

FY 2024 Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

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.

Submittal Deadline 04/03/2025	Period of Performance Up to 36 months	Start Deadline N/A	Expenditure Deadline N/A
Program Description	The RTA Program provides funding for planning and design phase activities for rural and tribal infrastructure projects. This program will award grants for either the hiring of staff or the procurement of expert firms to provide financial, technical, and legal assistance with project-related planning and design phase activities.		
Eligible Applicants	State governments; City or township governments; Special district governments; County governments; Native American tribal governments. See NOF for additional details.		
Eligible Projects	Projects must be reasonably expected to be eligible for any one or more of the DOT's lending or grant programs (see NOFO for program list). This requirement is used to define the eligible project types for RTA Program funding.		
Eligible Costs	Grants will support hiring staff or expert firms to provide technical, legal, or financial assistance to advance transportation projects that would be reasonably expected to be eligible for select Department of Transportation discretionary grant or credit programs discussed above. There is no local match requirement to participate in this program.		
Unique Program Items	There is a \$10M set aside for tribal governments. The Program funds grants for single- and multi-community projects. Awards for each project type will be on a first-come, first serve basis.		
Additional Information	RTA grant recipients awarded funding from the previous FY 2022/2023 NOFO may not apply for funding for the same project under this FY 2024 NOFO. For this Program, "rural" is defined as the following: a project is determined to be rural if it is located outside an urbanized area that has a population of more than 150,000 residents as determined by the Bureau of the Census.		