April 2024 Newsletter



Additional Funding Opportunity for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

PennDOT has announced program details for Round 1B of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding opportunity. The proposal period will open on **May 13**, and close on **July 10 at 5:00 PM EDT**. For the Round 1B funding, PennDOT estimates approximately \$12 million in funds will be available for projects in key areas around the state. The PA NEVI program is a reimbursement program and proposers are required to provide a minimum 20% match.

"We're making electric vehicle infrastructure more accessible to Pennsylvanians," said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "With federal dollars provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Pennsylvania is continuing its progress to build out the EV charger network along the state's alternative fuel corridors."

Read more on the PennDOT website.



\$20M in Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Funding Awarded

<u>In a recent press release</u>, PennDOT announced a \$20 million investment for Round 1A of the federal NEVI funding, part of the \$171.5 million PennDOT will receive over five years. Pennsylvania was one of the first states to open a <u>NEVI-funded charging</u> <u>station in December 2023</u>, prioritizing NEVI funds

for cleaner, safer, and more reliable transportation options.

The new \$20 million investment will fund <u>29</u> <u>projects in 19 counties</u>, expanding EV charging stations along Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC) throughout Pennsylvania.

To date, 83 projects across 41 counties have received NEVI funding for Round 1 and Round 1A awards. PennDOT has recently announced <u>priority</u> <u>areas for NEVI Round 1B</u>, aimed at filling remaining gaps in Pennsylvania's AFCs.

For comprehensive information on Pennsylvania's NEVI program visit <u>PennDOT's NEVI Program web</u> <u>page.</u>

PennDOT Awarded \$6.7M to Improve Transportation Resiliency on I-376 in Pittsburgh During Extreme Weather

PennDOT will receive \$6.7 million to increase the height of the floodwall that protects I-376 in downtown Pittsburgh from flooding by the Monongahela River. The *Protect the Parkway* project will significantly reduce highway closures, delays, traffic congestion, and the associated risks and costs of flooding while increasing safety for travelers and emergency personnel.

<u>Protect the Parkway was one of 19 projects</u> overseen by state departments of transportation receiving funding via this first round of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) discretionary grant program.

This funding is part of nearly \$830 million for 80 projects across the country aimed at enhancing transportation infrastructure resilience to extreme weather events targeting various transportation systems, including roads, bridges, public transit, and ports, to reduce maintenance and reconstruction costs over time.

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The PennDOT team is proud to deliver results that improve your mobility and quality of life, through smart management and innovation.

Across the state, **1,762** projects are underway or expected to start or go out for bid this year, with a total value of **\$11.9 billion** (as of March 31, 2024).

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BIL Discretionary Grants Spotlight



Open for Applications

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) page on PennDOT's website <u>offers the latest news</u> <u>and information</u> on federal grant opportunities available through the IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (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:



Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program

The <u>Active Transportation Infrastructure</u> <u>Investment (ATIIP) Program</u> offers grants for planning, designing, and building safe and connected active transportation projects. ATIIP projects enhance safety, efficiency, and reliability; improve connectivity between active and public transportation, bolster infrastructure resilience; protect the environment; and enhance quality of life, particularly in disadvantaged communities. This program provides funding for two different grant categories: (1) Planning and Design Grants and (2) Construction Grants.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is June 3, 2024.
- The deadline for applying is June 17, 2024, 11:59 PM EST.

Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant – INFRA, Mega, and Rural Grant Programs

The <u>Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant</u> (MPDG) involves:

- 1. Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways (INFRA grants);
- 2. National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega grants); and
- 3. Rural Surface Transportation (Rural grants).

MPDG provides financial assistance for a wide range of transportation projects including highways, bridges, passenger rail, public transportation, marine infrastructure, and rural transportation initiatives. The MPDG program allows applicants to apply for one, two, or all three funding opportunities by submitting a single application.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support has passed.
- The deadline to apply to this program is May 6, 2024, 11:59 PM EST.

Safe Streets and Roads for All

The <u>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)</u> <u>Program</u> 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.

• **Implementation Grants** – provide funding for

projects and strategies outlined in an Action Plan addressing roadway safety issues, as well as financing supplemental planning, demonstration, and design activities related to these projects and strategies. Applicants for Implementation Grants must possess an existing Action Plan or a substantially similar plan meeting its eligibility criteria.

- The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is:
 - May 2, 2024 (Round 2)
 - August 15, 2024 (Round 3)
- There are two remaining deadlines for
 Planning and Demonstration Grants *:
 - May 16, 2024, 5:00 PM EST
 - August 29, 2024, 5:00 PM EST
- There is one deadline for <u>Implementation</u>
 <u>Grants</u>:
 - May 16, 2024, 5:00 PM EST

* Applications received on or before each deadline will be reviewed and evaluated separately from applications received at other deadlines.

* 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 <u>Bridge Investment Program (BIP)</u> - 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 requesting PennDOT support for fiscal year (FY) 2025 is July 1, 2024.
- The deadline for applying for FY 2025 funds in this rolling application process* is August 1, 2024, 11:59 p.m. 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 <u>BIP - Planning and Bridge Project</u> 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.

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