

External Transportation Related Grant Opportunities

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Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) Grants

State Governments

Applications Due: November 1, 2021

Awarding Agency: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Project Eligibility: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-94, § 6020, authorized the Secretary of Transportation to establish the Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) Program. The purpose of the STSFA Program is to provide grants to States to demonstrate user-based alternative revenue mechanisms that utilize a user-fee structure to maintain the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

Eligible Applicants: State governments

Funding Limitations: \$4,500,000 award ceiling (\$18M available)

Application Materials: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=SURFACE%20TRANSPORTATION%20SYSTEM%20FUNDING%20ALTERNATIVES>

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Additional Information: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/surftransfundaltfs.cfm>

Route Planning Restoration Program

Open to Sponsors that receive FTA Section 5307 Funds

Applications Due: November 14, 2021

Awarding Agency: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Project Eligibility: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$25,000,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 funding under the Route Planning Restoration Program (Federal Assistance Listing: 20.505). As required by Federal public transportation law and subject to funding availability, funds will be awarded competitively to support planning designed to (i) increase ridership and reduce travel times, while maintaining or expanding the total level of vehicle revenue miles of service provided in the planning period; or (ii) make service adjustments to increase the quality or frequency of service provided to low-income riders and disadvantaged neighborhoods or communities.

Eligible Applicants: Sponsors that receive FTA Section 5307 Funds (i.e. TARC)

Funding Limitations: \$1,000,000 award ceiling

Application Materials: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=route%20planning>

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Additional Information: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/fiscal-year-2021-notice-funding-opportunity-route-planning-restoration-program>

Next Level Trails

Open to Indiana Sponsors

Applications Due: December 1, 2021

Awarding Agency: Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Project Eligibility: Next Level Trails will invest \$150 million – the largest infusion of State trail funding in Indiana history – toward the development of regionally and locally significant trails throughout Indiana. As part of Governor Holcomb’s broader **Next Level Connections** infrastructure program, Next Level Trails (NLT) is designed to incentivize collaborative efforts to accelerate trail connections. The Department of Natural Resources will administer the program. All non-motorized trail types are eligible, but consideration will be given to multi-use trail types. All surface types are eligible and should meet contextual needs. All trails must be open to the public.

Eligible Applicants: Local units of government or 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. One application per applicant per round. If awarded, the applicant will enter into a State Grant Agreement and must take responsibility for all aspects of the project through completion. Applicants acting in a fiscal pass-through capacity only are not eligible. Additionally, the applicant must fulfill at least one of the following roles:

- Own (or acquire) the trail corridor
- Manage and maintain the trail once developed
- Oversee and manage trail construction through completion

Funding Limitations: \$25,000,000 available for regionally significant projects (\$5M max per application) and \$10,000,000 available for locally significant projects (\$2M max per application)

Application Materials: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor-recreation/grants/next-level-trails/>

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Additional Information: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor-recreation/grants/next-level-trails/faqs/>

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