

USDOT 2018 BUILD Grant Program Highlights

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and other political subdivisions of State or local governments
- Joint applications permitted but must identify a lead applicant
- Lead applicant can submit ≤ 3 applications unless submitting a program of projects that generate revenue

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Capital Projects:

- Highway, bridge, or other road projects
- Public transportation projects
- Passenger and freight rail projects
- Port infrastructure investments
- Intermodal projects

Transportation Planning:

- Planning, preparation, or design, including environmental analysis, feasibility studies, and other pre-construction activities of surface transportation projects

MERIT CRITERIA

Criteria:

- Safety
- State of Good Repair
- Economic Competitiveness
- Environmental Protection
- Quality of Life
- Innovation
- Partnership
- Non-Federal Revenue for Transportation Infrastructure Investment

Other Criteria:

- Demonstrated Project Readiness
- Project Costs and Benefits

Other Considerations:

- Geographic Diversity Among Recipients

AWARD AMOUNTS

- Total BUILD Grant Program Pot = \$1.5B
- \leq \$15M total pot for Transportation Planning Grants
- \leq \$150M awards per state
- \geq \$450M awards for rural areas
- Urban Area Projects = \$5-25M (minimum total project cost = \$6.25M)
- Rural Area Projects = \$1-25M (minimum total project cost = \$1.25M)
- BUILD grant can fund $\leq 80\%$ of a project in urban areas, potentially $\geq 80\%$ for a project in rural areas

SCHEDULE

- April 27, 2018: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released
- May 24, 2018: USDOT Webinar: How to Compete for BUILD Transportation Grants – All Applicants
- May 29, 2018: USDOT Webinar: How to Compete for BUILD Transportation Grants – Rural/Tribal Applicants
- May 31, 2018: USDOT Webinar: Preparing a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) for a BUILD Application
- **July 19, 2018: Grant Application Due**

APPLICATION CONTENTS OUTLINE

1. Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
2. Standard Form 424C (Budget Information for Construction Programs)
3. Cover Page
4. Project Narrative (<30 pages)
 - a. Project Description
 - b. Project Location
 - c. Grant Fund, Sources, and Uses of all Project Funding
 - d. Merit Criteria
 - i. Safety
 - ii. State of Good Repair
 - iii. Economic Competitiveness
 - iv. Environmental Protection
 - v. Quality of Life
 - vi. Innovation
 1. Innovative Technologies
 2. Innovative Project Delivery
 3. Innovative Financing
 - vii. Partnership
 - viii. Non-Federal Revenue for Transportation Infrastructure Investment
 - e. Project Readiness
 - i. Technical Feasibility
 - ii. Project Schedule
 - iii. Required Approvals
 - iv. Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies
5. Appendix
 - a. Benefit Cost Analysis
 - b. Letters of Support
6. BUILD 2018 Project Information Form

HELPFUL LINKS

- Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.transportation.gov/buildgrants/build-nofo>
- Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/2018-build-application-faqs>
- BUILD v. TIGER Fact Sheet: <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/policy-initiatives/tiger/308656/build-vs-tiger-fact-sheet-042018-1049am.pdf>
- Additional Guidance, Including Benefit Cost Analysis: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/additional-guidance>
- USDOT Webinar Series: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/outreach>
- How to Apply: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/apply>



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<https://mailchi.mp/dot/usdot-awards-gdot-184-million-infra-grant-for-sr-400-express-lanes-project?e=d1f03708ed>