



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL/IIJA) Helpful Resource Links

The T2 Center team is providing this comprehensive set of resources to assist you as you explore the many funding opportunities coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Soon, this information will be a part of a web-based repository on the UCONN T2 Center website at: www.t2center.uconn.edu

Information Exchanges:

BIL Coffee and Conversation

On September 29, 2022, the T2 Center at UCONN, in partnership with CRCOG and WTS, hosted a *Coffee & Conversation* webinar to discuss the funding opportunities for local municipal agencies that are available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Bil/IIJA) and support for our cities and towns who will be interested in pursuing funding for their planning or implementation projects.

The link to the recording of the webinar is provided below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waUj1IQtLYg>

WTS Transportation Mini-Series

On October 6, 2022, a panel was held at the WTS TMS to discuss BIL funding opportunities for municipal agencies. Representatives from CTBILT, CT Division of FHWA, CTDOT, WESTCOG, SCRCOG and CRCOG provided very useful information. A pdf copy of the presentation is attached.

Quick References:

Be involved and Be in the Know: [BIL - Be involved and in the know \(dot.gov\)](http://BIL-BeInvolvedandIntheKnow.dot.gov)

Connecticut BIL Fact Sheet:

[Connecticut-BIL-Fact-Sheet-.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](http://Connecticut-BIL-Fact-Sheet-.pdf.whitehouse.gov)

Searchable Excel spreadsheet of funding opportunities:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/20220914-build-gov.csv>

25 Funding Opportunities for Local Government Agencies: [BIL-Factsheet-Local-Competitive-Funding.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](http://BIL-Factsheet-Local-Competitive-Funding.pdf.whitehouse.gov)

CRCOG website page with listing and description of various funding opportunities for local agencies: [BIL/IJJA Funding Opportunities | CRCOG](#)

CT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Team: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ctbilt>

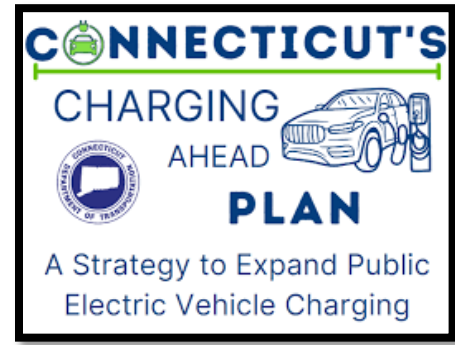
CT Regional Planning Organizations: [Regional Planning Organizations RPO \(ct.gov\)](#)

Connecticut's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program –

[CT National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program \(NEVI\)](#)

Connecticut's Charging Ahead Plan – A Strategy to Expand Public Electric Vehicle Charging

[CTDOT-Approved-NEVI-Plan-2022-2023.pdf](#)



Federal Aid Essentials for Local Agencies: [Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies \(dot.gov\)](#)

Implementation Guidebook: [BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](#)

Interactive map of the country identifying BIL funding progress: [Maps of Progress - The White House](#)

Library of Recorded BIL webinars: [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Webinars | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

To Apply for Discretionary Grants: www.grants.gov

White House information on currently available funding opportunities: [Open Funding Opportunities - The White House](#)

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Comprehensive Program References:

The approved law: [The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)

USDOT BIL site: <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law>

USDOT – All modes – Notices of Funding Opportunities

<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>

FHWA BIL site: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>

FHWA opportunities:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant_programs.cfm

If you would like to receive updates directly from FHWA on the BIL programs, visit the following link to subscribe: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide : [Infrastructure-Technical-Assistance-Guide_FINAL2.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](#)

Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

[FAQ for BIP](#) on the FHWA website

Q1) What is the Bridge Investment Program (BIP)?

A1) The BIP is a competitive discretionary grant program to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight by replacing, rehabilitating, preserving, and protecting bridges in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). It has a focus on improving the condition of bridges in poor condition and supporting activities to prevent bridges in fair condition from dropping to poor condition.

Q23) Where can I check to see if my bridge is in the National Bridge Inventory?

A23) Data from the NBI can be accessed at the following link: [National Bridge Inventory - Management and Preservation - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#).

Q10) Are there any restrictions on funding?

A10) Yes. A minimum of 50 percent of funds made available for this program from the Highway Trust Fund must be spent on Large Bridge Projects (*see* 23 U.S.C. 124(p)(1)). For FY22, this equates to approximately \$903 million. Additionally, a maximum of 5 percent of funding may be awarded solely to projects that replace or rehabilitate culverts (*see* 23 U.S.C. 124(c)(6)).

Q20) Can a group of bridges be packaged into a single project to meet the minimum threshold for a grant?

A20) Yes, bridge bundling is specifically identified in 23 U.S.C. 124(a)(1)(B)(i) as an eligible project, and such projects are encouraged under the BIP. Bundling of multiple bridges into a single project is a method to meet the project threshold requirements for a BIP grant and often results in total project cost savings.

National Culvert Removal, Replacement & Restoration Program - Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) currently available. Program description:

[Aquatic Organism Passage - Culvert Hydraulics - Hydraulics - Bridges & Structures - Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (both Planning and Capital Construction Grants) –
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)
[Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\) Grants Program | US Department of Transportation](#)



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A):



Grant Program Overview: [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

Fact Sheet: [Safe-Streets-and-Roads-for-All-Fact-Sheet_March-2022.pdf \(transportation.gov\)](#)

SS4A – Frequently Asked Questions: [SS4A Frequently Asked Questions | US Department of Transportation](#)

National Governor’s Association website with implementation resources and information:

[IIJA Implementation Resources - National Governors Association \(nga.org\)](#)

Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

| Program Examples | State | PR* | MPO | Local | Tribe | PA** | Territory | FLMA** |
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| Apportioned programs (formula) | ✓ | * | | | | | | |
| Bridge Program (formula) | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| National Electric Vehicle Formula Program | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| Safe Streets and Roads for All program | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| PROTECT Grants (discretionary) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓*** | ✓*** |
| Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Congestion Relief Program | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Bridge Investment Program (discretionary) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓*** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Rural Surface Transportation Grants | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| INFRA | ✓ | ✓ | ✓*** | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| National Infrastructure Project Assistance | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Local and Regional Project Assistance | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Natl. Significant Fed. Lands & Tribal Projects | ✓*** | ✓*** | ✓*** | ✓*** | ✓ | ✓*** | | ✓ |
| Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund | | | | | ✓ | | | |

Note: This table does not include all BIL programs or eligible entities, and there are additional nuances not represented in this table. Additional programmatic information is provided in later slides. FHWA will administer most, but not all, programs listed.

* PR = Puerto Rico, has funding allocated from 23 USC 165(b)(2)(C). Of that funding, least 50% is for purposes eligible under NHPP and 25% under HSIP, and the remainder is for other activities eligible under chapter 1 of title 23.

** PA = a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function; FLMA = Federal Land Management Agency

*** May be eligible if partnered with an eligible entity, or under other specific conditions. For example, territories can apply for PROTECT at-risk coastal infrastructure grants [23 USC 176(d)(4)(C)]. See program information sources for more details.

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