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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program  
Webinar II  
July 20, 2023**

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## Agenda

- Welcome
- Greeting from Milo Booth, Director of the Office of Tribal Government Affairs
- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program intro
- Clarification on and tools to check eligibility
- Highlight of application criteria questions
- Question and Answers
- Closing/Wrap up\*

\*A link to the recorded meeting will be posted on the website



# Reminders

Application Portal opens at 2pm ET  
August 14th

Must apply through the Program's  
webpage

Awards are first-come, first served  
to eligible applicants- **DON'T WAIT**  
to **APPLY**

Application questions available on  
Program's webpage now



[Transportation.gov/BuildAmerica/RuralandTribalGrants](https://Transportation.gov/BuildAmerica/RuralandTribalGrants)



# Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program





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**\$10 million over 5 years**

**\$3.4 million available first  
two fiscal years – one application**

**Maximum award is \$320,000 from  
FY 2022 funds and \$360,000 from  
FY 2023 funds**

**\$800,000 of each year funding  
specifically for tribal governments**

**No local match!**



# Grants for technical, financial or legal support

## Technical

- Feasibility studies
- Project planning
- Preliminary engineering/design
- Environmental review
- Property development and land use feasibility analysis
- Public outreach
- Cost estimation
- Public benefit studies

## Financial

- Revenue forecasting
- Economic assessments and cost-benefit analyses
- Value for money analysis and procurement options
- Evaluating opportunities for private financing and project bundling
- Financial feasibility analysis; funding/financing options analysis
- Evaluation of costs to sustain project (such as operations and maintenance costs)

## Legal

- Statutory and regulatory analysis
- Drafting and negotiation of concession agreements
- Drafting and negotiation of interagency agreements
- Procurement support





# Eligibility

- Local governments or political subdivisions located outside of an urbanized area with a population less than 150,000 residents
- State governments applying on behalf of a project in an area outside an urbanized area less than 150,000 residents
- [Federally recognized Indian Tribes](#)
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands



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- Town/ Township/ Parish/ City/ Borough/ County
- Local public authority (including public housing agency)
- Special district
- School district
- Council of governments/ Planning district commission/ Metropolitan planning organization/ Rural planning organization



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In addition to the 50 states, also includes:

- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- Guam
- American Samoa
- Northern Mariana Islands



# Sample Categories of Projects

- Highway projects, bridges and tunnels
- Public transportation projects
- Freight rail projects
- Airport projects
- Wildlife crossing projects
- Highway-railway grade crossing or grade separation
- Surface transportation project functionally-connected to an international border crossing



# Check Rural Eligibility

Your project is eligible if:

- The project is **not** in a Census Bureau 2020 designated urban area.
- OR - The project is in a Census Bureau 2020 designated urban area with a population of 150,000 or less.

Your project is **not** eligible if it is in a Census Bureau 2020 designated urban area that has a population of more than 150,000 people.

[Tigerweb](#) -- follow these [instructions](#).

[Rural Eligibility | US Department of Transportation Tutorial](#) on how to use.





Select Vintage:  
Census 2020

- ☒ Labels
- ☐ Transportation (Roads and Railroads)
- ☐ PUMAs, UGAs, and ZCTAs
- ☐ Tribal Census Tracts and Block Groups
- ☐ Census Tracts and Blocks
- ☐ Military and Other Special Land Use Areas
- ☐ School Districts
- ☐ Places and County Subdivisions
- ☐ American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Areas
- ☐ Legislative Areas
- ☐ Census Regions and Divisions
- ☐ Urban Areas
- ☐ Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Related Statistical Areas
- ☒ Hydrography
- ☒ States and Counties

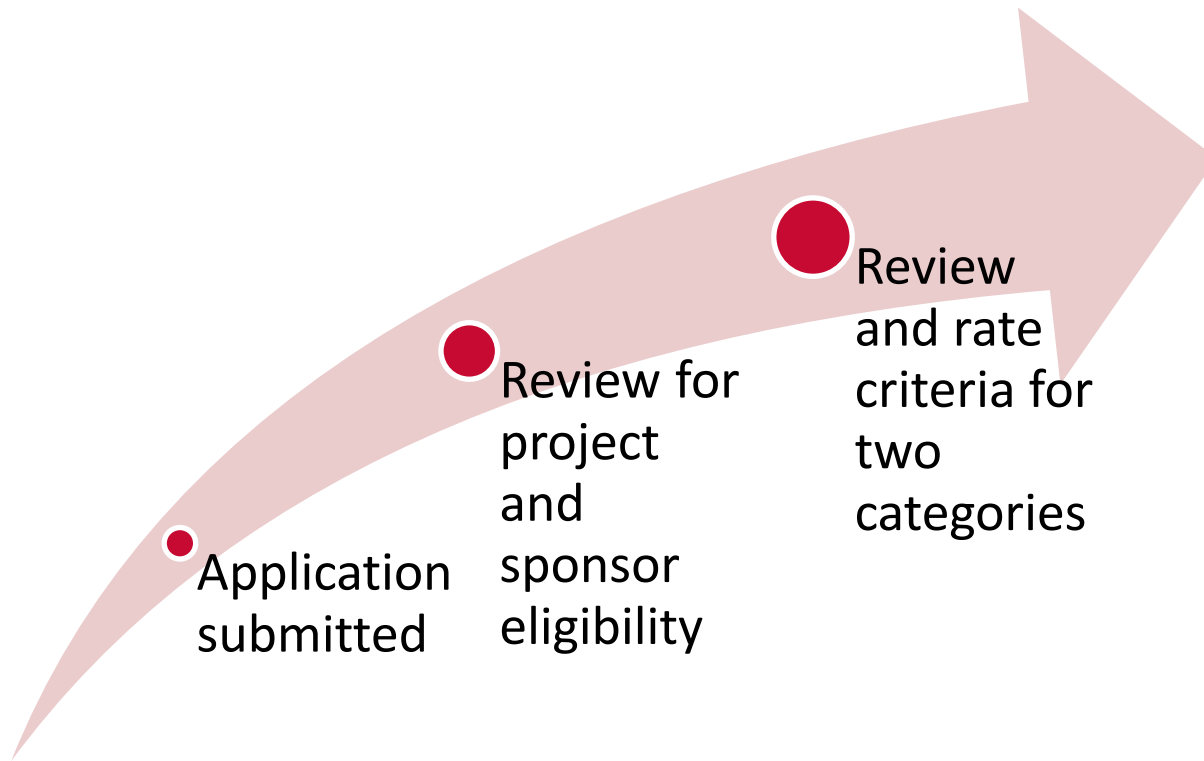
# TIGERweb mapping tool walkthrough

Zoom: 4  
1:36,978,595 1000km  
600mi

Current Extent (degs):  
[-140.5615, 19.2896] [-52.6709, 56.4984]

Map Loaded.

# Selection Process and Criteria



- Appropriateness of services requested
- Viability of grant funds requested



**10. Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt\*?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, explain:

**11. Appropriateness of services requested\*:** (See the table in Section A of the Notice for examples of advisory services anticipated, and Section E.2.a: Criterion(1) of the Notice)

- a. Please describe the task(s)/advisory services for which you are seeking program funds and how these services will materially advance your overall project. (no more than 400 words)\*

b. Requested funds from this program\*:

c. Estimated cost of task proposed\*:

- d. Describe what project-related development activities are completed - if any. List N/A if none. Also, list any data or information that has been collected or activities conducted that are necessary to complete the task(s)/advisory services. (no more than 250 words) \*

## Application highlights

- Criteria #1:
  - Describe the task
  - Funding requested
  - Estimated cost of task
  - What has already been done?

**12. Viability of grant services requested** (See Section E.2.b: Criterion (2) of the Notice)

- a. Please describe the following: Either 1) your organization's experience procuring advisory services or 2) your organization's process for timely hiring of staff (i.e. defined job description, recruitment process). State if you have additional funds available to commit to this effort should grant funding provided prove insufficient to complete the proposed task(s). If additional funds will be provided, include the amount and source of the local funding commitment. (no more than 400 words)\*

- b. Applicants are encouraged to seek bids or quotes, or estimate the amount of dedicated staff time for the services being requested to demonstrate the reasonableness of the requested funding in this application. **Have you obtained a bid, quote, or estimate for the services requested in this application?\***

☐ Yes (to be submitted later if awarded grant)

☐ No (provide statement of how you determined estimated cost of proposed task)

13. ☐ By checking this box and submitting this application, I certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (e-signature is sufficient)\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\*

## Application highlights

- Criteria #2:
  - Describe your experience procuring consultants or process for hiring staff
  - Do you have a bid, quote, or estimate?





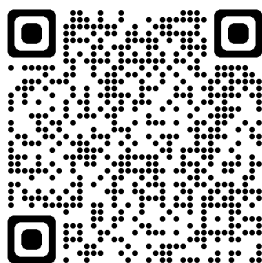
# DOT Navigator



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Coordinating and Improving Access to the range of DOT  
Technical Assistance Resources

<https://transportation.gov/dot-navigator>



## Sample Grant Application Resources

- Overview of DOT Funding and Financing
- USDOT Discretionary Grant Process
- Maximizing Award Success
- Is Federal Funding the Right Fit for My Organization?

The screenshot shows the DOT Navigator website homepage. At the top is a dark blue header with the U.S. Department of Transportation logo and navigation links: ABOUT DOT, PRIORITIES, and CONNECT. Below the header is a large hero image of people walking and a person on a bicycle. Overlaid on the hero image is the text "DOT Navigator" and a description: "The DOT Navigator is a new resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services." A red button labeled "LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DOT NAVIGATOR" is positioned below the description. Below the hero image is a search bar with a dropdown menu showing "View", "Edit", "Delete", "Revisions", and "Entityqueue". Below the search bar is a section titled "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?" with three cards: "Apply for DOT Grants", "Find Technical Assistance Resources", and "Learn About the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law". At the bottom is a dark blue footer with the text "Stay Connected" and a red button labeled "SUBSCRIBE FOR UPDATES".



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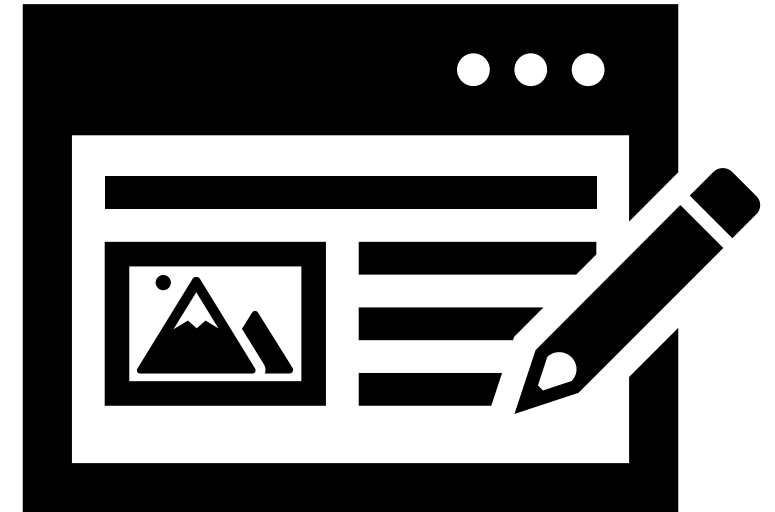
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# Reminder!

- **First come, first served**
- Application submission will begin at 2 p.m. ET on **August 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Application will remain open for a period of 45 days- until **September 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Must have Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to apply
- Copy of application is viewable – suggest drafting answers in Word for insertion
- Funding may be fully committed before the open period concludes



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# Questions and Answers



- Please submit through the Q&A tab
- Recording of this webinar will be included on the website
- Answers to frequently asked questions are posted on [www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalgrants](http://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalgrants)



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