

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant

Administered by the US Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration, the **PROTECT Discretionary Grant** is designed to fund projects that improve the resilience of surface transportation systems, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. Resources for more information can be found below.

All applications must be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) no later than **11:59 p.m. EST on August 18, 2023**.

Eligibility

States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, local and tribal governments, special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function including a port authority, a federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states, and multi-states or a multijurisdictional group of entities.

Funding Allocations

Funds available for Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 and 2023 for the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program will be awarded on a competitive basis, with a minimum of \$100,000 and no maximum award size.

Up to \$848 million will be available through PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program awards.

Up to \$45 million is available for Planning Grants; up to \$638 million is available for Resilience Improvement Grants; up to \$45 million is available for Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants; and up to \$120 million is available for At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants.

Twenty-five percent of available funding has been allocated to serving rural communities that are outside an urban area with a population over 200,000.

Eligible Grant Activities

Local governments or tribes can use funds to develop a resilience improvement plan, to improve the resilience of an existing surface transportation asset, and to strengthen and protect evacuation routes.

- Resilience planning, predesign, design, and development
- Data tool development (ex: for vulnerability assessments)
- Resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement, improvement, or realignment of an existing surface transportation facility
- Transportation facility upgrades
- Installation of or upgrades to protective natural infrastructure
- Restoration or replacement of existing evacuation routes
- Installation of communications and intelligent transportation system equipment and infrastructure, counterflow measures, or shoulders
- Construction of new or additional evacuation routes

We're Here to Help!

The Environmental Resilience Institute closely follows funding opportunities for Indiana communities. Local governments and their partners can contact us with questions about grant funding or for information about creating a climate action plan.

Indiana Resilience Funding Hub

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