



Pennsylvania Secures Record \$500M Federal Grant for I-83 South Bridge in Harrisburg

In a recent press release, Governor Josh Shapiro announced a \$500 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA's) Bridge Investment Program for the I-83 South Bridge in Harrisburg. The award is part of more than \$5 billion funded to reconstruct, repair, and restore 13 nationally significant bridges in 16 states that connect communities to jobs and resources, support the economy, and serve as critical corridors for freight travel. The awarded projects will also address important safety issues and make the bridges more resilient to extreme weather, all while creating good-paying jobs.

This is the largest federal transportation grant in the state's history and will help fund the replacement of South Bridge, which serves over 125,000 vehicles daily. The project will also include reconfiguring the Lemoyne interchange and reconstructing the viaduct and Front Street/2nd Street interchange.

More detailed information on the project can be found on PennDOT's South Bridge web page.



Funding Available to Repair/Replace Broken or Non-Operational EV Chargers – Closing Soon

PennDOT recently announced the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) program to repair and replace non-operational electric vehicle (EV) chargers across the state. Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), this initiative supports improving EV infrastructure, addressing climate change, and enhancing transportation reliability.

The proposal period to pursue funds for EV charger repair or replacement opened on July 2 and is closing soon on August 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM EDT. Pennsylvania has been awarded \$5 million to upgrade non-operational chargers at 174 eligible locations, ensuring that chargers meet FHWA standards, including operating at least four ports and maintaining over 97 percent uptime.

Further details on this FHWA program are available on the EVC-RAA web page, with additional information and resources on federal grant opportunities at penndot.pa.gov/IIJA. For inquiries, contact ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov.



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BIL Discretionary Grants Spotlight

BIL Discretionary Grants: Open for Applications

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) page on PennDOT's website offers the latest news and information on federal grant opportunities available through the IIJA, also known as the BIL.

Grant opportunities, application guides, and other resources on federal grant funding are added to the page as they become available, so please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs would benefit your community.

The following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All**
The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program offers grants for diverse roadway safety initiatives involving planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational measures. It targets all roadway users, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public transportation users, aiming to prevent fatalities and serious injuries. Grants support the development of tools to enhance community safety approaches tailored to various local, Tribal, and regional needs.
The SS4A Program provides funding for:
 - **Planning and Demonstration Grants** – Funding to develop an Action Plan, conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan, and carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of or update to an Action Plan. Applicants can bundle all three activities into one application or request funding for just one. Each applicant can apply for only one grant type, but both grant types allow for Planning and Demonstration projects. The ultimate goal of each supplemental planning and demonstration activity is to develop or update an Action Plan.
 - The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is:
 - August 15, 2024 (Round 3)
 - There is one remaining deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants:
 - August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM EST

Applicants may also reapply if not selected if the application is received by the last Planning and Demonstration Grants deadline of August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM EST.

Bridge Investment Program

The goals of the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) - Large Bridge grants are to:

1. Improve safety, efficiency and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges;
2. Improve the overall condition of bridges in the United States; and
3. Provide financial assistance that both leverages and encourages non-federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, design, and construction of eligible projects that will cost more than \$100 million.

- The deadline for applying for FY 2025 funds in this rolling application process* is August 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST.

*Submissions will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until program funding is expended or the notice of availability is superseded.

BIP – Planning and Bridge Project Grants

The goals of the [BIP - Planning and Bridge Project Grants](#) are identical to the above Large Bridge grants, except eligible projects must cost less than \$100 million.

- **Planning** grant deadlines for FY 2025:
 - Requesting PennDOT support – September 17, 2024
 - Applying for funds in rolling application process* – October 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST
- **Bridge Project** grant deadlines for FY 2025:
 - Requesting PennDOT support – October 18, 2024
 - Applying for funds in rolling application process* – November 1, 2024, 11:59 PM EST

*Submissions will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until program funding is expended or the notice of availability is superseded.

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program

The [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Program](#) provides alternative fuels infrastructure grants through two separate grant categories: 1) Community Charging and Fueling and 2) Alternative Fuel Corridor. This program will fund grants to strategically deploy charging and alternative fueling infrastructure located on public roads or in other publicly accessible locations and along designated alternative fuel corridors.

Specific questions can be directed to the resource account at RA-PDEVCORRIDORS@pa.gov.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support for Round 2 applications is August 14, 2024.
- The Round 2 deadline to apply for this program is Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP)

The [Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program \(WCPP\)](#) is a competitive grant program to reduce Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVC) while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. The grant provides funding for construction and non-construction projects. Construction examples include the design and pre-construction of an underpass or overpass for wildlife passage. A non-construction example includes research on safety innovations to reduce WVCs as well as research and monitoring the effectiveness of WVC mitigation.

Because PennDOT is required to administer grants for local/regional partners for this program, we must review and approve all applications for this program to ensure the project can be delivered within the budget and schedule proposed by the applicant.

Specific questions can be directed to the resource account at RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT's approval for FY 2024-2025 is August 21, 2024.
- The deadline to apply post-PennDOT approval for FY 2024-2025 is Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage Program

The [Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage \(AOP\) Program](#) provides competitive grants for projects aimed at replacing, removing, and/or repairing culverts or weirs/barriers. The primary goal is to significantly improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish such as salmon, sturgeon, and shad. This may involve creating infrastructure to help fish pass around or over weirs/barriers and making improvements to the weirs/barriers themselves.

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- The deadline for requesting PennDOT's support is September 9, 2024.
- The deadline to apply is Monday, September 23, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

The [Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) Program](#) advances community-centered transportation projects, prioritizing disadvantaged communities by improving access to essential services like jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation. It focuses on equitable development, providing technical assistance and grant funding for planning and construction to address infrastructure barriers and restore community connectivity.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is September 16, 2024.
- The deadline to apply for this program is Monday, September 30, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

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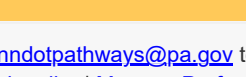
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