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Local Funding Opportunities Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Who in CT Can Help & How



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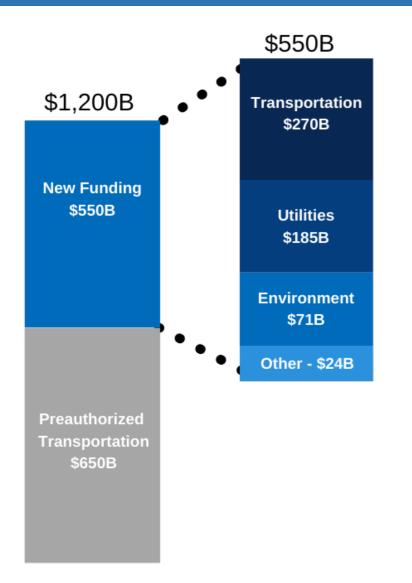






The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)





- Signed into law November 2021
 - 19 federal agencies
 - 380 unique programs
- Historic investments in the nation's core infrastructure needs
- Combines incremental funding for existing programs, plus many net-new opportunities
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization
 - Next 5 years of funding
 - New programs and objectives

Source: <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/08/fact-sheet-the-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal-boosts-clean-energy-jobs-strengthens-resilience-and-advances-environmental-justice/</u>

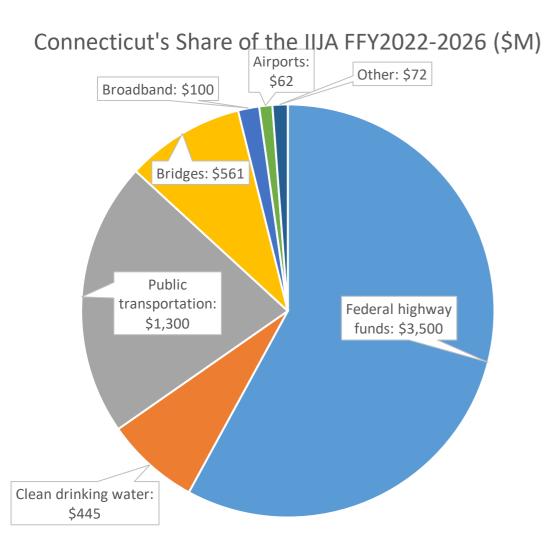
Objectives of IIJA implementation in Connecticut

- Drive **long-term gains** for CT with IIJA investments through focus on climate mitigation & resilience, workforce & economic development, and smart growth
- Rapidly apply for and deploy funds
- Maximize **funding impact** through matching and partnerships
- Empower agencies to recommend, design, and implement projects
- Coordinate across agencies on shared opportunities and challenges
- Ensure **equitable** benefit from infrastructure investments
- Facilitate **innovation** through robust stakeholder engagement



IIJA & Connecticut





- Connecticut's Portion
 - \$6.04 Billion over 5 years (FY 22-26)
- Mix of formula funding and competitive grants
 - Implementation timelines will vary by program

Overview of IIJA



Reauthorizes federal surface transportation programs for FY 2022 - FY 2026



Unlike the 2008 Recovery Act, IIJA is long-term, continuous investment in transportation infrastructure, **not a "Shovel Ready" Stimulus program**



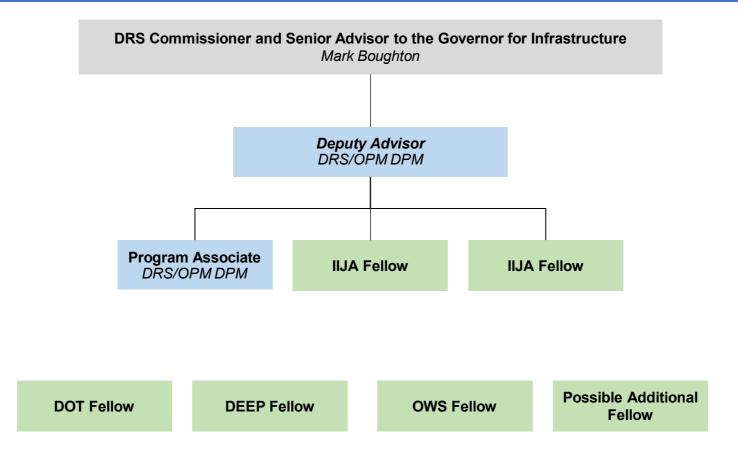
What it means for Connecticut: **\$5.38 billion** in **formula-based funding** over **five years** - a \$1.62 billion increase over FAST Act (last reauthorization)



Provides for over **\$100 billion in competitive grant opportunities** between FY 2022 and FY 2026



DRS IIJA Coordination Support





Competitive Grant Philosophy





Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



Justice 40 Initiative

What is the Justice40 Initiative?

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- For the first time in our nation's history, the Federal Government has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.
- The BIL is part of Justice40
- Each program has specific guidance

Thoughts and Reminders



- Guidance not yet issued on many new programs. Check out build.gov and the NGA
- Local economic development teams need to start identifying projects and ensure that design has begun and there is a clear timeline for permits, approvals, etc.
- Applying for projects without any skin in the game will lower the competitiveness of the application.
- Be patient, it may take a few years for the project to be successful.
- Talk to your towns and other COGS Coordinate your strategy
- Be Regional

Resources



Resource	Organization
The Guidebook to the BIL	The White House
CT IIJA Factsheet	The White House
NGA IIJA Implementation Resources	National Governors Association
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program	USDOT
Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcements in 2022	USDOT
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Programs at Department of Energy	DOE
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide	The White House
<u>Build.gov</u>	The White House

QUESTIONS?



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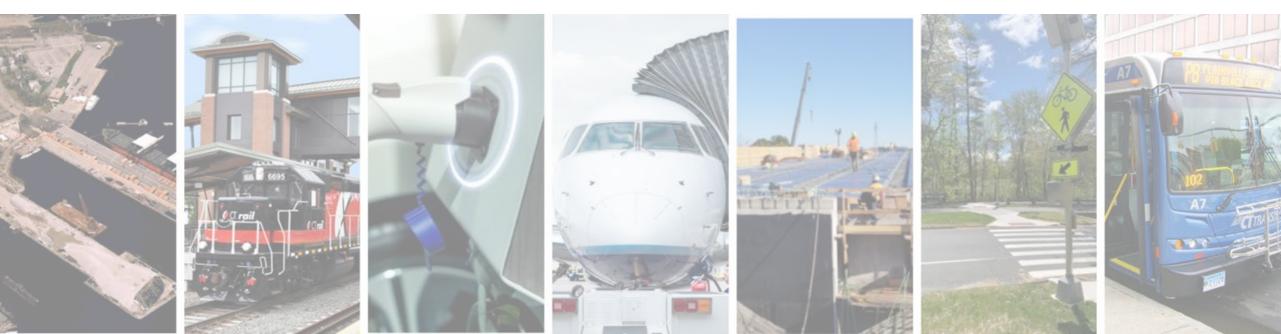
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BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)* What's New and FHWA's Role

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

*Also known as the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act"

High Points of BIL Highway Provisions

• Funds highway programs for five years (FY 22-26)

• \$350.8 B (FY 22-26) for highway programs

- \$303.5 B in Contract Authority (CA) from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF)
- +\$47.3 B in advance appropriations from the General Fund (GF)

More than a dozen new highway programs, including—

- Formula: resilience, carbon reduction, bridges and electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure
- Discretionary: bridges, EV charging infrastructure, rural projects, resilience, wildlife crossings, and reconnecting communities
- Focus on safety, bridges, climate change, resilience, and project delivery, mirrored in additional project eligibilities in existing programs.
- More opportunities for local governments and other non-traditional entities to access new funding
- \$90 B transfer (GF->HTF) to <u>keep the HTF Highway Account solvent for</u> years

NEW Programs in BIL (Examples)

Program	Description
Safe Streets and Roads for All (discretionary)	Support local initiatives to prevent transportation-related death and serious injury on roads and streets ("Vision Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" initiatives).
Bridge Formula Program	Replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and construct bridges on public roads.
Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)	Improve bridge (and culvert) condition, safety, efficiency, and reliability.
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (discretionary)	Restore community connectivity by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program (formula and discretionary)	Strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability.
PROTECT program (formula and discretionary)	Planning, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.
Carbon Reduction Program (formula)	Provide funding for projects to reduce transportation emissions or the development of carbon reduction strategies.

Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

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

<u>Note</u>: 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.

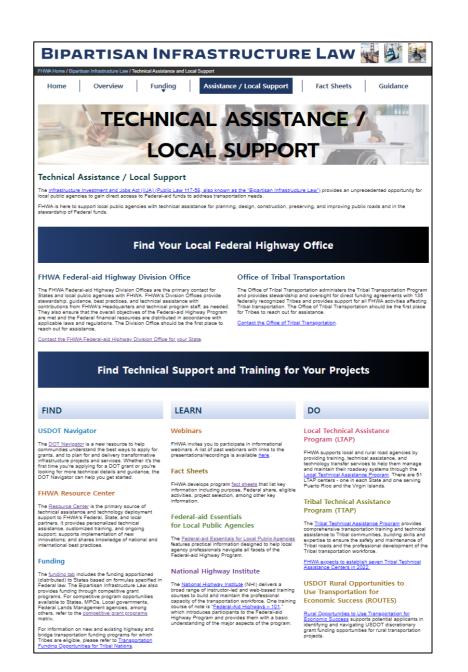
* PR = Puerto Rico, has funding allocated from 23 USC 165(b)(2)(C). Of that funding, least 50% is for purposes eligible under NHPP and 25% under HSIP, and the remainder is for other activities eligible under chapter 1 of title 23.

** 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.

FHWA's Role

- WHAT: Provide financial resources, stewardship, guidance, best practices, and technical assistance.
- WHO: Federal agencies, Tribal governments, State DOTs, MPOs, local governments and public agencies, and nontraditional entities.
- HOW:
 - Federal-aid Division Offices
 - Federal Lands Highway Division Offices
 - Technical Assistance Program Centers (Local and Tribal – LTAP/TTAP)



BIL implementation websites

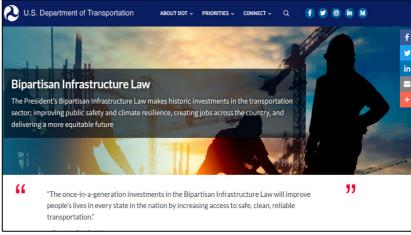
 "One-stop shop" implementation websites can be found at:

• USDOT:

https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisaninfrastructure-law

- FHWA: <u>https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-</u> <u>infrastructure-law/</u>
- Customer-oriented and publicfacing
- Updated over time with additional material

USDOT

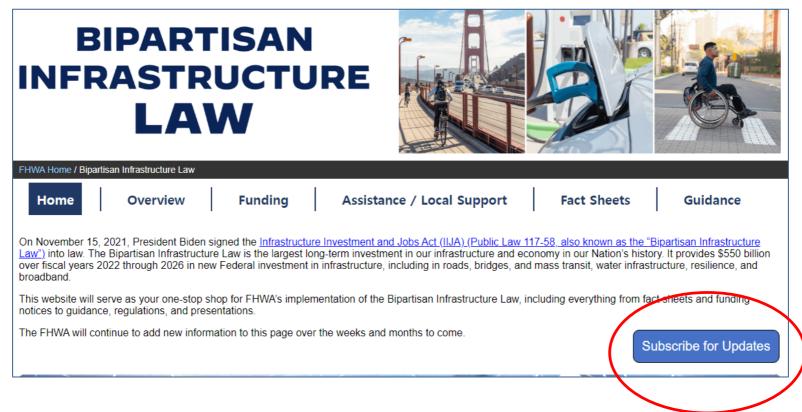






Staying engaged

For the latest BIL information, subscribe for updates at FHWA's main BIL website:



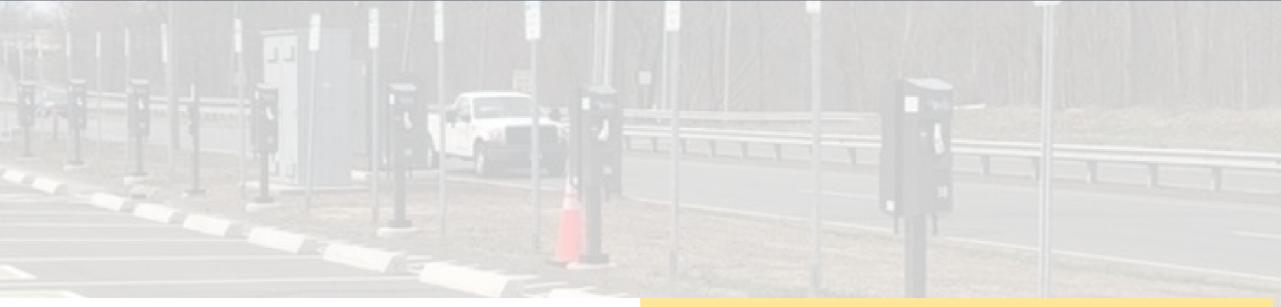
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CT Department of Transportation Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update





Kimberly Lesay Bureau Chief Policy and Planning WTS Transportation Mini Series October 6, 2022

- New Formula Programs
- Resources
- Competitive Grant Opportunities
- Highway Safety Office Programs

New Formula Funding **Programs**

Bridge Formula Program

- To replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect and construct highway bridges
- 15% set aside for "off system" bridges



EV Charging Infrastructure

Formula funding from FHWA to build reliable network of fast chargers

\$52 million in formula funding for Connecticut over 5 years

- EV infrastructure installation, operation, maintenance & data sharing
- Establish an interconnected network for data collection, access & reliability
- Increased Research & Development



Funding Climate Mitigation with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program



A Strategy to Expand Public Electric Vehicle Charging

> September 14, 2022 FHWA Approved

NEVI Plan approved by FHWA September 14, 2022

1st Round of State of CT Competitive Grants

- \$7.7 million available for first fiscal year
- Fast chargers on Alternative Fuel Corridors
 - 1-mile drivable distance from exit ramp
 - Publicly accessible
 - 50-mile maximum gap between chargers

Additional funds will be available for nationally competitive grants



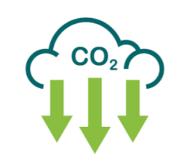
New Formula Funding **Programs**

Formula Carbon Reduction Program

Development of Carbon Reduction Strategy

\$79 million in formula funding for Connecticut over 5 years (Largely Allocated to TMAs)

- Establish or Operate traffic monitoring, management & control facilities or programs
- Truck Stop electrification
- On & off-road facilities for bike/ped
- Congestion management technology
- Energy efficient lights & signals



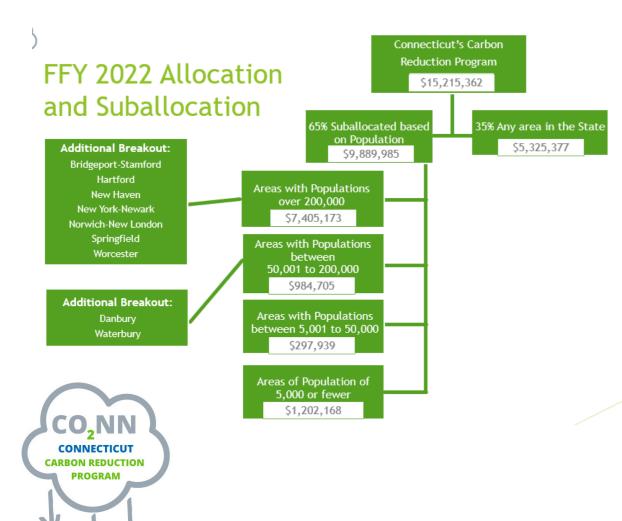
PROTECT (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient & Cost Saving Transportation)

Development of a Resilience Improvement Plan and Vulnerability Assessment (= increased federal share)

\$90 million in formula funding for Connecticut over 5 years

- Projects that increase the resilience of state highway assets
- Culvert improvements
- Pump stations to prevent flooding
- Scour protection

Funding Climate Mitigation with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



Carbon Reduction Program

Development of a Carbon Reduction Strategy

- In consultation with MPOs
- Update every 4 years

Disbursement of Allocated Funds

- DOT will be conducting Outreach / Training
- Will be asking MPO's & COGs to aid in prioritization



PROTECT Discretionary Grants

Provides grants for activities that enable communities to address vulnerabilities to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions, including sea level rise, and plan transportation improvements and emergency response strategies to address those vulnerabilities



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

Federal Agency: Department of Transportation Bureau or Account: Federal Highway Administration

Funding amount: \$1,400,000,000

Period of Availability: 4 year

Funding Mechanism: Competitive Grant

New Program: Yes

Recipients: State (or political subdivision of a State), MPO, local government, special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, Tribe, Federal land management agency (applying jointly with State(s)); Different eligibilities apply for atrisk coastal infrastructre grants.

Description: PROTECT Grants will support planning, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.

Eligible Uses: Recipients may use PROTECT Formula Program funds to conduct resilience planning, strengthen and protect evacuation routes, and increase the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. Highway, transit, and certain port projects are eligible.

Next Milestone: Pending under Continuing Resolution.

Resources



- Funding, Guidance, Fact Sheets
- Webinars
- Grants
- NoFos
- Technical Support

BIL - Be involved and in the know (dot.gov)

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW



Be Involved – and In the Know

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, otherwise known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), represents a once-in-a-generation investment in our Nation's infrastructure, competitiveness, and communities and provides approximately \$550 billion in new Federal infrastructure investment.

Stay up to date with FHWA rollout of BIL programs

Information and Programs	Where to Find It
FHWA's BIL website: information on funding, program guidance, and fact sheets	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/
Overview of BIL highway provisions	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ summary.cfm
Library of recorded BIL program webinars	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ webinars.cfm
Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations brochure	https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/ funding-opportunities
Listing of competitive grant programs and eligible entities	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ grant_programs.cfm
USDOT Information of Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO's)	https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure- law/upcoming-notice-funding-opportunity- announcements-2022
To apply for discretionary grants	https://www.grants.gov/

New To Transportation Federal-Aid?

USDOT Technical Assistance Resource DOT Navigator

USDOT Resources to help understand the grantmaking process, key requirements, and transportation processes

https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator

FHWA Technical Assistance & Local Support

Find your local Federal Highway Administration office, technical assistance programs, training opportunities, and program information

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructurelaw/technical_support.cfm

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is diligently working to release BIL funding opportunities as well as informational materials for our many exciting programs.



U.S. Department of Transportation

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Federal Highway Administration

Resources

- BIL Website
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law FHWA
 | Federal Highway Administration
 (dot.gov)
- Competitive Grant Programs
 - <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Competitive</u> <u>Grant Programs | Federal Highway</u> <u>Administration (dot.gov)</u>
- Fact Sheets available
 - <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Fact</u>
 <u>Sheets | Federal Highway</u>
 <u>Administration (dot.gov)</u>
- 25 Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

BIL-Factsheet-Local-Competitive-Funding.pdf (whitehouse.gov)

• Technical Support and Training

Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies U.S. Department of Transportation



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BIPARTISAN FRASTRUCTURE LAW



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Overview	Funding	Assistance / Local Support	Fact Sheets	Guidance

2021, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure e Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is the largest long-term investment in our infrastructure and economy in our Nation's history. It provides \$550 bi 022 through 2026 in new Federal investment in infrastructure, including in roads, bridges, and mass transit, water infrastructure, resilience, and



FACT SHEET: Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

Overview of Discretionary Federal Grant Opportunities

NEC COMPETITIVE GRANTS



- Northeast Corridor grants to procure & address deferred maintenance backlog on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor (\$6 B)
 - Intercity Passenger Rail Fed-State Partnership grants to repair/replace/ rehabilitate qualified railroad assets to improve state of good & performance (\$24 B)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS					
Highways Roads	\$9 B	 *NEW* Safe Streets & Roads for All grants for local governments to improve safety and reduce crashes in local communities (\$6 B) *NEW* Reconnecting Communities grants for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids/parks divided by transportation infrastructure (\$1 B) *NEW* Rural Surface Transportation Grants for state and local governments to improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure and mobility service in rural areas (\$2 B) 			
Bridge	\$15.8 B	 <u>*NEW* Bridge grants</u> to repair, replace and rehab bridges (grants to supplement CT's \$561 M in formula funding) 			
Major Projects	\$38 B	 RAISE Grants for projects of local or regional significance, formerly TIGER/BUILD (\$15 B) *NEW* Megaproject grants for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance (\$15 B) INFRA grants for highway/rail projects of regional & national economic significance (\$8 B) 			



NATIONAL	NATIONAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS					
Rail Bus	\$23 B	• Capital Investment Grants for new or expanded commuter rail and bus rapid transit service				
Rail	\$17.25 B	 CRISI Grants to improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger rail (\$10 B) Railroad Crossing Elimination grants to eliminate railway-highway crossing hazards (\$5.5 B) *NEW* ADA Upgrades to Rail Transit grants to eliminate access barriers (\$1.75 B) 				
Bus	\$5.6 B	 Low-No Emissions Bus grants for low and no emissions buses and the facilities that support them (grants to supplement formula funding for the conversion of CT bus transit fleet) 				
Culverts	\$5 B	 *NEW* Culvert grants to remove/replace/restore culverts & address the flow of water through roads, bridges, railroads, tracks and trails (related to flooding, many of CT's culverts are +50 years old & at the end of their service life) 				
₩ ₹	\$2.5 B	 *NEW* EV Charging grant funding to supplement the formula funding provided to CT, allowing the build out of CT's publicly accessible charging stations. 				
Over \$100 B		Competitive transportation grants over the next 5 years for Connecticut to pursue (above outlines a targeted list of competitive grants not all grant programs in bill)				



Overview of Discretionary Federal Grant Opportunities

		Provided for			
		FY 2022	Date of	Application	Awards
		(Million \$\$)	NOFO	Deadline	Announced
FHWA	Accelerated Implementation Deployment	32			
FHWA	Advanced Transportation Technology & Innovative Mobility Deployment	53	Sept. 19	Nov. 18	
FAA	Airport Terminal Program	1,000	Feb. 25	Mar. 28	July 7
FTA	All Stations Accessibility Program	343	July 27	Sept. 30	
MARAD	America's Marine Highway Program	40	April 26	June 25	
OST	Asset Concessions	20			
FHWA	Bridge Investment Program	2,360	June 10	Sept. 8	
FTA	Bus and Bus Facility Competitive Grants	546	March 4	May 31	Aug. 16
FTA	Capital Investment Grants	3,810	ongoing	g, year-round	process*
FHWA	Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (Competitive)	274			
FTA	Competitive Grants to Assist Areas of Persistent Poverty	20			
FHWA	Congestion Relief Program (Competitive Portion)	46			
FRA	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants	1,427	Sept. 2	Dec. 1	
FTA	Electric or Low-Emission Ferry Program	49	July 8	Sept. 6	
FRA	Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail	7,300			
FTA	Ferry Service for Rural Communities	209	July 8	Sept. 6	
FTA	Low-No Emission Bus Grant Program	1,175	March 4	May 31	Aug. 16
OST	National Culvert Removal/Replacement Grants	200			
FHWA	National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Discretionary Set-Aside	70			
FHWA	National Infrastructure Investments ("Megaprojects") Grants	1,000	March 22	May 23	
OST	National Infrastructure Investments ("RAISE") Grants	2,275	Jan. 27	April 14	Aug. 11
FHWA	Nationally Significant Federal Lands/Tribal Projects	125	Aug. 17	Oct. 24	
FHWA	Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway ("INFRA") Projects	1,553	March 22	May 23	Sept. 15
PHMSA	Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure and Modernization Grants	200	May 24	Aug. 8	
MARAD	Port Infrastructure Grants	684	Feb. 23	May 16	
FHWA	Prioritization Process Pilot Program	9			
FHWA	PROTECT Competitive Grants	478			
FRA	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program	573	July 12	Oct. 4	
FHWA	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	187	June 30	Oct. 13	
FHWA	Reduction of Truck Emissions in Port Facilities Program	76			
FHWA	Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program	274	March 22	May 23	
OST	Safe Streets and Roads for All	1,000	May 16	Sept. 15	
FTA	State of Good Repair Rail Replacement Competitive Grants	300	-	-	
OST	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)	100	Sept. 19	Nov. 18	
FHWA	University Transportation Centers Program	92	May 25	Aug. 25	
FHWA	Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program	55	-		(end
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Status of FY 2022 USDOT Competitive Grant Programs Funded Fully or Partially by the IUA



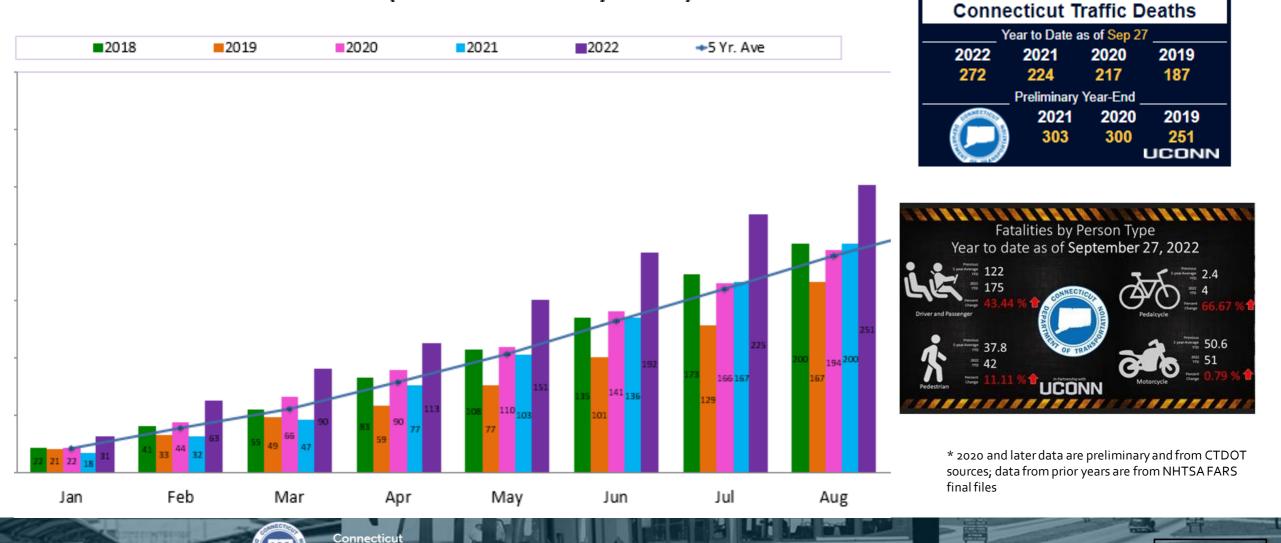
Currently Open Grant Opportunities

- Advanced Transportation Technology & Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTAIN Program previously ATCMTD)
 - <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Key Programs under the Federal Highway Administration Office of</u> <u>Operations - FHWA Operations (dot.gov)</u>
 - NOFO Sept 19 Application deadline November 18
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvement (CRISI)
 - <u>Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program | FRA (dot.gov)</u>
 - NOFO September 2 Application Deadline December 1
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (both Planning and Capital Construction Grants)
 - <u>Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants | US</u> <u>Department of Transportation</u>
 - NOFO June 30 Application Deadline October 13
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)
 - <u>Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program | US</u>
 <u>Department of Transportation</u>
 - NOFO September 19 Application Deadline November 18



Connecticut Crash Trends

Number of Fatalities (Cumulative Totals By Month)





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HSO Examples of grants funded

- Comprehensive DUI Enforcement
- Drug Recognition Program (DRE)
- Underage Drinking Program
- High School Outreach Programs
- Cannabis Education
- Occupant Protection Enforcement
- Child Passenger Safety Training and Education

Connecticut

Distracted Driving Enforcement

- High School Outreach Programs
- Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement
- Watch for Me CT (Pedestrian Awareness Program)
- Multiple additional media campaigns aimed at new law education and older road user safety

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- Bike and Pedestrian Education and Training
- Motorcycle Rider Training and Education
- Traffic Records System

Implementation and Action



CTDOT will take a phased approach to implementation



- Continue to deliver existing formula funds programs
- Develop strategies, and identify projects, for new formula funds programs
- Identify projects in FY 23 and beyond for competitive grant programs

Key Actions of CTDOT



Started **recruitment** for <u>206 additional positions</u> and is <u>back-filling</u> pending retirements



Establishing a **new Grants and Socio-Economic Unit,** dedicated to preparing grant applications and conducting <u>cost-benefit analyses</u>



Launched a **new Sustainability and Resilience Unit,** aligning with USDOT and CTDOT's goals for <u>sustainability, equity, and accessibility</u>



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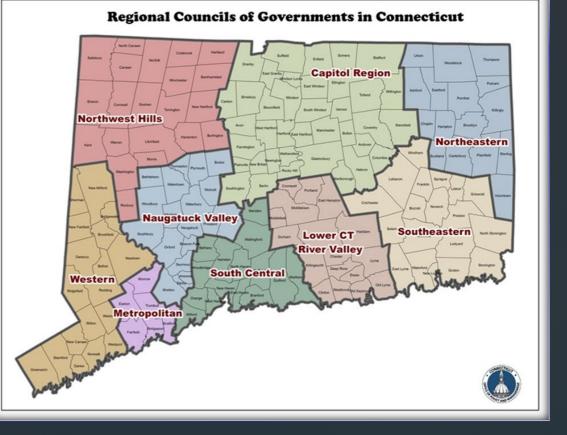


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Councils of Governments

Regional Resource for IIJA/BIL



Federal County Equivalency

- U.S. Census Bureau has recognized the 9 planning regions as county equivalents for federal purposes
- COG geographies will start being used for Census data products in the next couple years
- COGs are the government agencies responsible for the planning region
- It is expected that member municipalities will be able to use their COGs for more federal programs, including federal discretionary grants

Our Competition is County Based

- Counties are the local governments for much of the country
 - Many applications will be multi-county
- Individual municipalities may struggle to find a project that meets the minimum size
- COGs can help bundle projects to make them competitive and more interesting on a national level

Important COG Resources

- Regional Transportation Planning (MPO)
- Economic Development Districts (CEDS)
- Regional Planning (Regional PoCD)
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Emergency and Homeland Security Planning (DEMHS Regions)
- Regional Housing Planning
- Equity and Environmental Justice Planning
- Other planning documents

How can your COG help?

- Project Bundling and Coordination
 - regional application approaches
- Data and Mapping

- Regional Endorsement
- Grant Writing (maybe)
- Innovative Approaches to Match

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- Accounting of unmatched state dollars?
- State Match Fund?

Additional Thoughts

- Keep in mind that the IIJA is a five-year law
 - We have time to create good applications for future years
- Some programs also allow for planning grants (SS4A)
 - Use a planning project to create a prioritized program of investments
- Keep an eye out for match and bundle able projects
- Talk to your COGs early and regularly about your ideas!



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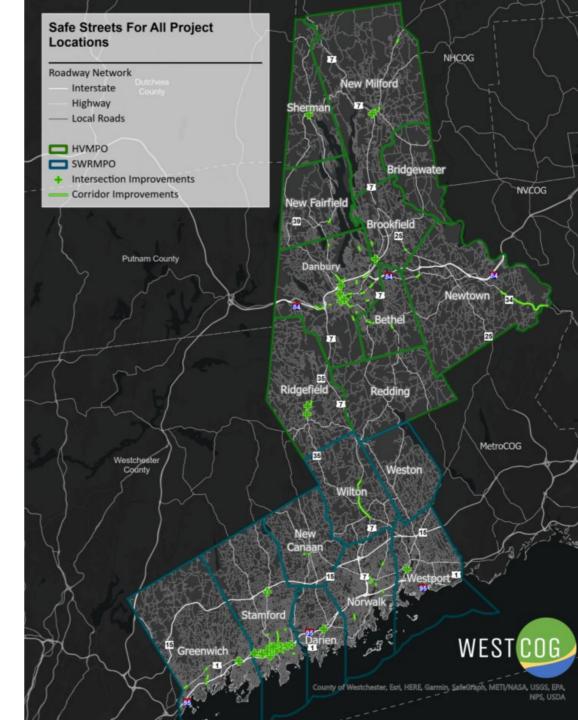
IIJA and WestCOG's Support:

- New discretionary grant programs:
 - Review Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and share information with municipalities
 - Review existing plans and studies for competitive projects
 - Coordinate meetings with municipalities to provide technical assistance
 - Develop regional grant applications
- Staff engineer
- Task Based Transportation Engineering Services
- Continue coordination for future funding years



Safe Streets and Roads for All – WestCOG's Regional Application

- Regional Transportation Safety Plan/Safety Action Plan
 - Data-driven plan
 - Developed countermeasures to improve safety at high-risk locations
- Developed a regional SS4A application:
 - Safety projects proposed for 98 locations across the region
 - Larger corridor safety projects in Stamford and Norwalk





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BIL/IIJA

Current Opportunities





BIL/IIJA - the same bill

- BIL = "Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill"
- IIJA = "Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act"
- NOFO = "Notice of Funding Opportunity"
- \$1.2 trillion allocated
- CT share: ~ \$6.04 billion through FY 2022-'26



Support for Member Towns

- Dedicated staff
- Dedicated web presence: <u>https://crcog.org/2022/09/iija-bil/</u>
- Committee updates
- Applicant workshops
- Email blasts
- Social media



Funding Opportunities to Track

- Safe Streets for All
- Reconnecting Communities
- Thriving Communities
- Bridge Investment Program
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
- And More!
- Visit our website: https://crcog.org/2022/09/iija-bil/



Safe Streets for All

- Funding to prevent roadway deaths & serious accidents
- Five towns submitted a consolidated application for \$22.5 million (inc. local match) to implement 7 projects in the region:
 - Farmington (lead applicant)
 - Bloomfield
 - Canton
 - Hartford
 - Suffield
- CRCOG applied for \$608,000 in funding to supplement the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the region



Examples SS4A



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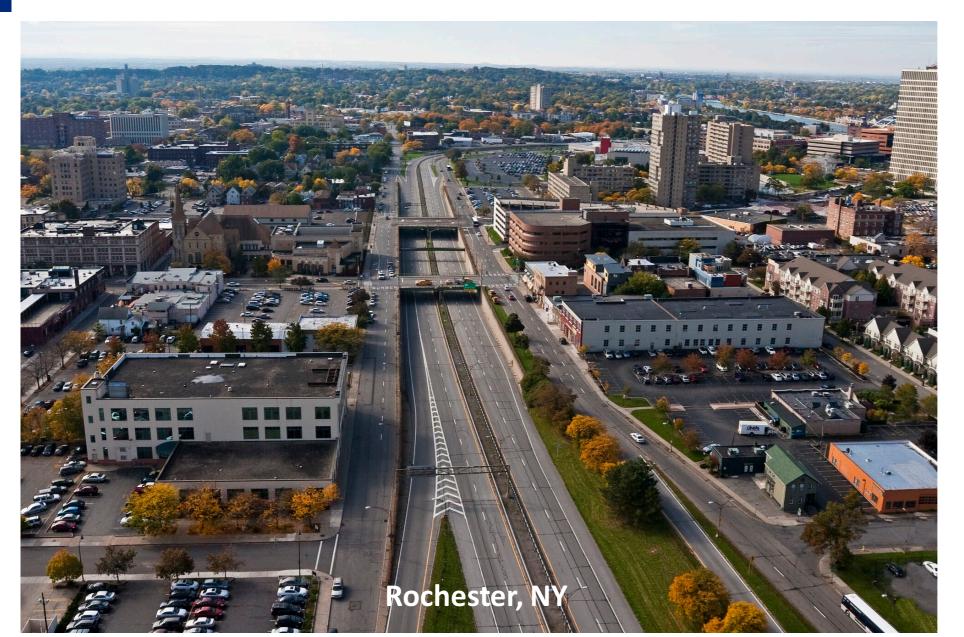
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

• Dedicated to reconnecting communities previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure

- Restore community connectivity through removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities
- Planning & Capital grants available
 - Capital grant applicants must be owner of eligible facility



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Thriving Communities Program

- Funds capacity building & technical assistance
- Support communities advancing transformative, equitable, and climatefriendly infrastructure projects
- Targeted towards disadvantaged communities.
 - Definitions of "disadvantaged" will vary by funding opportunity
 - Preliminary list: East Hartford, Enfield, Hartford, Manchester, New Britain, Vernon, West Hartford, Windsor, and Windsor Locks



Important Issues to Address

- Local match requirement a challenge
- NOFO's can be challenging to interpret
- COG's may need to serve as lead applicant for implementation grants (atypical, at least for CRCOG)

