

**Appalachian Regional Development Workshop**  
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**U.S. Department of Transportation**  
**Federal Highway Administration**



# USDOT Mission:

*To serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.*

# DOT Agencies



# 2012 Discretionary Grant Programs

- 11 Transportation Grant Programs
- About \$210 million currently available in FY 2012
- Projects improving safety, maintaining a state of good repair, and making communities more livable.
- Visit [www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary) for more information.
- Submit applications **electronically** to local FHWA Division Office by the due date.
- Watch carefully around **November 2011**.





# Transportation, Community & System Preservation (TCSP)

- Grants to plan, implement, and research
  - improve the efficiency of the transportation system,
  - reduce environmental impacts of transportation,
  - reduce the need for future public investments,
  - ensure efficient access to jobs, services, trade centers,
  - examine development patterns
  - encourage private sector development patterns to achieve these goals.
  
- Grants to state, local and tribal governments and metro planning organizations

# TCSP

## Project Selection Criteria:

- **Livability** – *Address livability from a highway perspective such as operational improvements and traffic calming,*
- **State of Good Repair** – *Improve system condition*
- **Safety** – *Improve the safety of transportation facilities*
- **Project completion** - *Can be expeditiously completed*
- **State priorities** - *Applicants other than the State should coordinate with the State DOT to ensure prioritization*
- **Leveraging of funding** - *Commitment of other funding*
- **Amount of TCSP funding** - *Modest sized requests*
- **National Distribution** – *Geographic, urban and rural*



# TCSP

- Federal share is 80 percent
- \$61,000,000 possibly available in FY 2012.
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- Submit applications to FHWA Division Office in respective state capital.



# National Scenic Byways Program

- Recognizes roads having outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, and archaeological qualities.
- Supports projects that manage and protect these intrinsic qualities, interpret these qualities for visitors, and improve visitor facilities along byways.
- Grants to States and tribes to implement projects on highways designated as National Scenic Byways; All-American Roads; America's Byways®; State scenic byways; or Indian tribe scenic byways
- Grants to plan, design, and develop a State or Indian tribe scenic byway program.





# National Scenic Byways Program

## Project Selection Criteria:

- **Livability:** Demonstrate a component in relation to the byway and the traveler.
- **Strategic Benefits:** Provide the greatest long-term strategic benefits for the byway traveler.
- **State, Tribal and Byway Priorities**
- **Project Benefits:** Benefits the traveler by managing the byways intrinsic qualities, shape the byway's story, interpret the story, or improve visitor facilities along the byway.
- **Critical Needs:** Priority consideration to meeting critical needs on National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads.
- **Funding Expenditures:** Progress on previous grants.
- **Ready to Go:** Can begin soon after authorization.
- **Leverage Other Funding:** Private or other public funding.

# National Scenic Byways Program

- \$43,500,000 is possibly available in FY2012
- Federal share is 80 percent
- FHWA Point of Contact

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- Submit applications to FHWA Division Office in respective state capital.
- Watch for news in November 2011

# Transportation Enhancement Projects

- Provision of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Provision of pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities.
- Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites.
- Scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers.
- Landscaping and scenic beautification.
- Historic Preservation.





# Transportation Enhancement Projects

- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities.
- Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails.
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising.
- Archaeological planning and research.
- Environmental mitigation of highway runoff pollution, reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality, maintain habitat connectivity.
- Establishment of transportation museums.

# Transportation Enhancement Projects

- For example, in West Virginia.....
- About \$5-6 million per year
- Intent to Apply – December 15, 2011
- Applications – February 15, 2012
- Average size - \$250-\$300,000
- \$400,000 starts to be too big
- Check with your own State DOT for program details.



# Recreational Trails Projects

- For example, in West Virginia.....
- About \$1.5 million per year
- Intent to Apply – December 15, 2011
- Applications – February 15, 2012
- Average size – Typically under \$50,000
- \$100,000 maximum but recommend lower
- Check with your own State DOT for program details.





## Safe Routes to School Projects

- Using West Virginia as an example.....
- About \$1.1 million per year.
- Intent to Apply – December 15, 2011.
- Applications – February 15, 2012.
- Average size – Typically \$75,000-100,000.
- \$100,000 starts to be less competitive.
- Check with your own State DOT for program details.

# Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

- Discretionary grants for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region:
  - Highway or bridge projects
  - Public transportation projects
  - Passenger and freight rail projects
  - Port Infrastructure

The logo for TIGER GRANTS features the word "TIGER" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are filled with a black and orange tiger-stripe pattern. Below "TIGER", the word "GRANTS" is written in a smaller, solid black, bold, sans-serif font.

**TIGER**  
**GRANTS**



# 2011 Tiger III Grants



- \$528 million available in 2011.
- At least \$140 million shall be for projects in rural areas.
- Federal share is generally 80 percent.
- Eligible Applicants
  - State and local governments
  - Transit agencies
  - Tribal Governments
  - Collaborations of above
- Size of grants:
  - Minimum \$10 million, except \$1million in rural areas
  - Maximum \$200 million

# 2011 Tiger III Grants



- Final applications due October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Must have submitted a pre-application by 10/3/11
- Selection Criteria published in the Federal Register
- Extensive Technical Assistance webinars and Frequently Asked Questions at [www.dot.gov/tiger](http://www.dot.gov/tiger)



# Successful Tiger Grants



Winning Tiger I and II projects in the ARC Region:

- Appalachian Regional Short Line Rail project WV, KY, TN
- National Gateway Freight Rail Corridor PA, WV, OH, MD
- Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Rail Project TN, AL
- West Virginia Route 10 widening and reconstruction
- Ranson–Charles Town Corridor Revitalization (Planning)
- Randolph County Housing & Transportation Plan (Planning)





# Keys to a Winning TIGER Application

- Put yourself in the shoes of the person reading the grant.
- Be realistic. TIGER is super competitive. 2600 applications. Only able to fund 3 percent of applications.
- Be clear in terms of project description and what the funding will be used for.
- Follow the outline in the Notice of Funding Availability.
- Be responsive. Meet minimum eligibility requirements. Respond to criteria in the Notice.
- Be ready. Projects that can move get priority.



# Keys to a Winning TIGER Application

- Be ready. Projects that can move get priority.
- Be leveraged. Find other sources of funding.
- Be connected. Connect project to national and regional travel.
- Be independent. Project needs to demonstrate benefits on its own.
- Bang for the buck
- Multimodal
- Link to national priorities - safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, and sustainability

# Unsuccessful TIGER Applications

- Resurfacing projects
- Research without deployment
- Parking facilities
- Cruise ship terminals
- Museums
- Economic development that displaced jobs elsewhere
- Large projects not looking at other funding sources
- Right of way acquisition



# Questions....



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