

# Federal Infrastructure Strategy

## MDOT Grants



### Background and Mission

In November 2021, President Biden signed into law the **historic \$1.2 trillion** Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The legislation represents a generational investment in our nation's transportation infrastructure. While much of the spending envisioned in this legislation will be apportioned directly to state and local partners through federal formula programs; **nearly 33% of the funding will be made available to state and local partners through competitive discretionary grants.**

The IIJA **created several new discretionary grant programs targeted to Maryland's cities, counties, and towns.** The funding made available to these locally focused programs provides a unique opportunity to transform communities across our state. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to supporting local partners in their pursuit of federal discretionary grants.

### We provide towns, cities, counties and locally operated transit services:

#### STRATEGIC GUIDANCE



We will help you match potential projects to the most competitive federal opportunities.

#### RESOURCES



We will help track grant announcements, provide technical advice on your grant applications, and share monthly newsletters and webinars on federal discretionary grant opportunities.

#### STATE ASSISTANCE



We will help you secure letters of support for your grant application and, on a case-by-case basis, may consider state matching fund requests.

### Contact:



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# Select Opportunities for Local Partners

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### Open

- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant – Due February 28, 2024**
  - The RAISE program funds a wide variety of multi-modal transportation projects and project development activities. Awards are split 50/50 between urban and rural areas. The IIJA provides **\$1.5 billion in guaranteed funding to the program each year.**
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance and Public Works grants – Accepted on a rolling basis**
  - These two Economic Development Administration (EDA) programs provide flexible assistance to local units of government to support public works and infrastructure investments in areas experiencing economic distress or seeking to spark redevelopment. The programs support both planning and construction activities. **Nearly \$150 million in funding is available.**

### Upcoming

- **Rail Crossing Elimination grant – Expected opening in winter**
  - The program provides **more than \$500 million** to plan for and improve highway-railway or pedestrian-railway crossings that improve the mobility of goods, people, and emergency services.
- **Bridge Investment Program (Planning & Bridge Projects) – Expected opening in winter**
  - The program provides funding for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects aimed at improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of movement and designs of the nation's transportation network. The total set-aside for Planning grants is **\$20 million** and total eligible project costs of not great than **\$100 million for Bridge Projects**
- **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement grant – Expected opening in winter**
  - The program **provides more than \$1 billion in guaranteed funding** to plan for and improve railway safety, including trespassing prevention and grade crossing improvements, railway capacity, respond to railway incidents, and to support rail line relocations or improvements.

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