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Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)

Agency	U.S. Department of Transportation
Program Description	The TTPSF emphasizes the development of strategic transportation safety plans using a data-driven process as a means for Tribes to determine how transportation safety needs will be addressed in Tribal communities. Transportation safety plans are a tool used to identify risk factors that lead to serious injury or death and organize various entities to strategically reduce risk. Transportation safety plans are aimed at preventing transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries in a locality that may include: • A goal and timeline for eliminating fatalities and serious injuries; • An analysis of the location, severity, and contributing factors of vehicle-involved crashes in a locality; • An analysis of community input, gathered through public outreach and education; • A data-driven approach to identify projects or strategies to prevent fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, such as those involving: a. Education and community outreach; b. Effective methods to enforce traffic laws and regulations; c. New vehicle or other transportation-related technologies; d. Roadway planning and design; e. Mechanisms for evaluating the outcomes and effectiveness of the transportation safety plan, including the means by which that effectiveness will be reported to residents in a locality.
Application Due	**FY2025:** Submitted applications may be revised. Revision deadline: September 16, 2025, 23:59 EST (New applications will not be accepted) **FY2026:** Start of Acceptance: October 1, 2025; Deadline: January 15, 2026, 23:59 EST
Total Funding	**FY2025:** $24,518,400 **FY2026:** $25,118,400
Award Amount	Expected 110 (FY 2025)
Local Match:	NO
Eligible Applicants	Federally recognized Indian Tribes listed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (86 FR 18552 or updates). Other entities may partner, but only a Tribe may apply. Each application may include only one project; multiple applications from the same Tribe will be evaluated separately.
Eligible Activities/ Projects	Projects must correct/improve hazardous road locations or address highway safety problems. Eligible activities include: • **Safety Plans** (new up to $15k; update up to $10k, if ≥3 years old) • **Data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities** (e.g., crash data systems, traffic records) • **Systemic roadway departure countermeasures** (e.g., curve warning signs, rumble strips, markings, delineators, clear zones) • **Infrastructure improvements & other eligible activities** as listed in 23 U.S.C. § 148(a)(4).
Review Criteria	**Review Criteria** Applications are rated **Highly Qualified / Qualified / Not Qualified** across four categories: 1. **Transportation Safety Plans** ○ **Criteria**: Requests (up to a maximum of $15,000) for development of a new transportation safety plan; or requests (up to a maximum of $10,000) to update an existing transportation safety plan that is at least 3 years old. 2. **Data Assessment / Improvement / Analysis** ○ **Criteria**: (1) Strategic Safety Planning, (2) Supporting Data, (3) Facility Ownership. 3. **Systemic Roadway Departure Countermeasures** ○ **Criteria**: (1) Strategic Safety Planning, (2) Supporting Data, (3) Systemic Prioritization, (4) Facility Ownership. 4. **Infrastructure Improvements & Other Eligible Activities (23 U.S.C. §148(a)(4))** ○ **Criteria**: (1) Strategic Safety Planning, (2) Supporting Data, (3) Expected Crash Reduction, (4) Facility Ownership, (5) Time Since Last Award.
Link:	https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/tribal/safety/funds
Application Submission	Applications must be submitted to Grants.gov.
BAC Partnership Opportunity	• The Build America Center (BAC) is a technical assistance program funded by the USDOT, offering grant development services to localities at **NO CHARGE.** For more information, please visit our websites: https://bac.umd.edu/ and https://billaunchpad.com/

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