# **UPCOMING: PROTECT**

## **Program Summary**

The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant program provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience 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.

Note: The PROTECT discretionary program offers two types of awards: planning grants and Competitive Resilience Improvement Grants.

# Eligibility

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes and Affiliated Groups; Planning and Project Organizations; U.S. Territories

#### **Eligible Projects**

Planning; Construction; Operations and Maintenance; Technology Demonstrations and Deployment; Climate and Sustainability; Accessibility; Security

# Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- Review NOFO once it is published. It will contain the latest information.
- FHWA will prioritize projects that demonstrate exceptional benefits under Public Engagement, Partnerships and Collaboration; or strong need for funding. See NOFO for more details.
- If an Indian Tribe receives a Resilience Improvement Grant and Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grant or At- Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants, on the determination of the Secretary of DOT, the Federal share of an eligible project may be up to 100 percent.
- Indian Tribe applicants may elect to provide raw data with their application to support the need for a project, without additional analysis.

#### **Funding Details**

*Cost Sharing:* Planning: Max. Federal

share for planning projects is 100% of the net project cost.

Resilience Grants: Max. Federal share for Resilience Grant projects is 80% of the net project cost.

**Total Funding Available:** \$1.4 Billion (over 5 years)

### **Important Dates**

**NOFO Opening Date:** July 2024

#### **Partnerships**

 Must demonstrate coordination/support (such as through letters of support) if the project requires formal coordination with other agencies/ partners.

#### Resources

• Website



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