



Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)

Agency	US DOT		
Program Description	BUILD grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, per statute, for planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation.		
Application Due	February 24, 2026 (5:00 pm eastern)		
Total Funding	\$ 1,500,000,000	Max Award: \$25,000,000	Min Award: \$1
Award Amount	100		
Local Match:	Urban: Up to 80% Federal Funding; Rural/Area of Persistent Poverty/Historically Disadvantaged Community: Up to 100% Federal Funding		
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States and the District of Columbia • Any territory or possession of the United States • A unit of local government • A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States • A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority • A Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes • A transit agency • A multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible <p>Minimum Request: Rural Areas-\$1 million; Urban Areas-\$5 million</p>		
Eligible Activities/ Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Or Bridge Projects Eligible Under Title 23; • Public Transportation Projects Eligible Under Chapter 53 Title 49; • Passenger And Freight Rail Transportation Projects; • Port Infrastructure Investments Including Inland Port Infrastructure And Land Ports Of Entry; • The Surface Transportation Components Of An Airport Project Eligible For Assistance Under Part B Of Subtitle Vii; • Project Investing In Surface Transportation Facilities Located On Tribal Land, The Title Or Maintenance Responsibility Of Which Is Vested In The Federal Government; • Projects To Replace Or Rehabilitate A Culvert Or Prevent Stormwater Runoff For The Purpose Of Improving Habitat For Aquatic Species That Will Advance The Goal Of The Program; • Intermodal Projects Whose Components Are Otherwise An Eligible Project Type; • Any Other Surface Transportation Infrastructure Project That The Secretary Considers To Be Necessary To Advance The Goals Of The Program 		
Review Criteria	Statute requires the Department to evaluate projects based on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity to include tourism opportunity, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. Additional considerations include demonstrated project readiness and cost effectiveness.		
Link:	https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants		
Application Submission	Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov , with a valid UEI and active SAM registration; not accept applications via mailed paper, fax machine, email, or other means.		
BAC Partnership Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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