAL AND PUERTO RICO HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Fiscal year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Puerto Rico Highway Program	\$158 M	\$158 M	\$158 M	\$158 M	\$158 M
Territorial Highway Program	\$42 M	\$42 M	\$42 M	\$42 M	\$42 M

Program Purpose

The FAST Act continues to allocate funds for a highway program in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It also continues to allocate funds to assist the governments of the U.S. territories (American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) in constructing and improving a system of arterial and collector highways and necessary inter-island connectors.

Statutory citations: FAST Act § 1115; 23 U.S.C 165

Funding features

Contract authority from the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund, subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation.

Federal share: As provided in 23 U.S.C. 120 for Puerto Rico; 100% for territories. [23 U.S.C. 120(g)]

Eligible activities

The FAST Act continues all current eligibilities under both the Puerto Rico and Territorial Highway Programs.

Program features

Puerto Rico Highway Program

Puerto Rico is included in the definition of “State” for most purposes under title 23 but is not eligible to receive funds apportioned among States. Penalties that apply to States under titles 23 and 49 (e.g., the penalty related to open container requirements under 23 U.S.C. 154) continue to apply to allocations under the Puerto Rico Highway Program. [23 U.S.C. 165(b)(2)(A)]

Territorial Highway Program

In general, the program will be administered as under prior law, including authority for DOT to provide the territories with a wide range of technical assistance. The FAST Act made some modifications to the types of territorial highway projects that may be funded on local roads. [23 U.S.C. 165(c)(7)]