

## Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Program – FY 2024 Tier 2

*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>Submittal Deadline</b> 01/09/2025	<b>Period of Performance</b> Base period of 2 years with an optional 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	<b>Start Deadline</b> To be determined in the cooperative agreement	<b>Expenditure Deadline</b> N/A
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	A U.S. public entity, including a state, multi-state or multi-jurisdictional group, municipality, county, a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function including a port authority or public transportation agency, a Tribal government or consortium of Tribal governments, MPO, regional transportation planning organization (RTPO), Regional Transportation Commission, or a political subdivision of a State or local government, or combination of two or more of the foregoing.		
<b>Program Description</b>	RIA grants assist entities in developing improved infrastructure priorities and financing strategies for the accelerated development of a project that is eligible for funding under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Credit Program. These grants are intended to support RIAs that: 1) serve a defined geographic area; 2) act as a resource to qualified entities in the geographic area; and 3) demonstrate the effectiveness of the RIA to expedite the delivery of projects eligible for the TIFIA credit program.		
<b>Unique Program Items</b>	Projects are not required to apply for or receive TIFIA credit assistance to be eligible; however, applicants who are considering the appropriateness of innovative financing methods to accelerate the delivery of eligible projects are strongly encouraged to apply.		
<b>Eligible Activities</b>	Project planning, studies and analysis (including feasibility, market analysis, project costs, value for money, public benefit, environmental reviews, etc.), revenue forecasting, preliminary engineering and design work, and statutory and regulatory compliance analyses		
<b>Eligible Costs</b>	Evaluation costs are allowable (either as direct or indirect), unless prohibited by statute or regulation, and such costs may include the personnel and equipment needed for data infrastructure and expertise in data analysis, performance, and evaluation.		