# BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM: PLANNING AND BRIDGE PROJECTS

# **Program Summary**

The Bridge Investment Program (BIP) focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. This NOFO solicits applications for the Planning and Bridge Projects (total eligible project costs ≤ \$100 million) categories of the BIP.

FHWA also solicits applications for the other BIP project category in a separate NOFO: Large Bridge Projects (total eligible project costs >\$100 million).

# **Eligibility**

## **Eligible Applicants**

A State or a group of States, a metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of over 200,000, a unit of local government or a group of local governments, a political subdivision of a State or local government a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, an FLMA, a Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments, a multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described above

## **Eligible Projects**

- Bridge Project grants: 1. Project to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the NBI under 23 U.S.C. 144(b) (See 23 U.S.C. 124(a)(1)(A)) 2. A project under the BIP Program includes bridge bundling and culverts (23 U.S.C. 124(a) (1)(B))
- Planning grants: Project for planning, feasibility analyses, and revenue forecasting associated with the development of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for assistance under the BIP (See Division J, Title VIII of BIL)

# Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- The program sets aside an average of \$40 million each fiscal year for Tribal transportation facility bridges, which shall be administered as if made available under the Tribal Transportation Program.
- The program sets aside \$20 million each fiscal year for Grants for the Planning grant funding opportunity.
- Each fiscal year, no more than 5% of funds are made available to projects solely consisting of culvert replacement or rehabilitation.

## **Funding Details**

#### Award Size:

Planning - no min./max.

Bridge Projects - min. \$2.5 Million

See NOFO for more details.

#### Cost Sharing:

Planning - required, see NOFO.

Bridge Projects - max. award amount is 80% of the total eligible project cost and 90% for off-system bridges

FY 25 Funding Available: \$2.43 Billion

FY 26 Funding Available: \$2.46 Billion

**Total Funding Available:** \$12.2 Billion

## **Important Dates**

Planning Application Deadlines:

FY 25 - October 1, 2024 FY 26 - October 1, 2025

Bridge Projects Application Deadlines:

FY 25 - November 1, 2024 FY 26 - November 1, 2025

# **Partnerships**

Joint applications must identify a lead applicant and include a description of roles and responsibilities of each applicant.

#### Resources

- Website
- NOFO
- FAQs



#### **Contact Information:**