

UPCOMING: RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM

Program Summary

This program provides grants to fund financial, technical, and legal assistance to states and rural and tribal communities. The Program will award grants for either the hiring of staff or the procurement of expert firms to provide financial, technical, and legal assistance; assistance with development-phase activities; and information regarding innovative financing best practices and case studies.

Eligible applications will be reviewed, and grants will be provided, on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

(1) a unit of local government or political subdivision that is located outside of an urbanized area with a population of more than 150,000 residents as determined by the Bureau of the Census; (2) a state seeking to advance a project in an area located outside of an urbanized area with a population of more than 150,000 residents as determined by the Bureau of the Census; (3) a federally recognized Indian Tribe; or (4) the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Eligible Activities

Technical Services (such as feasibility studies, public outreach, preliminary engineering), Financial Services (such as revenue forecasting), and Legal Services (such as procurement support).

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- **Review NOFO once it is published. It will contain the latest information.**
- Copy of application is viewable - suggest drafting answers in Word for insertion before application submissions begin.
- Register now on sam.gov! The registration process can take a while.
- APPLY EARLY! Funding may be fully committed before the open period concludes.
- \$800,000 from each fiscal year will be set aside for grants to tribal governments.
- The intent is to advance rural and tribal transportation infrastructure projects by supporting development-phase activities for projects reasonably expected to be eligible for certain USDOT credit and grant programs. However, there is no requirement for grantees to apply for other funding programs in the future.

Funding Details

Award Size: TBA

Cost Sharing: No local funding match required.

Total Funding Available: \$10 Million (over 5 years)

Important Dates

NOFO Opening Date: July 2024

Resources

- [Website](#)



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