

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (ATIIP)

Webinar for Potential Applicants

We will begin at 9am ET

Welcome to Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP): Webinar for Potential Applicants

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Active Transportation Overview

ATIIP takes a holistic, network-level approach to walking, biking, and rolling. The program addresses gaps in active transportation routes that push people to other modes of travel.

## **RELEVANT DOT AND FHWA STRATEGIC GOALS:**

#### **MODE SHIFT:**

Increase the percentage of person trips by transit and active transportation modes from roughly 4% in 2020 to 6% in 2026

#### SAFETY:

Deliver the safe expansion of active transportation networks. Work towards the goal of **zero** roadway fatalities and serious injuries

#### CLIMATE:

Eliminate 50-52% of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030 and 100% by 2050

#### **EQUITY:**

Increase social and economic opportunity for disadvantaged and underserved communities from the provision of affordable multimodal transportation options

#### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

Increase independent travel for people with disabilities by enabling multimodal accessibility of public transportation facilities, roadways, sidewalks, and street crossings





- Established by Section 11529 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Pub. L. 117-58)
- Appropriated \$45M in FY23

**Overview** 



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- Providing safe and connected active transportation spines and networks
  - Active Transportation: mobility options powered primarily by human energy, including bicycling, walking, and certain forms of micromobility (BIL § 11529(I)(1)).
  - Active Transportation Spine: facilities built for active transportation connecting between communities, metropolitan regions, or States (BIL § 11529(I)(3)).
  - Active Transportation Network: facilities built for active transportation connecting between destinations within a community or metropolitan region (BIL § 11529(I)(2)).
- Funding planning/design and construction projects
  - Planning / Design: active transportation plans and project design
  - Construction: project development including land acquisition, permits, site work, and all eligible project costs



# Eligible Organizations (BIL § 11529(I)(5))



- Local or regional government organizations
- MPOs and regional planning councils
- A multicounty special district
- A State
- Tribes
- A multistate group of governments

## **PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND**

For eligible projects located in part on Federal land, an eligible organization shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the appropriate Federal agency prior to submitting an application (BIL § 11529(b)(2)).

## Statutory Funding Requirements

## **Use of Funds**

- Not less than 30% to construct active transportation networks (BIL § 11529(d)(1)(A))
- Not less than 30% to construct active transportation spines (BIL § 11529(d)(1)(B))
- No less than \$3 million to fund planning and design projects (BIL § 11529(d)(2))

#### Minimum Total Project Costs

- Planning / Design: \$100,000 (BIL § 11529(I)(6)(B)(ii))
- Construction: \$15 million (BIL § 11529(I)(6)(B)(i))



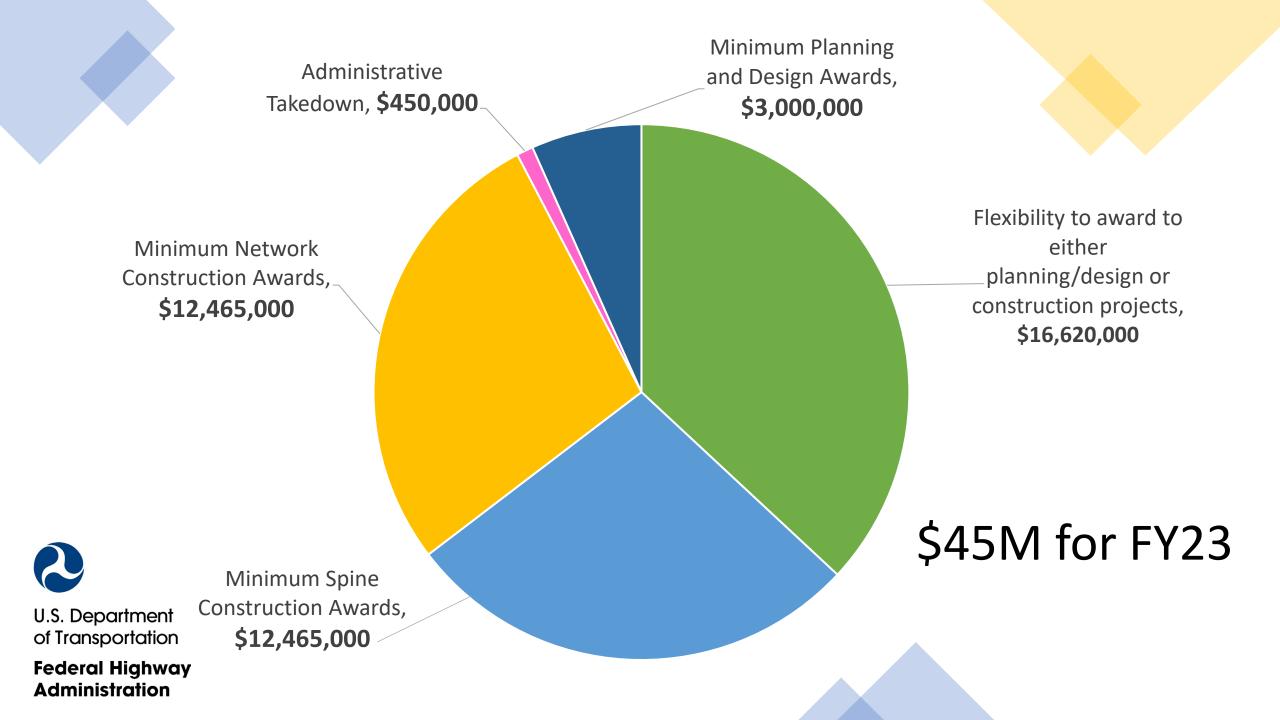


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#### MATCHING FUNDS Federal share of cost matching should not exceed 80% (BIL § 11529(f)(1))

#### **EXCEPTION FOR DISADVANTAGED**

**COMMUNITIES**. Eligible projects serving communities with **a poverty rate of over 40%** based on the majority of census tracts served by the eligible project **have an increased Federal share of 100%** (BIL § 11529(f)(2))



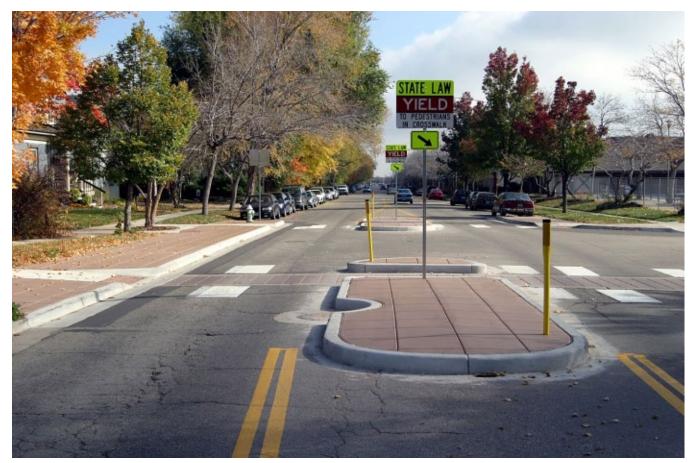
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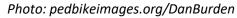
## **Construction Grants**

- *Recommended* minimum: **\$7.5 million**
- *Recommended* maximum:
  - **\$12 million** for general applicants
  - **\$15 million** for qualified disadvantaged communities

### **Planning & Design Grants**

- *Recommended* minimum: **\$100,000**
- *Recommended* maximum: **\$2 million**







## Grant Size and Total Project Cost Examples



Example Scenario	ATIIP Award	Match + Additional non-ATIIP Federal funds that are not eligible for match	Total Project Cost
Example A: Construction grant with minimum recommended ATIIP award amount	\$7.5M	\$7.5M	\$15M
Example B: Construction grant with maximum recommended ATIIP award amount	\$12M	\$3M	\$15M
Example C: Construction grant with maximum recommended ATIIP award amount (qualified disadvantaged community)	\$15M	\$0	\$15M
Example D: Planning/Design grant with minimum recommended ATIIP award amount	\$100k	\$20k	\$120k
Example E: Planning/Design grant with maximum recommended ATIIP award amount	\$2M	\$400k	\$2.4M



## **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

## Application Review Process Overview (NOFO Section E.2)

#### Application Intake and Eligibility Review

- Eligible Organization
- Eligible Project
- Cost-Sharing/Match Requirement
- Eligible Projects Partially on Federal Land

#### **Technical Review**

- Evaluation of merit criteria
- Evaluation of project readiness
- Assignment of overall project rating
- Evaluation of priority considerations

Senior Review Team Review

#### FHWA Administrator Final Project Selection





- Eligible Organization
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## Technical Review (NOFO Section E.1.i)



The evaluation of eligible applications will be conducted by a Technical Review Team who may consist of FHWA staff with broad expertise in the subject areas included in the criteria. The Technical Review Team will evaluate each eligible application against:

- 1. Six Merit Criteria
- 2. Two (Planning & Design) or three (Construction) Project Readiness Factors
- 3. Two FHWA Priority Considerations

## **ATIIP Merit Criteria:**

- 1. Mobility and Community Connectivity
- 2. Community Support
- 3. Commitment to Increasing Walking and Biking
- 4. Financial Completeness
- 5. Equitable Development
- 6. Other DOT Goals and Priorities

Each criterion will be rated high, medium, low, or non-responsive.

## Technical Review: Evaluation of **Merit Criteria**



#### **Criterion #1: Mobility and Community Connectivity:**

FHWA will assess whether the eligible organization submitted a plan for an eligible project that is likely to provide substantial additional opportunities for walking and bicycling, including effective plans to (1) create an active transportation *network* connecting destinations within or between communities, including schools, workplaces, residences, businesses, recreation areas, and other community areas, or create an active transportation *spine* connecting two or more communities, metropolitan regions, or States; and (2) integrate active transportation facilities with transit services, where available, to improve access to public transportation. The application should include:

- A description and map of the proposed project
- Information on how the project will provide opportunities for walking and bicycling and the extent of those opportunities, including access to key destinations and economic opportunities associated with those opportunities
- Information on the sizes and kinds of destinations the project would connect within or between communities, including schools, workplaces, residences, businesses, recreations areas
- The percentage of the community's population living within walking or biking distance of the project
- The locations at which the active transportation facilities will integrate with transit services, if available, and the extent to which the project will improve access to public transportation

## Technical Review: Evaluation of **Merit Criteria**

#### **Criterion #2: Community Support:**

FHWA will assess whether the eligible organization demonstrates broad community support through the use of public input in the development of transportation plans, and the commitment of community leaders to the success and timely implementation of an eligible project. Applicants should:

- Demonstrate support from municipalities in the project area, relevant community leaders, and other partners, such as through letters of support
- Provide evidence of partnerships leveraged within the project area that will help achieve project benefits
- Describe the commitment community leaders have made to the success and timely implementation of the project
- Describe the history of transportation planning in the project area and evidence of public involvement, especially within disadvantaged communities

## Technical Review: Evaluation of **Merit Criteria**



## **Criterion #3: Commitment to Increasing Walking and Biking**

FHWA will assess whether the eligible organization provides evidence of the following that facilitate significant increases in walking and biking:

- commitment to and improvement of traffic safety,
- regulations (such as development/land use codes that support/enable active transportation),
- financial incentives (such as transportation demand management strategies), or
- community design policies (such as policies or design guidance that prioritize safety, comfort, and accessibility of pedestrians and bicyclists).

Applicants should:

- Detail the steps the applicant is taking to address traffic safety
- Detail how any regulations, financial incentives, or community design policies related to active transportation and have facilitated increases in walking and biking and the extent of that increase
- Describe how the project integrates principles from DOT's <u>National Roadway</u> <u>Safety Strategy</u> (NRSS) and the <u>Safe</u> <u>Systems Approach</u> (SSA)

## Technical Review: Evaluation of **Merit Criteria**

#### **Criterion #4: Financial Completeness**

FHWA will assess the extent to which the eligible organization demonstrates commitment of State, local, or eligible Federal matching funds, and in-kind contributions such as land, in addition to the 20% required local match.

If the eligible organization qualifies for a 100% Federal share, the application will receive a High score for this criterion.

Highly rated applications:

• Demonstrate fully committed funding that goes above and beyond the 80 percent match requirement

or

• the project qualifies for a 100 percent Federal share pursuant to Section C.2.ii of the NOFO

## Technical Review: Evaluation of **Merit Criteria**



FHWA will assess the extent to which the eligible organization demonstrates that the project will address existing disparities in bicyclist and pedestrian fatality rates based on race or income level or provide access to jobs, schools, and services for low-income communities, disadvantaged communities, and people with disabilities. Applicants should:

- Describe how the intend to measure change in existing disparities and what metrics the applicant will use throughout the lifecycle of the project
- Provide a plan for how the applicant will identify groups based on race or income level with existing disparities to the general population of the community in terms of bicyclist and pedestrian fatality rates; and explain how the project intends to decrease such disparities.
- Describe how the project intends to provide access to jobs and services for low-income communities and disadvantaged communities, and how the project would support economic competitiveness and wealth creation, such as through increased mobility and expanded connectivity

## Technical Review: Evaluation of **Merit Criteria**



#### **Criterion #6: Other DOT Goals and Priorities**

FHWA will assess whether the eligible organization demonstrates how their investment in active transportation will advance:

- Safety for pedestrians and cyclists,
- Accessibility to jobs and key destinations,
- Economic competitiveness,
- Environmental protection, and
- Quality of life.

The focus of this criterion is on demonstrating how the applicant's investment in active transportation will advance mode shift to reduce GHG emissions, improve access for people of all ages and abilities, and address workforce considerations.

Applications should demonstrate how the implementation of the proposed project:

- Advances safety for all pedestrians and cyclists
- Advances and improves access to jobs, schools, and key destinations
- Advances workforce development goals
- Advances environmental protection goals, such as through an analysis of the project's anticipated increase in the percentage of person trips by active transportation and by transit integrated with active transportation facilities; resultant reductions in air pollution and GHG emissions; and any changes in land-use patterns that may reduce emissions
- Is comfortable for and accessible to the needs of all active transportation users, including young children, older adults, and people with disabilities



Technical Review: Evaluation of **Project Readiness** (NOFO Section E.1.ii)



The Technical Review Team will also evaluate the following Project Readiness factors:

#### **1. TECHNICAL CAPACITY:**

Assesses the applicant's capacity to successfully deliver the project in compliance with applicable Federal requirements based on factors including the recipient's experience working with Federal agencies, civil rights compliance (Title VI, ADA, Section 504), previous experience with DOT or FHWA discretionary grant awards, and the technical experience and resources dedicated to the project.

#### **2. FINANCIAL COMPLETENESS:**

Assesses the availability of matching funds and whether the applicant presented a complete funding package. All applicants should describe a plan to address potential cost overruns and future maintenance and preservation costs and how those costs will be funded

#### **3. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING RISK (only for Construction grants):**

Analyzes the project's environmental approvals (NEPA and other necessary Federal permits) and the likelihood of the necessary approval affecting project obligation



## Technical Review:

Evaluation of Project Readiness

Rating	1	2	3
Technical Capacity	Uncertain	Somewhat Certain/Unknown	Certain
Financial Completeness	Incomplete Funding	Partially Complete/Appear Stable and Highly Likely to be Available	Complete, Stable and Committed
Environmental Review and Permitting Risk (ONLY for applications for Construction grants)	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk

#### **Construction Grants:**

Rating	Description
High	All 3's
Medium-High	Two 3's, one 2
Medium	One 3, two 2's
Medium-Low	All 2's
Low	Any 1's

#### Planning & Design Grants:

Rating	Description
High	All 3's
Medium-High	One 3, one 2
Medium	All 2's
Low	Any 1's

## Technical Review: Assignment of **Overall Project Rating** (NOFO Section E.1.iii)



<b>Overall Merit Rating</b>	Individual Criteria Rating	
Highly Recommended	<ul> <li>Merit Criteria</li> <li>At least three 'High' ratings; and</li> <li>No more than one 'Low" rating; and</li> <li>No 'Non-Responsive' ratings; and</li> <li>Project Readiness</li> <li>At least a Medium-High rating</li> </ul>	
Recommended	<ul> <li>Merit Criteria</li> <li>At least one 'High' rating; and</li> <li>No more than one 'Low' rating; and</li> <li>No 'Non-Responsive' ratings; and</li> <li>Project Readiness</li> <li>At least a Medium rating</li> </ul>	
Not Recommended	<ul> <li>Merit Criteria</li> <li>One or more 'Non-Responsive' ratings; or</li> <li>Combination of ratings that do not fit within the definitions of Highly Recommended, Recommended; or</li> <li><u>Project Readiness</u></li> <li>A Medium-Low or Low rating</li> </ul>	



Technical Review: Evaluation of FHWA Priority Considerations (NOFO Section E.1.iv)



The Technical Review Team will also prioritize projects that meet the following FHWA Priorities:

Projects that connect key community institutions through active transportation infrastructure, particularly schools

Projects that provide substantial benefits to disadvantaged communities within or around the project area



## Senior Review Team (SRT) Review (NOFO Section E.2.iii)

- The Technical Review Team will send all Highly Recommended and Recommended projects to the FHWA Senior Review Team (SRT). The FHWA SRT consists of senior FHWA officials who have been requested to serve by the FHWA Administrator to advise the Administrator.
- The FHWA SRT may propose the selection of a project that is rated **Recommended** over a **Highly Recommended** project by considering how well the project addressed the merit criteria and number of criteria rated High, as well as the responsiveness to the FHWA Priority Selection Considerations.
- When identifying applications to recommend to the FHWA Administrator, the FHWA SRT may consider geographic diversity including, as applicable, the need for a balance between the needs of rural and urban communities. They may also consider an application's responsiveness to the DOT Priority Selection Considerations.



# **APPLICATION PROCESS**





- The NOFO opened on March 19, 2024
- The NOFO will close on June 17, 2024
- The NOFO is available at <a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/353043">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/353043</a>

## Webinars for Potential Applicants

• A webinar for Tribal potential applicants is scheduled for April 10 at 9am EDT; potential applicants may register

at <u>https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\_cXYfivcnSoWuMP44q5</u> x5Og

## More information

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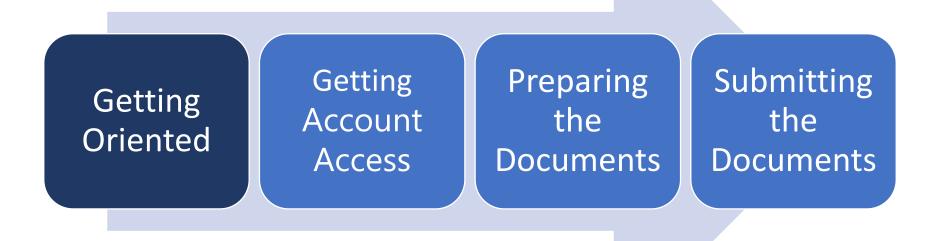




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- Funding Opportunity Number: 693JJ324NF00012
- Funding Opportunity Title: Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program
- All applications must be submitted electronically through **Grants.gov** by 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on Monday June 17, 2024.

## **VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

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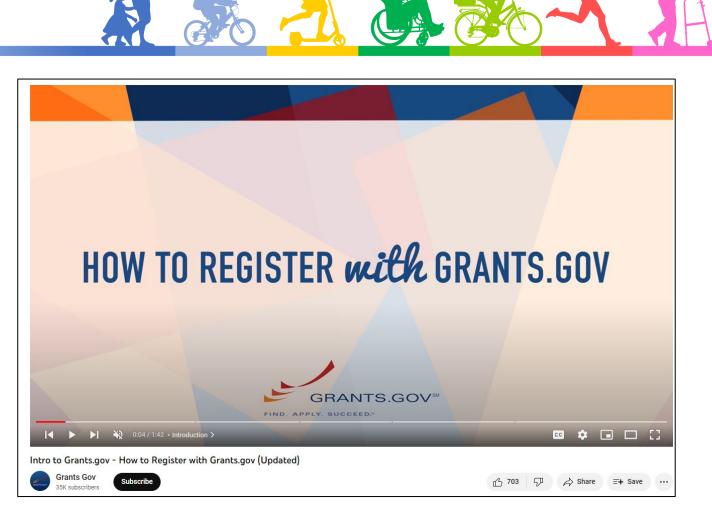
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**Grants.gov Resources:** 

Video on how to register, set up a profile, and navigate grants.gov



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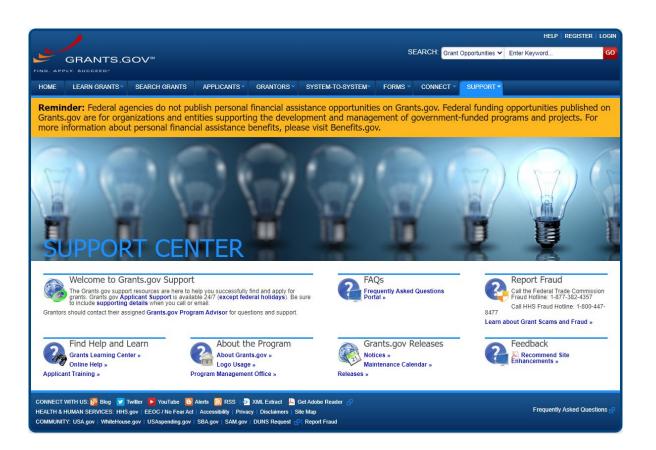


**Grants.gov Resources:** 

Grants.gov Support Center

Links to:

- FAQs
- Grants Learning Center
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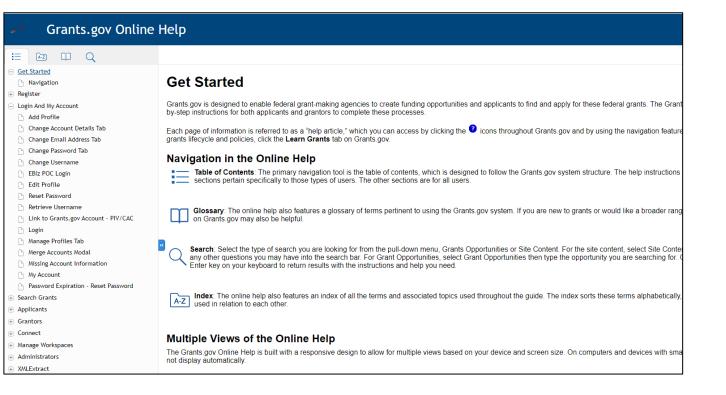




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### Application Process: Getting Oriented



**Grants.gov Resources:** 

Grants.gov information for applicants



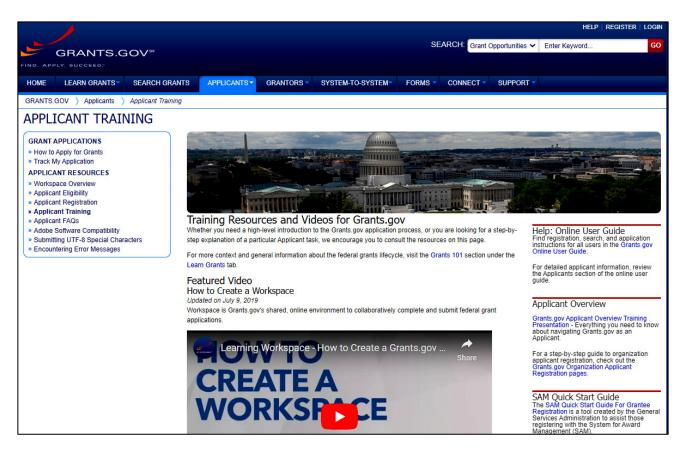
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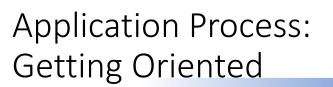
**Grants.gov Resources:** 

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#### **Grants.gov Helpdesk**

- 1-800-518-4726 (U.S.)
- 1-606-545-5053 (International)
- <u>support@grants.gov</u>

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (excluding Federal holidays).

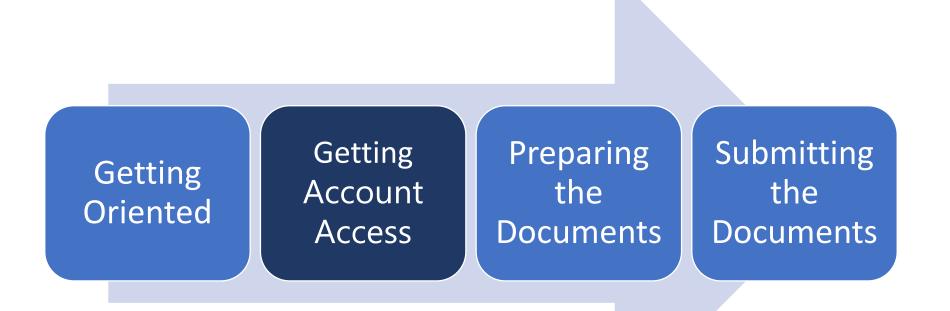






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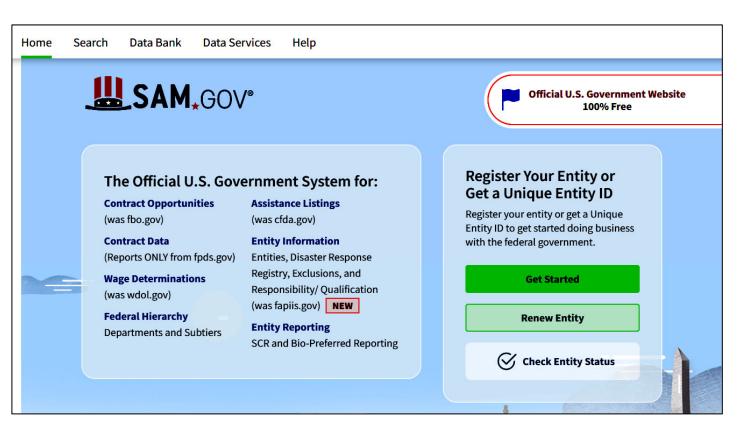






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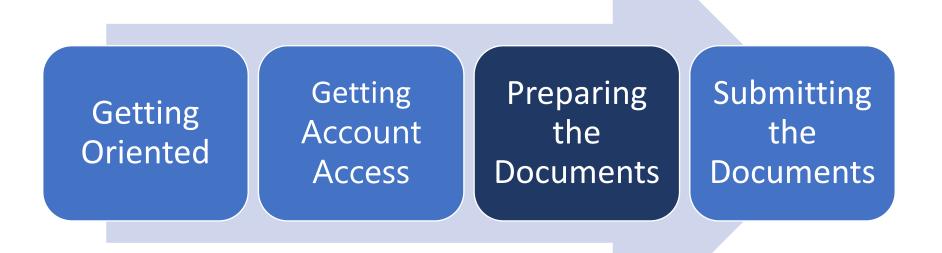
- Must be registered in SAM.gov
- Must have an UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) (replaces DUNS Number)
- These processes can take several weeks to complete, so should be started well before the application deadline



Grants.gov registration information: <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration.html</u> Direct Link to SAM: <u>https://sam.gov/content/home</u> or <u>https://sam.gov</u>









Application Process: Preparing the Documents



Applications **must** include the following (submitted as individual PDFs):

Planning and Design Projects	<b>Construction Projects</b>	
Standard Form 424 (Application for Federal Assistance)		
Grants.gov Lobbying Form (Certification Regarding Lobbying)		
Standard Form LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities)		
Standard Form 424A (Budget Information for	Standard Form 424C (Budget Information for	
Non-Construction Programs)	Construction Programs)	
Standard Form 424B (Assurances for Non-	Standard Form 424D (Assurances for	
Construction Programs)	Construction Programs)	
Project Narrative		

Forms are available for download at:

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-mandatory-family.html.



### Application Process: Preparing the Documents

#### The **Project Narrative** should:

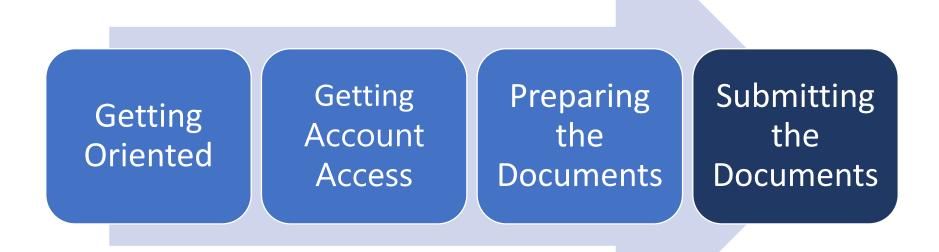
- For construction grants, be no more than 20 pages with standard formatting.
- For planning and design grants, be no more than 15 pages with standard formatting.
- Appendices do not count towards the page limits.
- Include information necessary for FHWA to determine that the project satisfies program requirements, merit criteria, and project readiness assessments.
- Provide supporting data and documentation in a form that is directly verifiable by DOT (to the extent practicable).

FHWA recommends that the **Project Narrative** follow the outline below:

- Basic Project Information Project Description, Location, and Parties
- Grant Funds, Sources, and Uses of all Project Funding
- Merit Criteria
- Project Readiness and Environmental Risk
- Administration Priorities and Departmental Strategic Plan Goals
- FHWA Priority Selection Considerations
- Letters of Support



### Submitting the Documents

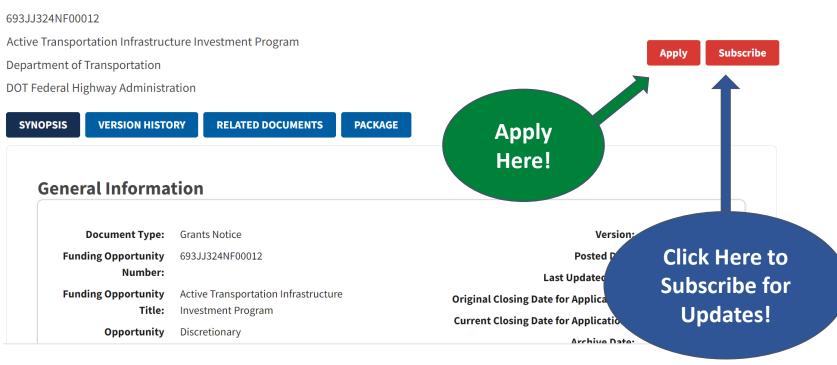


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## Select **Apply** to submit the application.

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See **Related Documents** to view the NOFO and Final Application Checklist

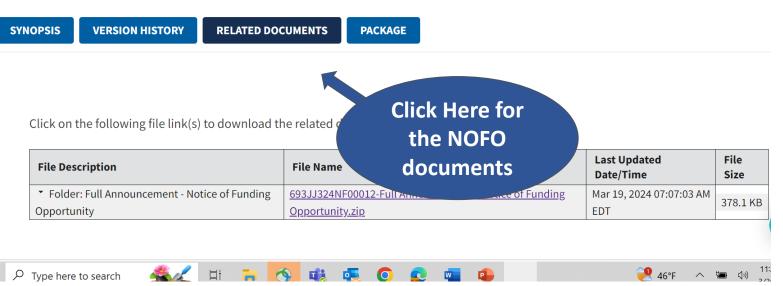
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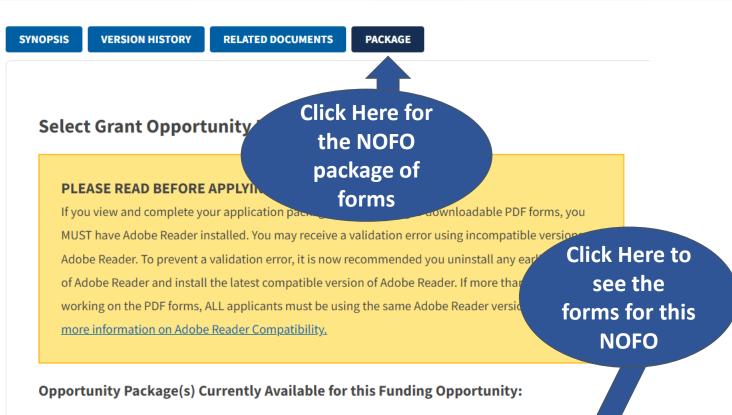
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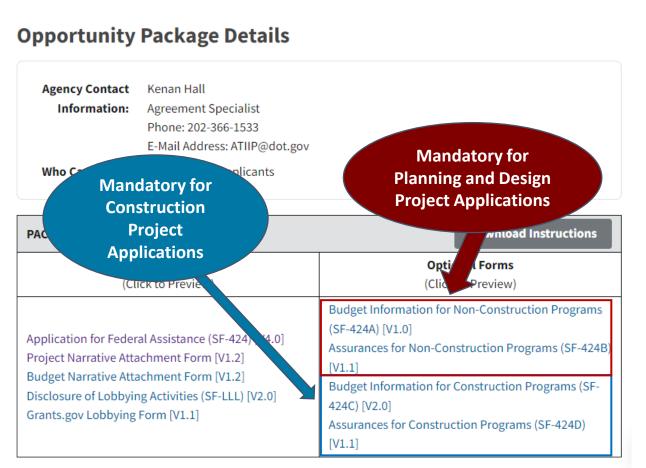
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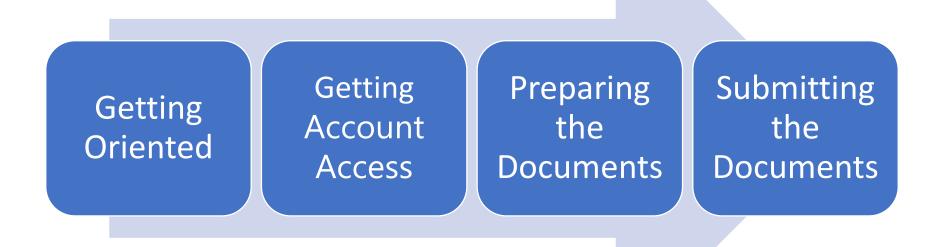
Refer to the list of required forms in Section D.2.a of the NOFO for each project type, as some forms listed as *Optional Forms* on this webpage are actually required based on the project type.



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## RESOURCES

### ATIIP Program Website

- Links to NOFO, guidance, resources, etc.
- Information will be updated as it becomes available
- Sign up to receive email updates
- Email the program contact

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Direct link to program website: <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle</a> pedestrian/atiip/





- <u>FHWA Guidance: Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Program, and</u> <u>Project Development</u> (May 2023)
- <u>Technical Assistance Resources for Active Transportation</u> (March 2024)
- <u>Guidebook for Measuring Multimodal Network Connectivity</u> (February 2018)
- <u>Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities</u> (November 2023)



# QUESTIONS?

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