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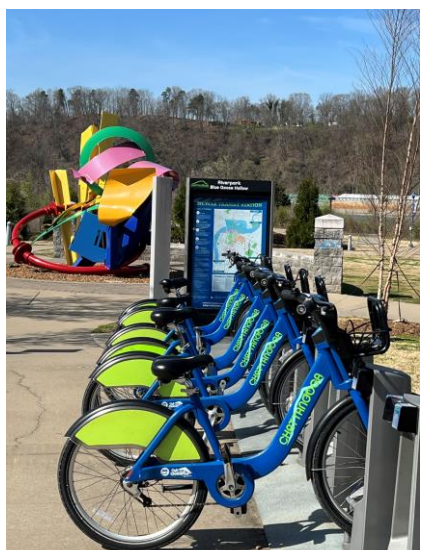
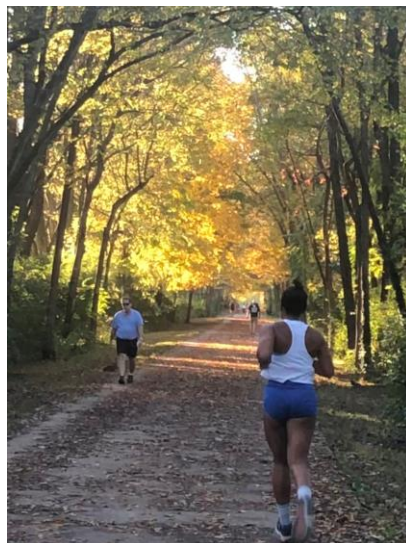


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GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PROGRAMS, AND TOOLS
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1. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)

○ BUILD AMERICA BUREAU (BUREAU):

This agency works with State DOTs and other project sponsors to deliver new infrastructure and improve roads, highways, bridges, transit, rail, airports, ports, and bike/ped infrastructure across the country. The Bureau lends federal funds at low rates to qualified borrowers through two major programs, Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA) and the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF). In accomplishing its mission, the Bureau also provides technical assistance and encourages innovative best practices in project planning, financing, delivery, and monitoring. to leverage available DOT credit programs, explore innovative project delivery approaches such as public-private partnerships (P3s), and navigate project development processes.

Website: www.transportation.gov/buildamerica

Contact: buildamerica@dot.gov

○ DOT NAVIGATOR:

This tool coordinates and improves access to the range of DOT Technical Assistance Resources the DOT Navigator is an online portal to access the myriad of technical assistance resources across the Department, and to provide guidance to potential applicants for DOT funding. Many materials are translated into Spanish. Monthly bulletins provide updates on new technical assistance resources, trainings, and webinars on a range of topics. Examples of grant application resource topics include:

- Overview of DOT Funding and Financing
- USDOT Discretionary Grant Process
- Understanding federal Match Requirements
- Federal Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status
- Maximizing Award Success

Website: www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator

Contact: DOTAssist@dot.gov

○ PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT):

(Federal match requirement is 80/20, but federal share will be higher if entity develops a resiliency plan.)

This program helps make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at risk coastal infrastructure. Listed under eligible activities are Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes that strengthen and protect evacuation routes essential for providing and supporting evacuations caused by emergency events. Planning Grants will include technical capacity building to facilitate the ability of the eligible entity to assess the vulnerabilities of its surface transportation assets and community response



strategies under current conditions and a range of potential future conditions; or evacuation planning and preparation.

Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/docs/PROTECT_Discretionary.pdf

Contact: PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov

○ RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS (RCN):

This program provides two grant opportunities. The two grants under this program share common characteristics, including: prioritizing disadvantaged communities; aiming to improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, and recreation; fostering equitable development and restoration; and reconnecting communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity (mobility, access, or economic development). Both grant programs remain separate for the purposes of award.

● NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS & EQUITY (NAE):

(Federal match requirement is 80/20, or up to 100/0 for Disadvantaged or Underserved Communities.)

This program establishes discretionary grants that improve walkability, safety, and affordable transportation access through context-sensitive strategies and address existing transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity or negative impacts on the human or natural environment, especially in disadvantaged or underserved communities. Technical assistance is provided via guidance, templates, training, tools, etc.

Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/inflation-reduction-act/fact_sheets/nae_grant_program.cfm

Contact: ReconnectionCommunities@dot.gov

● RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP):

(Federal match requirement is 80/20, but allows certain federal program funds to be used as match)

This program is dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities. Technical assistance is provided via the Reconnecting Communities Institute.

Website: www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities

Contact: ReconnectingCommunities@dot.gov

○ RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES INSTITUTE:

This agency will provide the technical assistance for the Reconnecting Communities Program. The USDOT anticipates focusing its technical assistance on recipients that demonstrate need as underserved, overburdened, and disadvantaged communities. Technical assistance is for building organizational or community capacity to engage in transportation planning and to identify innovative solutions to infrastructure challenges, including reconnecting communities that are bifurcated by eligible facilities or lack safe, reliable, and affordable transportation options.

Website www.transportation.gov/grants/rcnprogram/reconnecting-communities-institute-rci

Contact: Alex Bond, Alex.Bond@dot.gov at the Build America Bureau



○ **REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATOR (RIA) DEMONSTRATION:**

(Loans)

This program is under the Build America Bureau and helps accelerate infrastructure project delivery. RIA grants assist entities in developing improved infrastructure priorities and financing strategies for the accelerated development of a project that is eligible for funding under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Credit Program. Projects are not required to apply for or receive TIFIA credit assistance. There are ten public-private nonprofits demonstration programs. The Build America Bureau will administer the program and provide technical assistance.

Website: www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/technical-assistance/regional-infrastructure-accelerators-program

Contact: buildamerica@dot.gov

○ **RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT:**

(Federal match requirement is 100/0)

This program offers technical assistance grants to rural and tribal communities. The grants may be used to hire staff or advisors to assist with early development phase activities including, but not limited to, feasibility studies; preliminary engineering and design; environmental review; revenue forecasting; financial feasibility analysis; statutory and regulatory analysis and drafting and negotiation of agreements. As part of the Administration's commitment to advancing equity and opportunity for all American Indians and Alaska Natives, the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program will set aside up to \$800,000 for each fiscal year for Tribal applicants. The Build America Bureau will administer the program.

Website: www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants

Contact: buildamerica@dot.gov

○ **RURAL OPPORTUNITIES TO USE TRANSPORTATION FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS (ROUTES):**

This tool addresses disparities in rural transportation infrastructure. The program has developed user friendly tools and information, aggregating DOT resources, and providing technical assistance to better align existing funding, financing, and technical assistance programs with the needs of rural and Tribal communities. The ROUTES Applicant Toolkit for Competitive USDOT Funding Programs supports potential applicants in identifying and navigating USDOT discretionary grant funding opportunities for rural transportation projects. It is designed for all levels of grant applicant experience.

Website: www.transportation.gov/rural/grants/toolkit

Contact: rural@dot.gov

○ **SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A):**

(Federal match requirement is 80/20.)

This program funds regional, local, and Tribal planning and implementation initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports USDOT's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. The SS4A Program is in the process of establishing a National Clearinghouse to provide technical assistance to grant recipients.

Website: www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A

Contact: SS4A@dot.gov



○ **STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART):**

(Federal match requirement is 80/20.)

This program will provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems that will improve transportation efficiency and safety. Regional partnerships between agencies is encouraged. Technical assistance is provided via webinars, FAQ sheets, and a resources page.

Website: www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART

Contact: smart@dot.gov

○ **USDOT THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (TCP):**

(Federal match requirement is 100/0.)

The Thriving Communities program involves contributions from eight federal agencies to revive economically distressed areas that have faced historical disinvestment. The goal is to ensure that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive. Organizations that are selected as Capacity Builders fall into four categories: Networked Communities, Main Streets, Complete Neighborhoods, Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods and are provided technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support for a two-year period.

Website: www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities

Contact: thrivingcommunities@dot.gov



2. USDOT - FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)

- **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (ATIIP):**

(Federal match requirement is 80/20, but can be up to 100/0 for Disadvantaged Communities.)

This program supports planning and active transportation implementation at the network scale, rather than on a project-by-project basis. Grants will be for state and local governments or organizations to plan, design, and construct networks of safe and connected active transportation facilities that connect between destinations within a community or metropolitan region. Grants may also fund projects to plan, design, and construct an active transportation spine, a facility that connects between communities, metropolitan regions, or states. Technical Assistance will be available.

Website: Coming Soon! For updates go to: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/index.cfm>

Contact: Darren Buck, Darren.Buck@dot.gov

- **BUILD AMERICA CENTER (BAC):**

The research institute at the University of Maryland under a cooperative agreement with FHWA. They support the Build America Bureau. The BAC provides technical assistance, develops, and makes publicly available case studies, best practices, analytical tools, and other resources to build expertise and capacity among state, local, tribal, and territorial governments interested in pursuing innovative financing techniques and approaches in connection with federal funding. It also offers educational programs, information, and resources for transportation agencies in all areas of alternative and innovative project financing and delivery.

Website: <https://bac.umd.edu/>

Contact: cui@umd.edu or Kathleen Frankle, bac@umd.edu

- **CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON NEW MOBILITY AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES PROJECT:**

(Federal match requirement is 80/20)

This program provides funding to collect, conduct, and fund research on the impacts of new mobility and highly automated vehicles (AVs) on land use, urban design, transportation, real estate, equity, and municipal budgets. This program has led communication and outreach activities with highway stakeholders, including State Departments of Transportation and other public agencies and industry groups, to improve understanding of the issues and needs related to AVs.

Website: <https://researchfunding.duke.edu/center-excellence-new-mobility-and-automated-vehicles>

Contact: Angela Jones, angela.jones@dot.gov

- **FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM (FLAP):**

(Federal match requirement is 80/20)

This program provides competitive funding to states, tribes, or local government agencies. The focus of all applications must be on the improvement of access to one or more units of a Federal land management agency (the National Park Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the US Forest Service, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and others). This program funds bike/ped, traffic engineering and transportation safety work among many improvements and may be in the form of either a free-standing project/study or as an element of a larger highway or



bridge design/construction project. The FLAP focuses on the provision of technical assistance to state and local government agencies.

Website: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access>

Contact: Rajashree Mooney, Rajashree.Mooney@dot.gov

○ **LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LTAP):**

This program provides training, technical assistance, and technology transfer services to help local and rural road agencies manage and maintain their roadway systems. The LTAP Centers (one in each state) are in the process of developing a general training “Tips and Tricks for Applying for Federal Assistance.”

Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/ltap

Contact: Joe Conway, Joe.Conway@dot.gov

○ **TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TTAP):**

This program is designed to build the capability of the 573 federally recognized tribes to manage their highway assets by providing training and technical assistance that strengthen Tribal capacity for self-governance of transportation programs. This program has resources available to respond to questions in the following areas: Safety, Construction Management, Planning, Design, Environment, Construction Management, Contract Administration, Maintenance and Asset Management.

Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/ttap/

Contact: Morgan Malley, Morgan.Malley@dot.gov

FHWA funds National Technical Assistance Centers through cooperative agreements. The two Centers listed below provide specific technical assistance to pedestrians and bicyclists.

○ **NATIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL ROAD SAFETY:**

This organization provides training and education, resources, and technical assistance for rural road safety. The Center is intended to develop and share multidisciplinary rural road safety training, resources, and technical assistance that is dynamic, collaborative, and responsive. The funding page provides updated links to grants and funds that focus on rural transportation safety.

Website: <https://ruralsafetycenter.org/resources/funding/>

Contact: info@ruralsafetycenter.org

○ **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE INFORMATION CENTER (PBIC):**

This organization’s mission is to improve the quality of life in communities through the increase of safe walking and bicycling as a viable means of transportation and physical activity. This organization develops and shares resources vital to advancing mobility, access, equity, and safety for people who walk, bike, and roll. One of their three functional areas is “technical assistance and workforce development” where they provide webinars, training, presentations, reports, discussion guides, and issue briefs as well as adhoc technical assistance when requested at the federal, state, and local levels.

Website: www.pedbikeinfo.org/

Contact: pbic@pedbikeinfo.org



3. USDOT - FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA):

FTA funds National Technical Assistance Centers through cooperative agreements. The three Centers listed below provide specific technical assistance to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Website: www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-sponsored-technical-assistance-centers.

- **NATIONAL AGING AND DISABILITY TRANSPORTATION CENTER (NADTC):**

This Center is funded by FTA and promotes the availability and accessibility of transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers, and communities. NADTC provides technical assistance to bikers by providing resources and training on accessible transportation to empower communities and support individuals.

Website: www.nadtc.org/

Contact: Heather Edmonds, hedmonds@usaging.org

- **NATIONAL CENTER FOR MOBILITY MANAGEMENT:**

This Center is federally funded through a cooperative agreement with FTA, and pursues, facilitates, and supports partnerships between transportation/mobility management agencies and organizations that provide health related, social, and community services to older adults, people with disabilities, and/or low-income individuals and families. The goal is to enhance transportation options for all through coordination and mobility management practices and strategic partnerships. The technical assistance that is provided is mostly in connection with transit, but it does provide some technical assistance related to bicycling in connection with transit. Examples include bike libraries and using micromobility to supplement transit options.

Website: <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Contact: Will Reckley, reckley@ctaa.org

- **SHARED USE MOBILITY CENTER (SUM-C):**

This Center is federally funded through a cooperative agreement with FTA and connects the public and private sectors, conducts pilot programs and new research, and provides policy and technical expertise to cities and regions. The Center provides technical assistance such as crafting and releasing requests for proposals, managing vendor negotiations, selecting vehicle locations, creating pricing structures, incorporating guidance from community-based organizations, and building stakeholder and community support.

Website: <https://sharedusemobilitycenter.org/>

Contact: Al Benedict, albert@sharedusemobilitycenter.org



4. AMERICORPS

- **AMERICORPS SENIORS NATIVE NATIONAL AND INDIGENOUS ELDERS SENIOR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM:**

This program was created to invest in AmeriCorps Seniors projects focused on Indigenous and Native communities, advancing opportunities for older adults to make an impact, through their time and experience. Through the Native Nations and Indigenous Elders SDP funding opportunity, applicants must demonstrate how they will engage adults ages 55 and older to address one or more of the Indigenous Elders SDP priorities. Programming that advances justice and equality in areas such as food sovereignty, climate change & conservation, and mental health services are just one of the potential project types. Training and technical assistance calls, and recording are available a series of webinars to help applicants through their grants management system.

Website: <https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2023-ameri-corps-seniors-native-nations-indigenous-elders-senior>

Contact: AmeriCorpsSeniors@cns.gov

5. APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC):

- **READY APPALACHIA:**

This program community capacity building initiative offering flexible funding to organizations in four key economic development pillars: nonprofits, community foundations, local governments, and Local Development Districts, and free training to the Appalachians that work for them. Participants in each READY Appalachia learning track access 10 weeks of cohort-based learning, skill development, and grant opportunities to increase their capacity to solve pressing issues and create positive economic change. Construction projects and nonconstruction projects like technical assistance and planning are eligible for funding. READY Appalachia offers training in general organizational capacity building (i.e., nonprofit management, federal grants, etc.)

Website: www.arc.gov/ready/

Contact: Bettina Jones, bjones2@arc.gov



6. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

○ **ACTIVE COMMUNITIES TOOL (ACT):**

This tool helps cross sector teams create an action plan for improving community-built environments that promote physical activity consistent with their community context.

Website: www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/resources/active-communities-tool/index.html

Contact: Kristine Day, knd8@cdc.gov

○ **COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT:**

This American Walks grant is partially funded by the CDC and supports the network of advocates, organizations, and agencies working to advance walkability. Grants are awarded to innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects that create change and opportunity for walking and movement at the community level. America Walks provides technical assistance and “rapid response” services at no charge. They respond with advice, best practices, case studies, and provide connections to other practitioners.

Website: <https://americawalks.org/programs/>

Contact: Mike McGinn, mike@americawalks.org

○ **CREATE THRIVING, ACTIVITY FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES:**

This National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) tool is partially funded by the CDC and other federal agencies. This site houses a growing collection of resources to help practitioners, decision makers, and community members make the business case for improving the built environment such as implementing Complete Streets. These resources can be used to help communities use economic indicators to apply infrastructure investments in more equitable ways.

Website: www.nccor.org/nccor-tools/create-thriving-activity-friendly-communities/

Contact: Hatidza Zaganjor, xgq0@cdc.gov

○ **WALKABILITY ACTION INSTITUTE:**

This National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) program is partially funded by the CDC and offers a multiday “course” for interdisciplinary teams representing approximately six regional/metropolitan planning organizations, or county or municipality jurisdictions from within a state. The interdisciplinary teams are comprised of public health, transportation, planning, elected officials, and other disciplines attend the course, develop team action plans, and implement policies, plans, projects, or system improvements to improve the design of their communities, regions, and states to support safe and accessible walking and biking over the long term.

Website: <https://chronicdisease.org/page/WAI/>

Contact: Kristine Day, CDC, kday@cdc.gov; Karma Edwards, NACDD, kedwards_ic@chronicdisease.org



These LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS programs are supported by the CDC:

○ **BENCHMARKING REPORT:**

This interactive, online report provides publicly available data on biking and walking for all 50 states, and 76 cities made up of the 50 most populous cities in the United States, the most populous city for every state whether it is one of the 50 most populous in the country, and every Platinum Bicycle Friendly Community. The data provided in the Benchmarking Project comes from the Federal Government, survey responses from state and city officials, and national nonprofit organizations. Recent additions to the site include State Fact Sheets that provide a snapshot of key data such as active commuting, public health, and road safety, and other topics explored in-depth on data.bikeleague.org. These Fact Sheets can serve as a resource for discussions about biking and walking in each state.

Website: <https://data.bikeleague.org/>

Contact: Ken McLeod, ken@bikeleague.org

○ **INTERSECTIONS INITIATIVE:**

The program is a partnership between America Walks, the League of American Bicyclists, and the Safe Routes Partnership. The program is designed to help build capacity to apply for infrastructure funding to support active and public transportation projects and identify the policies and practices that make this a reality. Community leaders, organizations, and local governments can work with subject matter experts to navigate federal funding opportunities and build community demand.

Website: <https://intersections-initiative.org/>

Contact: Intersections.Initiative1@gmail.com

○ **SPARK MINI-GRANT:**

This program is part of the CDC's [Active People, Healthy Nation](https://www.cdc.gov/activepeoplesurvey/)SM Initiative, and grants of \$1,500 are awarded to organizations seeking to improve their communities through biking.

Website: <https://bikeleague.org/applications-our-2023-community-spark-grants-are-now-open/>

Contact: Amelia Neptune, amelia@bikeleague.org

7. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

○ **BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES - DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:**

This agency provides full support to communities that may not have the resources to begin climate resilience planning and project solution design on their own.

Website: www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities/direct-technical-assistance

Contact: Website Application



8. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

○ **CHESAPEAKE GATEWAYS NETWORK:**

This program welcomes grant proposals purposely focused on advancing equity, inclusion, accessibility, and community engagement across two strategic themes: Advance a Major Inclusive Interpretive Initiative with an Equity Lens and Promote Resilient Communities & Landscapes Through Tourism, Sustainability, Conservation & Local Economies. Eligible communities are in the Chesapeake Bay watershed region. Technical assistance is available upon request.

Website: www.nps.gov/chba/getinvolved/grants.htm

Contact: Chesapeake_grants@nps.gov

○ **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

This website provides an overview, links to NPS funding, technical and project assistance, and special designation programs that are available to the public and community groups.

Website: www.nps.gov/articles/community-assistance-national-regional-programs.htm

Contact: Each program has a separate contact.

○ **OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP (ORLP):**

This program is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and assists urban, disadvantaged communities that lack access to publicly available outdoor recreation opportunities. Awards are made to acquire and develop new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors. Grant funds must be matched 1:1 with nonfederal matching share in the form of cash, donations, or in-kind assistance. Technical assistance is offered to potential applicants in the form of live and recorded webinar trainings. Nonprofit groups City Parks Alliance and the Trust for Public Land provide additional support with project planning, locating matching share sources, and application development.

Website: www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/outdoor-recreation-legacy-partnership-grants-program.htm

State Lead Offices: www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm

Contact: ORLP_inquiries@nps.gov

○ **RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE (RTCA):**

This program assists communities in developing or restoring parks, conservations areas, rivers, and wildlife habitats, as well as creating outdoor recreations opportunities and programs that engage future generations in the outdoors. Through an application process, community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies can apply for technical assistance.

Website: www.nps.gov/rtca

Contact: Regional offices: www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/contactus.htm



9. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE

○ **AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKA NATIVE TOURISM ASSOCIATION (AIANTA):**

This program provides technical assistance, grant opportunities, and tribal tourism collaboration at the destination/community level. Grants support efforts to enhance and integrate cultural tourism/cultural recreation to empower Native American communities and to advance the National Travel and Tourism Strategy. The program seeks applications from Tribal Nations, Tribal Enterprises, and native nonprofits that border and/or have historic ties to USFS managed lands and USFS Regions.

Website: www.aianta.org/request-for-proposal-us-forest-service-aianta-native-act-grant/

Contact: Ariel Richardson, arichardson@aianta.org

○ **COMMUNITY FOREST & OPEN SPACE PROGRAM (CFP):**

This program provides financial assistance grants to local governments, Indian tribes, and qualified nonprofit organizations (including land trusts) to establish community forests that provide defined public benefits such as recreational opportunities, the protection of vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, demonstration sites for private forest landowners, economic benefits from timber and nontimber products. Technical Assistance is provided via webinar, the Community Forest Road Map publication, other documents posted on the CFP website, and through regional program managers.

Website: www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program

Contact: Scott Stewart, Scott.Stewart@usda.gov and Regional Program Managers listed on CFP website.

○ **INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS (IFNF):**

This program is a partnership between the USFS and the US Endowment for Forestry and Communities. The grant program is offered roughly every 18 months and it provides funding for projects exploring innovative finance methods related to wildfire resilience, watershed health, and recreation access. Project activities may take place on the National Forest System; on adjacent state, private or tribal lands; or across boundaries provided outcomes contribute to the health of Forest Service ownership. Technical assistance is offered to IFNF grantees as part of the program.

Website: www.usendowment.org/ifnf

Contact: Sophie Beavin, sophie.beavin@usda.gov, Nathalie Woolworth, nathalie.woolworth@usda.gov

○ **LEGACY ROADS AND TRAILS:**

This program funds an agreement that supports a partnership between the Forest Service and American Trails. American Trails administers a matching trail partner grant program, and solicits applications for funding, with awards up to \$100K per project. Potential projects include those that improve watershed function, restore aquatic organism passage, improve trail resiliency, preserve trail access, decommission unauthorized trails, and convert unneeded Forest Service roads to trails.

Websites: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/national-forests-grasslands/legacy-roads-trails>,

Contact: www.fs.usda.gov/visit/forests-and-grasslands



10. UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

○ **PLANNING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, RESEARCH:**

This program helps applicants create economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs.

- **Short Term Planning:** This program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.
- **Local Technical Assistance:** This program strengthens the capacity of local or state organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies, market research impact analyses and other projects leading to local economic development.

Website: www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities

Contact: EDA Regional Office, www.eda.gov/about/contact?q=/contact

○ **PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (PWEAA):**

This program provides a wide range of technical, planning, and public works and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes. The grants range between \$100K to \$30M (*with EDA funding 50-80% of project costs depending on certain criteria*). Each project funded under this program must be consistent with at least one of EDA's Investment Priorities: 1. Equity 2. Recovery & Resilience 3. Workforce Development 4. Manufacturing 5. Technology Based Economic Development 6. Environmentally Sustainable Development 7. Exports & Foreign Direct Investment. Each project must be consistent with the region's current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent EDA accepted regional economic development strategy that meets EDA's CEDS or strategy requirement.

Website: www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/category?category=266289

Contact: EDA Regional Offices, www.eda.gov/about/contact?q=/contact



11. UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

○ **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ASSISTANCE:**

This agency works with communities to help them grow in ways that expand economic opportunity while protecting human health and the environment. The Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) conducts research; produces reports and other publications; provides examples of outstanding smart growth communities and projects; and works with tribes, states, regions, and communities through grants and technical assistance programs on a range of smart growth topics.

Website: www.epa.gov/community-revitalization

Contact: Reyes Barboza, barboza.reyes@epa.gov

○ **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE (ECJ):**

This program provides grants and technical assistance for environmental and climate justice efforts that benefit overburdened communities.

Website: www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-seeks-input-inflation-reduction-act-environmental-and-climate-justice-program

Contact: Chitra Kumar, Kumar.Chitra@epa.gov

○ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT (EJG2G):**

This program provides funding for eligible applicants to support government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health impacts in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms. The EJG2G Program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health concerns in their communities.

Website: www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-government-government-program

Contact: Omari Burrell, burrell.omari@epa.gov

○ **GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS TOOLKIT:**

This tool is for communities that have adopted Complete Streets Policies and would like to integrate roadside green infrastructure to compliment walkable and/or bike friendly streets.

Website: None - Materials Available Upon Request

Contact: John Thomas, Thomas.John@epa.gov

○ **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE WIZARD (GIWiz):**

This interactive application provides access and guides users to the wide range of tools, research and resources that can support and promote water management and community planning decisions.

Website: www.epa.gov/sustainability/giwiz

Contact: John Thomas, Thomas.John@epa.gov



○ **GREEN STREETS HANDBOOK:**

A resource guide with strategies and examples for using roadside green infrastructure to manage wet weather and improve conditions for cyclists and pedestrians.

Website: www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-street-handbook

Contact: John Thomas, Thomas.John@epa.gov

○ **RECREATION ECONOMY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES:**

This Smart Growth program offers planning assistance to communities to help identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their Main Streets through onsite workshops.

Website: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities

Contact: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/forms/contact-us-about-smart-growth

○ **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THRIVING COMMUNITIES' TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS (EJ TCTAC):**

EPA in partnership with the US Department of Energy selected 17 Centers to help underserved and overburdened communities. These centers provide technical assistance, training, and related support to communities with environmental justice concerns and their partners. The services provided will include training and assistance on writing grant proposals, navigating federal grant application systems, effectively managing grant funds, community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants.

Website: www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers

Contact: Each TCTAC will have their own contact which EPA will provide on the website above soon.



***NON-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OR PROGRAMS
providing formal technical assistance that can support
disadvantaged communities, biking, multiuse paths, and active transportation***

This is intended as a sample and not an exhaustive list of the many assistance opportunities available.

1. AARP

○ **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANTS:**

This program provides funding for projects that help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress towards livability for people of all ages in communities across the nation. There are three different types of grants, Flagship Grants, Capacity-Building Microgrants, and Demonstration Grants. Project types vary but could deliver a range of transportation and mobility options that increase connectivity, walkability, bikeability, and access to public and private transit. Technical assistance is provided via downloadable materials. This technical assistance

Website: www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/

Contact: CommunityChallenge@AARP.org

2. CONSERVATION FUND

○ **BALANCING NATURE AND COMMERCE:**

The program is funded with support from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the National Endowment for the Arts (EDA). This program catalyzes collaborative action, cultivates local leadership, and advances solutions for gateway communities that are economically reliant on nearby lands and waters. Through workshops and technical assistance, the program brings together participants from diverse sectors and interests to identify assets, develop vision and actions, and implement for community and conservation benefit. Workshops are held periodically for community application.

Website: www.conservationfund.org/our-work/sustainable-community-development/balancing-nature-and-commerce-course

Contact: Susan Elks, selks@conservationfund.org



3. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)

- **CITIZENS' INSTITUTE ON RURAL DESIGN (CIRD):**

This program is funded by NEA in partnership with the Housing Assistance Council and To Be Done Studio. The program focuses on communities with populations of 50,000 or less, with a goal to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of rural America through planning, design, and creative placemaking. Through a competitive process, CIRD offers technical assistance and support for small towns and rural and tribal communities to host a Local Design Workshop. It also includes support for rural communities through the Design Learning Cohort, which provides peer learning, training in design, planning, community engagement, and facilitation techniques, one-on-one technical assistance on a community design challenge, and support in navigating funding opportunities.

Website: www.rural-design.org/

Contact: cird@ruralhome.org

- **OUR TOWN:**

Our Town is a creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Our Town projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. Competitive projects are responsive to unique local conditions, authentically engage communities, center equity, advance artful lives, and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change. These projects have a required partnership component. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum nonfederal cost share/match equal to the grant amount. Technical assistance is provided via a webinar, Q & A virtual sessions, tools, and publications.

Website: www.arts.gov/grants/our-town

Contact: ot@arts.gov

4. RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONSERVANCY

- **RAILS-TO-TRAILS CONSERVANCY:**

This website lists many federal, state, and local government funding mechanisms, as well as grants, partnerships, and nongovernment creative funding methods available for trail building – for acquisition and maintenance. Technical assistance is offered via webinars.

Website: www.railstotrails.org

Contact: Mary Ellen Koontz, mary@railstotrails.org, Liz Thorstensen, liz@railstotrails.org



5. SAFE ROUTES PARTNERSHIP

- **SAFE ROUTES BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW LANDING PAGE:**
This webpage provides lay explanations of changes to the Transportation Alternatives and Highway Safety Improvement Programs, infographics showing how funding flows from the federal government to local communities, and state-specific fact sheets on the Transportation Alternatives Program.
Website: <https://saferoutespartnership.org/healthy-communities/policy-change/federal/BIL-background-resources>
Contact: Marisa Jones, Marisa@saferoutespartnership.org

- **SAFE ROUTES TO PARKS ACTIVATING COMMUNITIES:**
This program provides in-depth technical assistance and grant funding to ten communities working to improve safe, secure park access for people of all ages and abilities in low-income communities and communities of color.
Website: www.saferoutespartnership.org/healthy-communities/saferoutestoparks
Contact: Natasha Riveron, Natasha@saferoutespartnership.org

- **STATE FUNDING STRATEGIES WORKGROUP:**
This virtual work group brings together active transportation organizations and advocates working to increase state and local funding for walking and bicycling. They have monthly meetings and discuss the “what” and the “how” , lessons learned, effective strategies, and the tips that they can offer to advocates pursuing funding for walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School at the state and local levels.
Website: www.saferoutespartnership.org/blog/join-state-funding-strategies-workgroup
Contact: Natasha Riveron, Natasha@saferoutespartnership.org

- **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM STATE OF STATES:**
This website tracks states' progress awarding and obligating Transportation Alternatives Program funds. This tracking offers actionable insights for advocates and local governments.
Website: <https://saferoutespartnership.org/blog/brand-new-our-state-states-quarterly-transportation-alternatives-program-implementation>
Contact: Marisa Jones, Marisa@saferoutespartnership.org



WEBSITES

This is a listing of the main websites and primary contacts for FHWA PROGRAMS.

- **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM**
Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/
Contact: Darren.Buck@dot.gov
- **COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM**
Website: <https://highways.dot.gov/complete-streets>
Contact: Barbara.McCann@dot.gov
- **MICROMOBILITY PROGRAM:**
Website: Coming Soon
Contact: Danielle.Blackshear@dot.gov
- **RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**
Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/
Contact: Christopher.Douwes@dot.gov
- **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**
Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/
Contact: Christopher.Douwes@dot.gov

This is a listing of the websites and primary contacts for FHWA PUBLICATIONS.

- **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING, PROGRAM, AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE** Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/guidance/guidance_2023.pdf
Contact: Christopher.Douwes@dot.gov
- **FOSTERING MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY NEWSLETTER:** This quarterly publication provides real-world examples (case studies) of ways that multimodal transportation investments promote economic revitalization, provide access to jobs, and achieve safer communities through support of accelerated project delivery, technology and design innovation, and public/private partnerships.
Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/newsletter/
Contact: Bernadette.Dupont@dot.gov
- **HUMAN ENVIRONMENT DIGEST:** This monthly publication shares the latest information from a range of federal and nonfederal sources, addressing transportation and its relationship to the human environment.
Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/he_digest/
Contact: Velyjha.Southern@dot.gov
- **PBIC MESSENGER:** The Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center's monthly publication features the latest news, resources, webinars, upcoming events, and more.
Website: www.pedbikeinfo.org/newsroom/newsletters.cfm
FHWA Contact: Christopher.Douwes@dot.gov
PBIC Contact: Kristin Blank, blank@hsrc.unc.edu
- **PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE FORUM:** This newsletter is published 2-3 times per year by the FHWA-Office of Safety.
Website: https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/pedforum/
- **PROVEN SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES (PSC):** This is a collection of 28 countermeasures and strategies effective in reducing fatalities and serious injuries.
Website: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures>