

TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC WORKS

Federal Grants Outlook: 2024

Maximizing local funds by leveraging available resources





Overview

Significant grant opportunities available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Local bond funding available to leverage as match for federal funding sources

Challenge: how to match up projects with funding opportunities (both in terms of criteria and timelines)?

Minimum funding threshold must be relatively high to account for added costs



2024 Grant Outlook for TPW

Winter/Spring

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant
- Bridge Investment Program (BIP)
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)
- Awaiting announcement on Neighborhood Access and Equity grant application (Reconnecting Communities)

Summer/Fall

MEGA/INFRA Grant

- Reconnecting Communities Grant follow-up
- Potential Transportation Alternatives pass-through funds



RAISE GRANT

Bergstrom Spur Trails to Transit Project

- \$25 million for six-mile Bergstrom Spur trail and associated transit improvements
- \$6.1 million match available through 2020 Mobility Bond Funds
- Previously applied for similar project in 2022
- Partnership application with CapMetro for transit enhancements component
- Council action set for February 14, 2024
- Application due February 28, 2024

Bridge Investment Program Grant

Barton Springs Road Bridge Reconstruction

- Around \$32 million for reconstruction of Barton Springs Road Bridge
- \$8 million match available through local mobility bond funds
- Working closely with Capital Delivery Services on submission
- Council action scheduled March 7, 2024
- Application due March 19, 2024

Proposed Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

- Construction Partnership Program Transportation Demand Management Plan
 - The Construction Partnership Program Transportation Demand Management Plan (CPP-TDMP) will address Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) caused by the multi-year construction disruptions of I-35 Capital Express, Project Connect Light Rail Transit, and other major mobility projects in Austin
 - Funding requested to implement mobility hubs and other supportive infrastructure for people to access transit, private shuttles, bike share, micro mobility, and carpool/vanpool meetup points.
 - Total \$16.5 million requested through Office of Sustainability (coordinating Department)
 - Complete applications must be submitted no later than April 1, 2024

I-35 Cap and Stitch Grant Opportunities

Options for funding cap and stitch improvements over I-35

- Mega and INFRA Grant Program Potential
 - Summer 2024
 - Depends on input/potential award for Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant
- Neighborhood Access & Equity (NAE) Potential
 - Summer/Early Fall 2024
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Transportation Alternatives grants

- Potential for 2024/25 cycle for TxDOT Transportation Alternatives funds
 - Potential projects for submission include
 - SL 360 Shared Use Paths
 - Safer Pathways projects filling in shared use path gaps in TxDOT ROW

Grants in Implementation Process

Federal and State grants received in 2022/2023

- Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCN) 2022
 - \$1.1 million planning grant for I-35 cap and stitch efforts
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) 2022
 - \$22.9 million received for safety/Vision Zero projects
 - Grants Agreement signed; implementation process started
- Metrobike Expansion Grant
 - \$11.3 million received to expand and electrify Metrobike Fleet
 - In partnership with CapMetro
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) 2023 Planning Grant
 - \$288,000 for transition planning (ADA) for signalized street crossings and urban trails





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