

# FY26 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)



**Application deadline:** 01/15/2026



**Available funding for FY2026:** \$25M

# The TTPSF Grants provide federal funding for Tribes to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries on Tribal lands



#### Goals and merit criteria:

Grant will provide funding for initiatives that support the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) strategic goals and objectives, namely:

- Identify risk factors for serious injury or traffic-related death
- Organize entities to strategically reduce risk
- Align to a transportation safety plan and correct or improve safety hazards

## **Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund Details**

The TTPSF has **four award categories**: safety plans; data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities; systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and infrastructure improvements.

Description

Match funding requirement: 0%

|                            |               | Description   |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| Requirements               |               | Strategies, activities, and projects on a public road which are consistent with a transportation safety plan and (i) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (ii) address a highway safety problem. |
| Eligible grant uses (non-  |               | Installation of rumble stripes or other warning devices   |
| exhaustive)                |               | Improvement for pedestrian or bicyclist safety or safety of persons with disabilities   |
|                            |               | Collection, analysis, and improvement of safety data  |
|                            |               | Transportation safety planning  |
|                            |               | Road safety audits  |
| Award amounts              | Maximum award | \$15,000 for developing a new transportation safety plan, or \$10,000 to update an existing plan which is at least 3 years old  |
| Previous awards (national) | 2024 Awards   | 80 awards (\$20.5M total)   |
| Previous awards (MI)       | 2024 Awards   | 1 award (\$1M to Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians to extend center turn lanes and install sidewalks along Michigan Highway 179)   |

Source: Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund Notice of Funding

### High level requirements for TTP Safety Fund grants

The TTP Safety Fund grant requires a number of components, including relevant crash and route data





#### **Key Grant Application Components**<sup>1</sup>

- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Other entities may partner with a Tribal government, but the eligible applicant must be a federally recognized Tribe
- Applications must include the following components in the online submission:
  - Applicant information
  - Inventory status for all official routes and route owner's letter of support for project
  - Cost breakdown (e.g., aggregate for a transportation safety plan, detailed for other project types)
  - Project narrative
  - Safety information (e.g., crash data)

<sup>1.</sup> Not inclusive of all documents required to apply; please refer to NOFO for the full requirements and details

## **Examples of past winners in Michigan**



Michigan Highway 179, Extend Center Turn Lane and Install Sidewalks (2024)

#### **Partner Project Lead:**

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians **Funding:** \$1.07M

Project description: The Tribe received funds to install a sidewalk along M-179 and to widen M-179 to construct a center turn lane for turns into the Tribal Government campus. The sidewalk, curbing, and drainage improvements will provide a safe place for pedestrian traffic. The center turn lane will tie into the existing cross section to the west for consistency



# **Tower Road Realignment Project** (2023)

Partner Project Lead: Bay Mills Indian

Community

Funding: \$841K

**Project description:** The Tower Road Realignment Project will work to realign the existing paved road to improve safety



#### **Roundabout at US-31/M-22 (2019)**

Partner Project Lead: Little River Band

of Ottawa Indians **Funding:** \$883K

**Project description:** Funds to construct a roundabout at an intersection that had previously seen a pattern of angle crashes that have unfortunately resulted in one death and several severe injuries in recent years