

## Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (FY24 to FY26)

*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.*

<b>Submission Deadline</b> FY24-25: 02/24/2025 FY26: 02/24/2026	<b>Period of Performance</b> State DOT: FMIS-based start & end Non-State DOT: TBD in grant agreement	<b>Start Deadline</b> To be determined by FHWA	<b>Funding Deadline</b> FY24: 09/30/2027 FY25: 09/30/2028 FY26: 09/30/2029
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States, Territories, MPOs, local governments, Indian Tribes, public transportation agencies, and port authorities, Federal land mgmt. agency jointly with a State or group of States		
<b>Eligible Project Phases</b>	The program includes four grant types: Planning, Resilience Improvement, Community Resilience and Evacuation Route, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants		
<b>Program Description</b>	Provide competitive grants for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.		
<b>Eligible Facilities</b>	Program-eligible highway projects, public transportation facilities or services, facilities or services for intercity rail passenger transportation, or a port facility that connects a port to other modes of transportation, improves the efficiency of evacuations and disaster relief, or aids transportation.		
<b>Cost Sharing/ Matching</b>	Funds can only be used for activities that are primarily for the purpose of resilience or inherently resilience related. Planning grants 100% federal cost sharing; resilience grants federal cost sharing not to exceed 80% but may go up to 100% for Indian Tribe grants.		
<b>Unique Program Items</b>	An eligible entity may use Federal funds other than a grant under the program to meet the non-Federal cost share requirement. The program's non-federal share requirement can be reduced by up to 10% if the State or MPO has developed an eligible Resilience Improvement Plan for the project.		