

Innovation Implementation Assistance: The AID Demonstration Program

Will your agency be demonstrating an Every Day Counts or other proven innovation on a highway transportation project soon? Funding assistance may be available through FHWA's Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration program to accelerate implementation and adoption of the proven innovation.

AID DEMONSTRATION BASICS

The [AID Demonstration program](#) provides funding as an incentive to accelerate the use of innovation in highway transportation projects. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) expects approximately \$10 million to be made available for AID Demonstration grants in each of Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020 from amounts authorized within the Technology and Innovation Deployment Program (TIDP) under the [Fixing America's Surface Transportation \(FAST\) Act](#). The grants are administered through the FHWA Center for Accelerating Innovation.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Projects submitted for an AID Demonstration grant must

- be eligible for assistance under title 23, United States Code;
- be ready to initiate within six months of applying for AID Demonstration funding;
- involve any phase of a highway transportation project between project planning and project delivery including planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment, and construction;
- include an innovation proven in real-world highway transportation application,* though not routinely used by the applicant or the subrecipient; and
- address TIDP goals.

WHAT AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

The AID Demonstration award is based on the cost of the innovation in a project (rather than the total project cost). The award amount may be up to the full cost of the innovation in the project, to a maximum of \$1 million. AID Demonstration funds are available at an 80 percent federal share, which require a minimum 20 percent cost share.

WHICH AGENCIES CAN APPLY?

Eligible entities are state departments of transportation (DOTs), federal land management agencies, and tribal governments. Metropolitan planning organizations and local governments may apply through the state DOT as subrecipients.

The [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) published on September 1, 2016 provides additional eligibility and application information.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Completed applications are evaluated and award determinations are made on an open, rolling basis until the program ends or funding is no longer available. Go to [Grants.gov](#) to apply (search for Opportunity Number FHWA-2016-21063).

*The FHWA encourages use of the innovations included in the Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative. Examples and benefits of EDC innovations can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts/>.

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