

2026 MDOT Grant Opportunities



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SHA – Transportation Alternative

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) is a reimbursable federal aid funding program for transportation-related community projects that strengthen the intermodal transportation system. TA funds projects that enhance the cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental aspects of the transportation system.

SHA – Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School Program is an eligible TA project type. These projects must substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bike to school or encourage walking and biking to school.

Transit-Oriented Development Grant

The recently launched TOD Fund is a \$5 million annual statewide competitive program to financially assist local jurisdictions and their development partners in the advancement of TOD. The Fund offers financial support in the form of reimbursement grants and/or loans for local jurisdictions and loans for eligible development partners.

Bikeways

The Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program provides grant support for bicycle network enhancements, Complete Streets safety improvements, and last-mile connections to work, school, shopping and transit. As a State-only funding source, the program is designed with less stringent requirements than federal grant programs, making it ideal for feasibility studies, preliminary design, and minor retrofit projects. Bikeways provides an 80% reimbursable grant with 20% match and can be used as a match for federal funding.

Freight Rail

The MDOT Freight Rail Grant Program is a State-funded, competitive, reimbursable grant program administered by the Office of Rail and Intermodal Freight (RIF) of The Secretary's Office at MDOT. The program offers State grant assistance to local jurisdictions, railroads, business and commercial interests, and other key agencies to help preserve railroad corridors, support economic development, and foster sustainability and innovative technologies.

Urban Tree Program

The MDOT Urban Tree Program provides funds to communities in urban areas that have had trees removed as a result of transportation facility projects. The program helps urban areas affected by environmental justice issues or the Urban Heat Island effect.

Highway Safety

The MVA's MHSO grant projects aim to reduce motor vehicle injuries and fatal crashes through behavioral change. Funding may be used to host bike rodeos or to purchase and distribute important safety items, including bike lights, safety locks, helmets, reflective wear, and educational materials at events. This is a 100% reimbursable grant.

RAISE

The program provides competitive planning and implementation funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects that demonstrate a significant local or regional impact.

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Safe Streets and Roads For All

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program provides grants to local, regional, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration activities as part of a systematic approach to prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways.

Bridge Investment Program

The Bridge Investment Program (BIP) provides financial assistance for projects to replace, rehabilitate, preserve or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). The goals of the program include improving the safety and reliability of the nation's bridges, improving the condition of bridges, especially those at-risk of falling into poor condition, and to leverage non-federal contributions to advance bridge projects into construction.

SHA Recreational Trails

The RTP provides federal funds to states to develop and maintain land and water-based recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. Some of these uses include pedestrian uses (hiking, running, wheelchair use), road/mountain biking, equestrian, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, off-highway vehicle riding, paddle sports, personal watercraft, and motorized boats.

