

**Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration
2023 Discretionary Grant**

This is only a summary; applicants should not rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.

Program Description – The AID Demonstration, established under 23 U.S.C. 503(c), is one aspect of FHWA’s multifaceted TIDP and provides funding as an incentive for State departments of transportation (State DOT), Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA), and Tribal governments to accelerate the implementation and adoption of proven innovations in highway transportation. AID offers assistance in any phase of a highway transportation project between project planning and project delivery including planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment, and construction that address the TIDP goals.

Opportunity Numbers – 693JJ324NF-AIDDP		Agency – USDOT			
Available Funding: Multiyear offering FY23 - up to \$10 Million FY24 - FY26 up to \$12.5 Million each year, subject to the availability of funds.		NOFO – https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=350699			
		BCA Required? No			
Notice of Intent Deadline – 12/12/2023 11:59 PM EST			Closing – 01/23/2024 11:59 PM EST		
Award Announcement by: 04/30/2024		Obligation Deadline: within 6 months of award			
Required Cost Share: (pg 10) 80/20 non-Federal			Period of Performance: 1-3 years		
Eligible Applicants: (pg 10) State DOTs, FLMAs, and Tribal governments. Although LPAs are not eligible applicants, State DOTs may apply for AID Demonstration grants in partnership with LPAs, and the State DOT will be responsible for administering the AID Demonstration grant work by the LPA. Any federally recognized Tribe identified on the list of “Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs” (87 FR 4636) is eligible to apply for AID grants.					
Eligible Projects (pg 11): 1) Any 23 U.S.C. eligible project cost (may include planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment, and construction) that; 2) meets 1 or more of the TIDP Goals (NOFO pg 2) is, 3)a proven innovation applied to an actual highway transportation project with benefits documented in a form that is publicly available or verifiable; 4) at an Innovative Technology with a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 7 or greater; 5) The applicant has never deployed the innovation proposed in the application, and 6) The applicant intends to implement and adopt the innovation as a significant improvement from the applicant’s conventional practice.					
Primary Merit Criteria for Selection (NOFO Pages 28 - 30): The DOT will consider whether the benefits are clear, direct, data-driven, and significant, which will result in a rating of “highly qualified,” “qualified,” or “not qualified”. Failure to address will result in an incomplete submission.					
Project Impact, Monitoring & Innovation Effectiveness	Project Description & Pilot Deployment	Project Readiness	Administration Goal – Safety	Complete Budget Information	Past Performance on AID awards, or New Awardee
Additional Selection Considerations (NOFO Pages 30 - 32)					
Climate Change & Sustainability		Equity		Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation	

Application & Narrative Requirements

Volume 1 - Technical Application and Volume 2 - Budget Narrative shall be prepared with standard formatting (i.e., single-spaced document, using a standard 12-point font, such as Times New Roman, with 1-inch margins). The Technical Application must adhere to the outline found in Table 4 on NOFO pg 17. The SF-424 and SF-424A/C do not count towards page limits. Technical Application must not exceed 15 pages, excluding the cover page and table of contents. Budget Narrative must not exceed 2 pages. Additional Supporting Documentation (e.g., project location maps, technical information, letters of endorsement) may be submitted as needed and must not exceed 10 pages.