

# 2023-26 Large Bridge Investment Program Grants (BIP)

**Program Description** – Large Bridge Project funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects with total eligible costs greater than \$100 million that: (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of bridges in the U.S. by reducing (a) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that are in poor condition or that are in fair condition and at risk of falling into poor condition within the next 3 years, or (b) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that do not meet current geometric design standards or cannot meet the load and traffic requirements typical of the regional transportation network.

<b>Opportunity Numbers</b> – <a href="#">693JJ323NF00019</a>	<b>Agency</b> – USDOT
<b>Available Funding:</b> \$9.62 billion in FYs 2023 through 2026. Funds are available through the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP), out of the General Funds (GF) of the U.S. Treasury, as well as through the Federal-aid highway program, out of the Highway Trust Funds (HTF).	<b>Closing</b> – FY23 and FY24 funds by 11:59 p.m. EST 11/27/23. FY25 funds by 11:59 p.m. EST 08/01/24. FY26 funds by 11:59 p.m. EST on 08/01/25.
<b>Obligation Deadline:</b> Funds cannot be obligated before the fiscal year in which they are made available. (See below table)	<b>BCA Required?</b> Yes – The DOT will assign an Economic (benefit-cost) Analysis Rating of high, medium-high, medium, medium-low, or low (NOFO Pages 35/36 & 65). Use the <a href="#">Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Tool</a> (NOFO Page 30).
<b>Minimum Award</b> (NOFO page 20): Large Bridge Projects- 100M Min, max no more than 50% total costs. A BIP grant shall fully fund the project and not less than \$50 million, with a maximum award amount of not more than 50% of costs.	<b>Funding Restrictions</b> (NOFO Page 45): Any costs incurred prior to FHWA’s obligation of funds for a project (“pre-award costs”) are ineligible for reimbursement except as provided under a Letter of No Prejudice.
<p><b>Eligible Projects:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project to replace, rehab, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on National Bridge Inventory (NBI).</li> <li>2. A project under the BIP program that includes bridge bundling and culverts.</li> </ol> <p>Eligible Project Requirements: (1) the project is reasonably expected to begin construction not later than 18 months after the date on which funds are obligated; and (2) preliminary engineering is complete for the project. DOT may award no more than 5% of funds for each fiscal year for eligible projects solely consisting of culvert replacement or rehabilitation.</p>	<p><b>Required Cost Share:</b> DOT shall use at least 50% of funds made available out of the HTF to carry out this program for Large Bridge Project grants. Total Federal assistance cannot exceed 90% of the total eligible project costs.</p> <p><b>Additional Eligibility Requirements:</b> Large Bridge Project grants must specifically address: (1) how the bridge will be maintained, (2) accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, and (3) project consistency with an asset management plan.</p>

**Project Outcome Criteria:** DOT will award BIP grants based on an evaluation of the Merit Criteria, the Economic Analysis Rating, and the Project Readiness Rating including an evaluation of the Statutory Evaluation Requirements, Statutory Secretarial Considerations, and Statutorily Required Project Selection Priorities

State of Good Repair	Safety and Mobility	Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity	Climate Change, Sustainability, Resiliency, & the Environment	Equity and Quality of Life	Innovation
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Priority will be given to applications from States that have not yet received awards for one Large Bridge Project or two Bridge Project applications, until every State has received one Large Bridge Project or two Bridge Project awards.

DOT seeks to fund projects under this NOFO that, in combination with the merit criteria, advance the following: Safety, Climate Change and Sustainability, Equity, Workforce Development, Job Quality, and Wealth Creation.

**Eligible Applicants** – 1. A State or a group of States; 2. A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the Bureau of the Census) with a population over 200,000; 3. A unit of local government or a group of local governments; 4. A political subdivision of a State or local government; 5. A special purpose district or a public authority with a transportation function; 6. A Federal land management agency; 7. A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; and 8. A multistate or multijurisdictional group.

BIP Fiscal Year / Funding Amount	HIP GF Period of Availability for		HTF Period of Availability for	
	Obligation Deadline (Lapse)	Expenditure Deadline (Cancellation)	Obligation Deadline (Lapse)	Expenditure Deadline
FY23 \$2.323B	Sep. 30, 2026	Sep. 30, 2031	Sep. 30, 2026	Available until expended
FY24 \$2.409B	Sep. 30, 2027	Sep. 30, 2032	Sep. 30, 2027	Available until expended
FY25 \$2.432B	Sep. 30, 2028	Sep. 30, 2033	Sep. 30, 2028	Available until expended
FY26 2.455B	Sep. 30, 2029	Sep. 30, 2034	Sep. 30, 2029	Available until expended

A Large Bridge Project that receives a grant under this program of at least \$100 million may be carried out through a multi-year grant agreement.

**Eligible Project Costs (NOFO Page 24-26)**

1. Development phase activities, including planning, feasibility analyses, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, and other preconstruction activities,
2. Construction, which includes replacement and preservation, reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of real property (including land related to the project and improvements to the land), environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, acquisition of equipment, and operational improvements directly related to improving system performance,
3. Expenses related to the protection as described in 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(10) of a bridge, including seismic or scour protection, and
4. On the request of an eligible entity carrying out an eligible project, amounts awarded to the entity to pay subsidy and administrative costs necessary to provide to the entity Federal credit assistance under 23 U.S.C. chapter 6 (TIFIA Program).

**Application & Narrative Requirements (NOFO Pages 30 – 42)**

Required components include: **SF-424, SF-424C, SF-424D, SF-LLL. Application Template with project details, and Project Narrative.** Narrative should be no longer than **25 pages**, excluding cover pages, TOC and appendices (preference toward website links rather than copies). Clearly identify within narrative the relevant portion the supporting document supports. Standard formatting: i.e. single-spaced, standard 12-point such as Times New Roman, 1-inch margins.