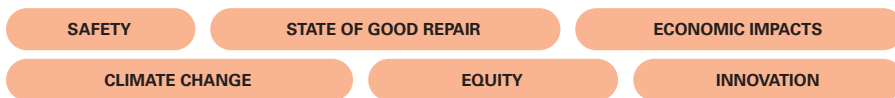


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RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM

Next opportunity anticipated Summer/Fall 2024. ADMINISTERED BY: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)

The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural) provides approximately \$650–\$675 million in funding for FY 2023 and 2024. The Rural Program supports projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, generate regional economic growth, and improve quality of life.



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Class I railroads are not eligible applicants under the Rural-MPDG program; however, they may partner with eligible applicants – as Project Partners – to pursue funding for projects.

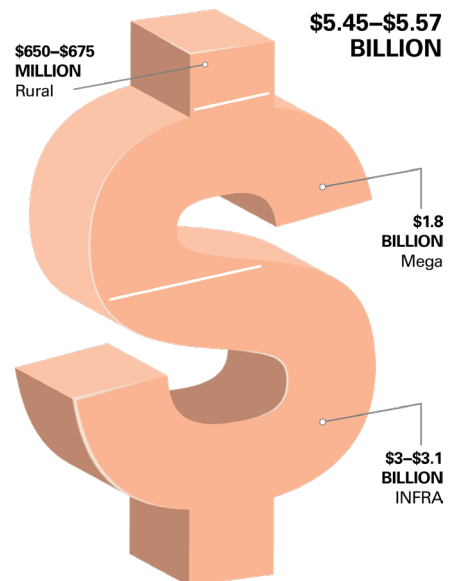
- States
- Regional transportation planning organization
- Unit of local government
- Tribal government(s)
- Multijurisdictional group of entities



BNSF PII

BNSF Railway’s Public Infrastructure and Investment (PII) team is committed to building strong partnerships that maximize the impact of funding opportunities. As Project Partners, we can collaborate to help secure funding that drives positive change and progress for communities where we work, live, and play.

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\$650-\$675 Million

- Supports development activities like planning, feasibility analysis, environmental review, and preliminary design
- Addresses construction, land acquisition, environmental mitigation, contingencies, equipment purchase, and operational enhancements

- Highway, bridge, or tunnel developments under programs like the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)
- Highway freight projects, safety initiatives, and infrastructure supporting access to key rural economic facilities like agricultural, commercial, energy, or intermodal sites
- Projects can also focus on integrated mobility management, transportation demand management systems, or on-demand mobility services

Funding Split \$650-\$675 Million

Project Min:	\$25M*
Project Max:	N/A
Funding Ceiling:	\$650M-\$675M
Funding Floor:	N/A

*At least 90% of Rural grants must be \$25 million or more, with up to 10% under this amount

Questions to ask yourself about the project:

What are project requirements for Rural?

Projects should offer regional benefits, be cost-effective, align with national goals, be grounded in preliminary engineering, and commence construction within 18 months of funding obligation.

Can applicants apply for multiple programs under MPDG?

Yes, applicants are encouraged to apply to multiple programs to maximize their potential of receiving federal support. Applicants will be considered across all three programs unless they opt-out.

What is the Project Cost Share?

It is a 20% funding match for all Rural projects.



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