

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

Program Summary

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program is the first-ever Federal program 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.

The RCP Program provides funding for two types of grants, Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Planning Grants: States, Units of local government, Federally recognized Tribal governments, Metropolitan planning organizations, Nonprofit organizations
- Capital Construction Grants: the Facility Owner or eligible applicants to Planning Grants may submit the application for a Capital Construction Grant, as long as the Owner of the eligible transportation facility is a joint applicant, with evidence of endorsing the application

Eligible Projects

- Planning Grants fund the study of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing facility to restore community connectivity; public engagement; and other transportation planning activities.
- Capital Construction Grants fund a project to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or to replace an existing eligible facility with a new facility that reconnects communities.

Eligible Facilities

- Highway or other surface transportation facility that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors. Eligible facilities include limited access highways, viaducts, any other principal arterial facilities, and other facilities such as transit lines and rail lines.

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- Register early on Valid Eval and sam.gov to obtain a unique entity identifier.
- The new [Reconnecting Communities Institute](#) will provide technical assistance to grantees and potential grantees under the RCP.

Funding Details

Award Size:

- Planning Grants - max. \$2M per recipient.
- Capital Construction Grants - may range from \$5 million to \$100 million.

Cost Sharing:

- Community Planning Grants: 80% RCP funds and 20% local match
- Capital Construction Grants: 50% RCP funds and 50% local match. Other Federal funds may be used to bring the total Federal share up to a maximum of 80% of the total cost of the project

NOFO Funding Available:
\$607 Million

Total 5-Year Funding Available: \$1 Billion

Important Dates

FY24 Application Deadline:
September 30, 2024

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [NOFO](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [FAQs](#)



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