

Funding Opportunities (not an exhaustive list) as of March 2025

Mega Grants: National Infrastructure Project Assistance program	OST	60% of future eligible costs and no more than 80% total Federal funding	Min award small project- \$5 million. Min award large project - \$25 million.		5/6/2024	The Mega Grant Program US Department of Transportation	https://www.transportation.gov/grants/multimodal-project-discretionary-grant-notice-funding-opportunity	Available until expended	
Details		The Mega Program (known statutorily as the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program) will support large, complex projects that are difficult to fund by other means and likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits. Competitive Grant – part of the FY22 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG). Eligible: State, MPO, Local government, Special purpose district or public authority with transportation function, Tribal governments, Partnership between Amtrak and one or more other eligible entities.							
Rural Surface Transportation Grant	OST	Rural grants may be used for up to 80 percent of future eligible project costs,	Varies		5/6/2024	The Rural Surface Transportation Grant US Department of Transportation	https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2023-06/MPDG%20NOFO%202023-2024%20Final_O.pdf	Annually	

Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program (NSFLTP)	FHWA	Up to 100% (Tribes)	\$25M		8/6/2023	https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant		Annually
Details	Provides funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally-significant projects within, adjacent to, or accessing Federal and tribal lands. This Program provides an opportunity to address significant challenges across the nation for transportation facilities that serve Federal and tribal lands. Eligible: Any entity eligible to receive funding under the Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Lands Transportation Program, or Federal Lands Access Program. State, County, Local Gov.							
Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	FHWA	90%			11/1/2022	https://www.virginiadot.org/business/ted_app_pro.asp		Annually
Details	Program to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance. Eligible: Local Government.							
Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program	FHWA	80%	None	Max Award to single applicant \$12M	2/2/2024	https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/index.htm	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343624	Bi-Annually

Details	Provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. Eligible: State, MPO, Local government, Transit Agency, Political subdivision of a state or local government (such as publicly owned toll or port authorities Multijurisdictional group, Consortia of research institutions, Academic institutions.							
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants	OST	Not required for Stage 1 Planning & Prototyping	Min award \$250,000	\$2M	7/12/2024	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program US Department of Transportation	https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smarts/smarty24-stage-1-smart-grant-nofo	Annually
Details	Office of the Secretary's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant program provides supplemental funding grants to rural, midsized, and large communities to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Eligible: State, Political subdivision of a State, (local government) Tribal government, Public transit agency or authority, Public toll authority, MPO, Group of 2 or more eligible entities detailed above, applying through a single lead applicant.							

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI)	FRA	80%	None	None	5/28/2024	https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/competitive-discretionary-grant-programs/competitive-discretionary-grant-programs	https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/03/29/2024-06710/notice-of-funding-opportunity-for-the-fy-2023-fy-2024-consolidated-rail-infrastructure-and-safety-utm_campaign=subscription+mailinglist	Annually
Details		Purpose is to invest railroad safety, efficiency, and reliability; mitigate congestion at both intercity passenger and freight rail chokepoints to support more efficient travel and goods movement; enhance multi-modal connections; and lead to new or substantially improved Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation corridors. Eligible: State (including the DC), A group of States, An Interstate Compact, Public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States, Political subdivision of a State (local government) Amtrak or another rail carriers under certain conditions.						
State of Good Repair (SGR) Locality-Owned Bridge Program		CTB			12/2/2022	SGR Bridge Program - Projects Virginia Department of Transportation (virginiadot.org)	https://virginiadot.org/projects/state-of-good-repair/	

Smart Scale	FHWA	80% federal and 20% match			8/1/2022	SMART SCALE: Funding the Right Transportation Projects :: Apply		Applications accepted in even numbered years (2022,2024, etc)
Details	Funding for planned projects that meet one or more transportation needs identified in Virginia's Transportation Plan, VTrans. Eligible: Metropolitan Planning Commissions (MPO), Planning District Commissions (PDC) and public transit agencies, and by counties, cities and towns that maintain their own infrastructure and qualify to receive maintenance payments, pursuant to §33.2-319.							
Rail Vehicle Replacement Program (Rail Program)	FTA	80%		Cannot exceed 50% of net project cost	1/5/2023	https://www.transit.dot.gov/grant-programs/competitive-grants-rail-vehicle-replacement-program	https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-10-12/pdf/2022-22122.pdf	
Details	Funds for States and local governmental authorities to assist in the funding of capital projects to replace rail rolling stock. Eligible: Entities eligible for Section 5337 funds. This eligibility is composed of States and local governmental authorities located in Urbanized Areas (UZA) with fixed guideway or high intensity motorbus systems in revenue for at least seven (7) years.							
National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways Grants	NPS	100%		\$150K	1/6/2023	Chesapeake Gateways Network Grants - Chesapeake Bay (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)		

Ferry Boat Program	FHWA	80%. In the case of a project to replace or retrofit a diesel fuel ferry vessel that provides substantial emissions reductions, the Federal share may be up to 85 percent	None	None	Annual apportionment- FHWA does not release the funds and obligation limitation until projects are ready to be authorized to proceed to construction	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/fbp/	Ferry Boat Program (FBP) FY 2022 Full Year Distribution of Funds [CFDA No. 20.205]-FBP- Federal-aid Programs	Federal-aid Programs and Special Funding-Federal Highway	Annually	
Details		Authorizes funds for the formula based FBP program for the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities based on a formula contained in law. Eligible: Ferry service that is publicly owned or operated (VDOT and Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads are only eligible entities).								
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	DOE				Estimated application opening date, 4th quarter 2022.	https://www.energy.gov/eere/wipo/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-2021	NOFO for discretionary grant to be released later in 2023		Annually	

Details	To assist states, local governments, and Tribes to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. Eligible: Staes, Local Government, and Tribes.
Standard Economic Development Access (EDA) Program	<p>CTB</p> <p>None</p> <p>The maximum allocation for Standard EDA Projects is: \$700,000 State Funds (Unmatched), \$150,000 State Funds (Matched), \$150,000 Local Funds (Required Local Match)</p> <p>Localities can apply at any time throughout the year. The CTB will take action on requests as they come in. Requests should work through the localities and then to VDOT's Local District Office.</p> <p>https://www.virginiadot.org/local_association_directory-access_programs.aspx</p> <p>Annually</p>
Details	<p>The Economic Development Access Program is a state-funded program designed to assist Virginia localities in attracting sustainable businesses that create jobs and generate tax revenues within the locality. The program makes funds available to localities for road improvements needed to provide adequate access for new or substantially expanding qualifying establishments. Economic Development Access funds are allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in accordance with its Policy. Eligible: Local Government.</p>

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant	FHWA	100% Planning Grants 80% Resilience Improvements	Planning Grants- 100K Min Award Resilience Improvement, Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes, and At-Risk Coast Infrastructure 500K Min Award		8/18/2023	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program Fact Sheet Federal Highway Administration (dot.gov)	https://www.transportation.gov/programs/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-promoting-resilient-operations-transformative-efficient-and-cost-saving-transportation-protect-discretionary-grant-program-fact-sheet	Annually	
Details		Funds focused on improving resiliency of highway, transit and port infrastructure. Planning, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. Eligible: Local State (including, D.C. and Puerto Rico) or political subdivision of a State MPO Local government Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority Indian tribe (as defined in 23 U.S.C. 207(m)(1)) Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States Multi-State or multi-jurisdictional group of entities consisting of any eligible entities listed above [§ 11405; 23 U.S.C. 176(d)(2)] At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants: a State (including DC, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the North Mariana Islands) in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes a political subdivision of a State described above a MPO in a State described above a unit of local government in a State described above a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, in a State described above an Indian tribe in a State described above a Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States described above a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities listed above [§ 11405; 23 U.S.C. 176(d)(4)(C)(i)].							
Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant Program		FRA	80%	None	None	TBD-Fall	Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant Program FRA (dot.gov)		

TRIP Zero Fare and Low Income	DRPT	Varies -Multi Year Program			2/1/2023	DRPT (virginia.gov)	ctb-resolution-policy-for-the-implementation-of-the-transit-ridership-incentive-program.pdf (virginia.gov)	
Details	To reduce barriers to transit use in communities through the creation and implementation of zero or reduced fare pilot programs. Eligible: Existing provider public transportation services operated by Local Governments Transportation District Commissions Public Service Corporations Private Non-Profit Transit Provider.							
Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating Assistance	DRPT	80%			2/1/2023	DRPT (virginia.gov)	ctb-resolution-policy-for-the-implementation-of-the-transit-ridership-incentive-program.pdf (virginia.gov)	

FY2023 Transit Security Grant Program	DHS (FEMA)	100%			5/18/2023	Transit Security Grant Program FEMA.gov	https://www.fema.gov/grants/prepare/dness/transport-security/fy-23-nofo	
Details	Grant provides funding to eligible public transportation systems (which include intra-city bus, ferries and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from terrorism, and to increase transportation infrastructure resilience. Eligible: HRT.							
2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)	DHS (FEMA)	Cost share is based on and calculated against the total of all PSGP funds awarded to an eligible entity. SEE NOFO			5/18/2023	https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fiscal Year 2023 Port Security Grant Program FEMA.gov	

