

Transportation Grants

BUILD Discretionary Grants, U.S. Department of Transportation

<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to apply for \$1 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 discretionary grant funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program.

To better address the needs of rural America, which has historically been neglected, DOT intends to award 50% of BUILD Transportation grant funding to projects located in rural areas that deliver positive benefits for these communities, consistent with the Department's R.O.U.T.E.S. initiative. For this round of BUILD Transportation grants, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$100 million can be awarded to a single State, as specified in the appropriations act.

2020 Innovations in Accessible Mobility Grant, National Aging and Disability Transportation Center

<https://www.nadtc.org/grants-funding/nadtc-grant-opportunities/current-nadtc-funding-opportunities/>

Program Goal

This grant opportunity is intended to support develop program innovations for increasing accessible transportation in the community that are ready to implement on Day 1 and can realistically be fully implemented within the six-month timeframe set for this grant funding program.

Funding Amount

Grants of up to \$30,000 each each will be awarded to as many as 10 communities for a six-month period.

Qualified Applicants

Local and regional private nonprofit or government organizations that directly provide transportation services may apply for this funding opportunity.

Key Dates

March 4, 2020: Grant Application Portal opens

April 8, 2020: Application due date

May 15, 2020: Grant award announcement

May 15, 2020: Grantees begin their work

May 26-27, 2020: Grantee orientation and training, Washington, DC

November 30, 2020: End date of grant activity

How to Apply

1. Access the full [RFP](#) here.
2. Visit NADTC's [Application Portal](#) to register and access the application.
3. For instructions on how to use this application portal, please see: [How to Use the Online Application Portal](#)
4. All sections of the Application must be completed in order to submit it for review.
5. Submit Application by April 8, 2020 11:59 pm ET

Infrastructure Grant Opportunities

USDA ReConnect Rural Broadband Program

<http://reconnect.usda.gov>

The Broadband ReConnect Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. The application window for the second round of funding is now open, and applications are being accepted until 6:00PM EST on March 16, 2020. Follow one of the links below to learn more about the program or start your application.

Emergency Loan Program, Public Works Board

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-financing/>

The Emergency Construction Loan Program focuses on the activities that repair, replace, and/or reconstruct a facility that will restore essential services. Applications are accepted continuously until loan funds are expended.

Broadband Feasibility and Outreach Grant, Public Works Board

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/pwb-home-page/>

The Washington State Public Works Board is extending the deadline for broadband feasibility and outreach grants from March 20 to April 20.

Approximately \$50,000 is available for these feasibility and outreach grants. The maximum award per applicant is \$10,000, with a 10% match requirement. Funding awards are based on a competitive ranking process. Depending on the number and qualifications of applicants in this round, there is no guarantee funds will be available for future feasibility and outreach grant cycles.

Water Quality Grant Opportunities and Assistance

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program

Solicitations for [Area-wide Groundwater Investigation Grants](#), [Safe Drinking Water Action Grants](#), and [Oversight Remedial Action Grants and Loans](#) for funding to be provided during the 2021–23 Biennium. This opportunity closes at 5PM Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

- For more information on this funding opportunity, please review:
- [2021–23 Remedial Action Grants and Loans Guidelines](#)
- [2021–23 EAGL application instructions](#)

Independent Remedial Action Grants (IRAGs)

You can apply any time through [Ecology's Administration of Grants & Loans \(EAGL\)](#) system. To be considered for the next funding evaluation cycle, submit your application by Thursday, June 18, 2020. We anticipate the next round of grants will be awarded in summer of 2020.

Integrated Planning Grants (IPG).

We now have limited IPG funding available. If you have questions about a potential brownfield redevelopment project and whether it qualifies for an IPG, please contact one of our Integrated Planning Grant Coordinators listed at the bottom of the [IPG webpage](#).

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

<http://www.rcac.org/>

<http://www.rcac.org/lending/environmental-loans/>

RCAC offers loans to finance water and waste facility projects. RCAC's loan program is unique — it provides the early funds small rural communities need to determine project feasibility and to pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state and federal funding.

Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in RCAC's service region.

Rural Water Loan Fund (RWLF)

<http://nrwa.org/initiatives/revolving-loan-fund/>

The RWLF provides low-cost loans for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or pre-development costs associated with larger projects to small water and wastewater utilities.

Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWoW)

<http://www.erwow.org/Home.aspx>

ERWoW provides training and technical assistance to water and wastewater systems. The staff works directly with systems to solve operational, regulatory, administrative and financial challenges faced by water systems.

USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/wa>

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities%20direct-loan-grant-program/wa>

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-wastedisposal-loan-grant-program/wa>

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities, population under 2,500, water & waste disposal projects.

	<p>http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-specialevaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households</p> <p>Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergencycommunity-water-assistance-grants</p> <p>Washington State Contacts: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/wa</p>
<p>Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</p>	<p>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/currentopportunities/community-development-block-grants/</p> <p>Assist local governments in carrying out community and economic development projects that principally benefit LMI persons. Economic Opportunity Grants Application accepted year-round on a funds available basis. Material for the next application cycle will be available in March 2020 with applications due June 3, 2020. For reference purposes only, please see the 2019 General Purpose Grant Application Handbook, including forms and instructions. General Purpose Grant applications will be submitted online using ZoomGrants for the 2020 grant cycle.</p> <p>Public Services Grant Application – The 2020 CDBG Public Services Grant Application cycle is now open. Applications are due no later than April 8, 2020.</p> <p>Economic Opportunity Grant Application – Applications accepted year-round on a funds-available basis.</p> <p>Housing Enhancement Grant Application – Applications accepted through the Housing Trust Fund application process</p>
<p>Cultural Program Grant Opportunities</p>	<p>Cultural Opportunities – Humanities Washington https://www.humanities.org/program/grants/</p> <p>Communities around Washington have important stories to tell and issues to discuss. Humanities Washington’s grants program provides the financial resources for people to come together to talk, discuss, debate, feel, think, and tell stories through the lens of the humanities. They support existing efforts as well as new opportunities for grassroots projects conceived and implemented locally.</p> <p>Opportunity grants: Are available to small or rural organizations for public humanities presentations. Opportunity grants do not require a funding match, and organizations may request up to \$1,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, and until all funds are distributed.</p> <p>Main Street Program – Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation https://dahp.wa.gov/local-preservation/main-street-program</p> <p>Since 1984, the Washington State Main Street Program has been helping communities revitalize the economy, appearance, and image of their downtown commercial districts using the successful Main Street Four-Point Approach®. Main Street is a comprehensive, incremental approach to revitalization built around a community's unique heritage and attributes. Using local resources and initiative, the state program helps communities develop their own strategies to stimulate long term economic growth and pride in the heart of the community-downtown.</p> <p>Art Works & Challenge America & Our Town & Research: Art Works Program, National Endowment for the Arts https://www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations</p> <p>Second Grants for Arts Projects Deadline:</p> <p>Part 1 - Submit to Grants.gov: July 9, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time Prepare application material so that it’s ready to upload when the Applicant Portal opens</p> <p>Part 2 - Submit to Applicant Portal: July 14-21, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time</p> <p>Earliest Announcement of Grant Award or Rejection: April 2021 Earliest Beginning Date for National Endowment for the Arts Period of Performance: June 1, 2021</p>
<p>Funding Resource Websites</p>	<p>Public Works Board: Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF)</p> <p>PWTF provides financial and technical assistance to communities for critical public health, safety, and environmental infrastructure. http://www.pwb.wa.gov/</p>

Transportation Improvement Board Urban and Rural Programs (TIB)

The TIB distributes grant funding to cities and counties for transportation projects.

<http://www.tib.wa.gov/>

Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT) – American Planning Association WA Chapter

<http://www.washington-apa.org/community-planning-assistance-teams>

CPAT members include planners with expertise in land use, transportation, economic development, urban design, natural resources, parks and recreation, and historic preservation.

Transportation Programs (WSDOT & FHA)

WSDOT administers funding for the following programs: Bridge, Transportation Enhancement, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Safe Routes to School, Public Transportation and Mobility, and other transportation related programs.

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/ProgramMgmt/funding.htm>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB)

RCFB helps finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state, improving the state's quality of life through its investment of public funds in parks, trails, beaches, boating facilities, wildlife habitat, and natural areas.

<http://www.rco.wa.gov/>

USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development is dedicated to improving the quality of life and expanding the economic opportunity for rural American by providing various loan and grant programs to help meet the diverse needs of small rural communities for housing, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/wa>

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/wa>

Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees/wa>

Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC)

The IACC is a resource for locating infrastructure funding or technical assistance in Washington State.

<http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/index.html>

Washington Department of Commerce

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/open-grants-loans/>

Building Infrastructure

Commerce web page portal to infrastructure building resources.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/>

Serving Rural Communities

Resources supporting rural community needs.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/serving-rural-communities/>

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund

Commerce's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) helps local and regional governments, non-profit agencies and private businesses cleanup and redevelop brownfields sites. The website provides information about redeveloping brownfields sites and links you to the loan information and application forms.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund/>

Energy Saving Performance Contracting (ESPC)

Washington General Administration program that assists colleges, cities and towns, counties, school districts, hospital districts, library districts, port districts, and more with selecting and financing solutions for building energy upgrades for energy saving projects such as: energy management systems, interior and exterior lighting, boiler replacement and repair of steam distribution systems, high efficiency HVAC systems, LED traffic systems, wastewater treatment plant pumps and motors.

<http://www.des.wa.gov/services/facilities/Energy/ESPC/Pages/default.aspx>

Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC)

Much of the funding for larger city and county capital transportation projects comes from grants and loans made by federal and state agencies. Almost all federal funds are 'passed through' a state agency filter. Major agencies involved in funding transportation grants and loans are listed on this page.

<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Transportation/Transportation-Funding/State-and-Federal-Transportation-Grants-and-Loans.aspx>

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)

Administers funds for the protection and restoration of salmon habitat.

https://www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/index.shtml

Washington Department of Ecology

Ecology grants and loans include funding for: air quality, coastal zone management, environmental education, flood control, shoreline management, spill response, waste management, water quality, and watershed management.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans>

Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division

Homeland security, hazard mitigation, disaster assistance, and emergency management preparedness assistance grants.

<http://mil.wa.gov/grants>

Grants.gov

Federal grants resource.

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

Tracks over \$10 million federal dollars obligated to domestic assistance programs and provides links to Federal grant programs web sites. Type in a keyword to see what is available.

<https://www.cfda.gov/>

Secretary of State – Washington State Library

Provides opportunities for Competitive/Criteria Grants, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference Scholarships, and Professional Development Grants.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/grants/>

Grant Writing Resource Websites and Learning Opportunities

Proposal Writing

Build the essential knowledge and skills to craft effective grant proposals.

<http://grantspace.org/topics/proposal-writing/>

Growing Your Business: A Guide to Grant Writing

This site provides a short overview of the most important items to include with a grant proposal.

<http://www.businessinsurance.org/guide-to-grant-writing/>

A to Z Grant Writing

This invigorating and informative course will teach you how to raise needed funds. This course speaks mainly to nonprofit organizations, schools, religious institutions, and municipalities seeking grants from foundation, corporate, government, and individual donors. It's also an excellent primer for individuals wishing to become grant writing consultants or community grant writing volunteers.

<https://www.ed2go.com/lcubic/SearchResults.aspx?SearchTerms=a+to+z+grantwriting>

Get Grants

Over the 6-week on-line course you'll be shown step-by-step the process of grant proposal writing, whether you are tackling a federal grant, one from a national private foundation or a smaller grant from your local foundation.

<https://www.ed2go.com/lcubic/online-courses/get-grants?tab=detail>

Writing Effective Grant Proposals

Preparing successful grant proposals to receive funding from corporations or foundations requires careful research, meticulous preparation, and graceful writing. Grant administrators tell us that many grant requestors have no real understanding of the proposal writing process and as a result, their worthy causes lose out.

<https://www.ed2go.com/lcubic/online-courses/writing-effective-grant-proposals>

Grant writing resource information

<https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/federal-grant-writing-manual>

Disclaimer:

Program availability and deadlines were collected from information available as of February 2020.

If you have questions about these funding opportunities, please feel free click the link. If you find an opportunity and would like CWCOG support or assistance in applying for funding, please feel free to contact Bill Fashing at bfashing@cwco.org or (360) 577-3041.

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