

SMART (STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION GRANTS PROGRAM)

Program Summary

This program provides grants to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety. The program includes two stages: Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping Grants (Stage 1 Grants) and Stage 2 Implementation Grants (Stage 2 Grants).

The program structure is based on a belief that planning, prototyping, and partnership are critical to advancing the state of the practice for data and technology projects in the public sector.

NOTE: This NOFO is just for Stage 1 Grants. USDOT anticipates this will be the final Stage 1 NOFO of the SMART Grants Program. Applicants must have received a Stage 1 grant to apply to Stage 2. USDOT anticipates up to approximately \$50 million will be awarded for Stage 2 projects in a future NOFO to be issued later in calendar year 2024.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

State; political subdivision of a State; Tribal government; public transit agency or authority; public toll authority; metropolitan planning organization; and a group of 2 or more eligible entities detailed above, applying through a single lead applicant.

Eligible Projects

Identify at least one technology domain for your project, though some projects may naturally address two, three, or even four of the technology domains: (1) Coordinated Automation, (2) Connected Vehicles, (3) Intelligent, Sensor-based Infrastructure, (4) Systems Integration, (5) Commerce Delivery and Logistics, (6) Leveraging Use of Innovative Aviation Technology, (7) Smart Grid, (8) Smart Technology Traffic Signals.

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- Priority consideration will be given to projects that support the goals of the Justice40 Initiative.
- USDOT will prioritize projects for selection that are most likely to achieve an efficient timeline and be completed within the expected period of performance (18 months).
- Not more than 40% shall be used for projects that primarily benefit large communities; not more than 30% shall be provided for projects that primarily benefit mid-sized communities; and not more than 30% shall be used for projects that primarily benefit rural communities or regional partnerships.
- Successful projects will support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union.
- USDOT expects to award approximately 30 Stage 1 grants.
- Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval.

Funding Details

Award Size:

- Stage 1 Grants
\$250K - \$2 Million
- Stage 2 Grants - max.
\$15 Million

Cost Sharing: not required for Stage 1 Grants

FY 24 Stage 1 Funding Available: \$50 Million

Total Funding Available: \$500 Million

Important Dates

Stage 1 Deadline:

July 12, 2024 at 5:00PM Eastern Time

Partnerships

Partnerships are considered to be a priority for this program. Successful projects will seek to build sustainable partnerships across sectors and levels of government as well as collaborate with industry, academia, nonprofits, and other traditional and non traditional partners.

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [USDOT Factsheet](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Resources](#)



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