



Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies *(FASTLANE)* Grants

Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Transportation Policy

United States Department of Transportation





FASTLANE Grants Overview

- \$4.5 billion authorized through FY 2020
 - \$800 million for FY 2016
 - 25 percent for rural projects
 - 10 percent for small projects
- Not more than \$500 million in aggregate of the \$4.5 billion for FY 2016 – 2020 can be used for freight rail, ports, or intermodal projects





Eligible Applicants

- State(s)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations with 200,000 population
- Local Government(s)
- Political subdivision(s) or State or local government
- Public authorities (including port authorities) with a transportation function
- Federal land management agencies applying jointly with a State(s)
- Tribal government/consortiums
- Multi-State or multijurisdictional group of public entities





Eligible Projects

- Highway freight projects carried out on the National Highway Freight Network
- Highway or bridge projects carried out on the National Highway System, including:
 - Projects that add Interstate System capacity to increase mobility
 - Projects located in a national scenic area
- Grade crossing or grade separation projects
- Other freight projects that are:
 - Intermodal/rail freight project
 - Within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail, maritime (including ports) or intermodal facility





Minimum Project Size

Large Projects*

- The lesser of:
 - \$100 million
 - 30 percent of State's FY 2015 apportionment, if project is located in one State
 - 50 percent of larger participating State's FY 2015 apportionment, if project located in more than one State

Small Projects*

- Doesn't meet large project minimum project size

**Previously incurred expenses may count toward meeting minimum project size requirement if they are eligible project costs and were expended as part of the project for which the applicant seeks funding.*





Grant Amounts and Cost Share

- Minimum FASTLANE Grants
 - \$25 million for large projects
 - \$5 million for small projects
- Cost Share
 - Up to 60 percent FASTLANE grants
 - Up to 80 percent total Federal

Previously incurred expenses cannot count toward cost share





Eligible Project Costs

- Development phase activities, including planning, feasibility analysis , revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering, design work, and other pre-construction activities
- Construction activities including new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, property or equipment acquisition, environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, and operational improvements



Program Requirements and Considerations

- Large Project Requirements
 - Generates national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits
 - Cost-effective
 - Contributes to one or more 23 U.S.C. 150 goals
 - Based on the results of preliminary engineering
 - One or more stable and dependable funding or financing sources
 - Cannot easily be completed without Federal funding
 - Reasonably expected to begin construction 18 months from obligation
- Small Project Considerations
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Effect on mobility in the project's State or region





Merit Criteria

- **Economic Outcomes**
 - Improving efficiency and reliability to increase global economic competitiveness
- **Mobility Outcomes**
 - Improving the movement of people and goods
- **Safety Outcomes**
 - Reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- **Community Outcomes**
 - How and whether the project mitigates harm and extends benefits to communities and the environment



Other Review Criteria

- Partnership and Innovation
 - Strong collaboration among a broad range of stakeholders
 - Innovative strategies to pursue outcomes
- Cost Share
 - One or more funding sources



2016 FASTLANE Dates

- **March 25, 2016:** Applicants encouraged to email FASTLANEgrants@dot.gov with brief project information.
- **April 14, 2016 8:00 PM EDT:** Applications submitted to www.Grants.gov





How to Submit an Application

Applications must be submitted through
www.Grants.gov





2016 FASTLANE Webinars

- Wednesday, March 9 from 1-3pm EST
- Thursday, March 10 from 2-4pm EDT – *BCA*
- Thursday, March 17 from 1-3pm EDT

Registration available at
www.transportation.gov/FASTLANEgrants





TIGER 2016 and FASTLANE Grants

- Applicants can submit three applications per program
- Same project can be submitted to both programs, but must submit separate applications that independently address how the project satisfies applicable selection criteria for the each program.
 - Note: the same application is unlikely to be competitive for both programs due to the different purposes and selection criteria.





More information

- Visit: www.transportation.gov/FASTLANEgrants
- Email: FASTLANEgrants@dot.gov





Public Comment

- Comments about the notice's contents can be submitted by June 1, 2016 to :
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;rpp=100;so=DESC;sb=docId;po=0;D=DOT-OST-2016-0022>
- Applications or specific comments about projects should NOT be submitted to the docket. Any application submitted to the docket will not be reviewed.



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Questions?

