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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
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

AVAILABLE:

Grant Funding from FY 2022 & FY 2023
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

$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.
TIGERweb mapping tool walkthrough
Selection Process and Criteria

- Appropriateness of services requested
- Viability of grant funds requested
Application highlights

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

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

• First come, first served
• Application submission will begin at 2 p.m. ET on **August 14**th
• Application will remain open for a period of 45 days- until **September 28**th
• 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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