



FY24 Stage 1 SMART Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (Stage 1)

Agency	US Department of Transportation		
Program Description	The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) discretionary grant program with \$100 million appropriated annually for fiscal years (FY) 2022-2026. The SMART program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. SMART is a two-stage program. Stage 1 (up to \$2,000,000 dollars and 18 months) grants are open for any eligible entity to apply. Recipients of Stage 1 grants will be eligible to expand their projects through Stage 2 grants (up to \$15,000,000 and 36 months).		
Application Due	5:00 PM ET on July 12, 2024		
Total Funding	\$50,000,000 for FY 2024 Stage 1		
Award Amount	Approximately 30	Max Award: \$ 2 M	Min Award: \$ 250,000
Local Match:	No Matching Required for Stage 1		
Eligible Applicants	State; political subdivision of a State; a federally recognized Tribal government; a public transit agency or authority; a public toll authority; a metropolitan planning organization; a group of two or more eligible entities listed above in Section .applying through a single lead applicant (Group Application).		
Eligible Activities/ Projects	<p>Projects must demonstrate at least one technology area and may demonstrate more than one technology area. USDOT will evaluate each application on its merits, and there is no expectation that applications demonstrate more than one technology area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinated Automation 2. Connected Vehicles 3. Intelligent, Sensor-Based Infrastructure 4. Systems Integration 5. Commerce Delivery and Logistics 6. Leveraging Use of Innovative Aviation Technology 7. Smart Grid 8. Smart Technology Traffic Signals <p>The FY22 & FY23 SMART awards for projects and technologies can be found on the program's website. https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART</p>		
Eligible Cost	Planning; Feasibility analyses; revenue forecasting; environmental review; permitting; preliminary engineering and design work; systems development or information technology work; acquisition of real property; construction; reconstruction; rehabilitation replacement; environmental mitigation; construction contingencies; and acquisition of equipment including vehicles.		
Review Criteria	<p>Technical Criteria: #1: Identification and Understanding of the Problem to Be Solved #2: Appropriateness of Proposed Solution #3: Expected Benefits</p> <p>Readiness Criteria: #1: Feasibility of Workplan #2: Community Engagement and Partnerships #3: Leadership and Qualifications</p> <p>Additional Consideration: Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities</p> <p>Departmental Priorities: #1: Safety; #2: Climate Change and Sustainability; #3: Equity and the Justice40 Initiative; #4 Workforce Development, Job Quality and Wealth Creation.</p> <p>SMART Program Priorities: #1: Improve safety and emergency response; #2: Increase resiliency of transportation cybersecurity systems and adaptation to climate change; #3: Improve accessibility for disadvantaged communities to promote equity; #4: Address climate concerns by reducing congestions, pollutions, emission, and increases energy efficiency; #5: Partnership with private sector; #6: Integration of systems to promote connectivity in infrastructure.</p>		
Link:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART • Grants.gov 		
Application Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval, an online submission proposal system used by USDOT, at https://usg.valideval.com/teams/USDOT_SMART_2024/signup. USDOT will not accept or review application materials submitted via Grants.gov. 		
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://billlaunchpad.com/ 		

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