

UPCOMING: 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 Activities

- Planning Grants: Planning studies, public engagement activities to provide the public opportunities to provide input into a plan to remove and convert an eligible facility, other transportation planning activities required in advance of a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility to restore community connectivity, as determined by DOT
- Capital Construction Grants: Removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an existing eligible facility, replacement of an eligible facility with a new facility, preliminary design activities and associated environmental studies; predevelopment / preconstruction; permitting activities; delivering community benefits and the mitigation of impacts

Eligible Facilities

- A highway, including a road, street, or parkway or other transportation facility, such as a rail line, 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.

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- The new [Reconnecting Communities Institute](#) will provide technical assistance to grantees and potential grantees under the RCP.
- Review funding opportunity once it opens. It will contain the latest information.

Funding Details

Award Size:

- Planning Grants - max. \$2M per recipient.
- Capital Construction Grants - min. \$5M per project.

Cost Sharing: min. 20% Non-Federal match

Total Funding Available: \$1 Billion

Important Dates

NOFO Opening Date: July 2024

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [FAQs](#)



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