



# Tribal High Priority Projects Program



**Application period:**  
**Rolling deadline – applications reviewed annually on January 31**



**Total funding for 2025: \$9M**  
**Tribal funding for 2024: \$9M**

*Estimated program details per FY24 NOFO; subject to change with FY25 NOFO release.*

# Tribal High Priority Program supports transport facility repair after emergencies and TTP projects needing additional funding



## Goals and merit criteria for Tribal High Priority Program grants<sup>1</sup>:

Grant will provide funding for initiatives that support the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) strategic goals and objectives, namely:

- Enhance safety
- Renew our transit systems
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in public transportation sector
- Improve equity
- Connect communities

1. No NOFO available; goals and merits above are aligned to the Tribal Transit Program, of which THPP is a competitive set-aside.

Source: Tribal Transit Program NOFO (2023)

# Tribal High Priority Program Details

The Tribal High Priority Program has two types of grants: Priority Project grants which support TTP projects that haven’t received funding and Emergency or Disaster Project grants which address damage to built infrastructure

Match funding  
requirement: 0%

Federal funding  
source: BIL

|                            |                  | Priority Project grants  | Emergency or Disaster Project grants  |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| Requirements               |                  | Funding received under Tribal Transit Program is insufficient to complete the highest priority project | Tribe has an emergency or disaster occur on a tribal transportation facility                |
| Eligible grant uses        |                  | Preliminary engineering  | Address natural disaster (i.e., unusual natural occurrence such as flood)                   |
|                            |                  | Construction (including construction equipment purchase)   | Address serious damage (i.e., heavy damage to eligible facility impairing usefulness)       |
|                            |                  | Construction engineering   | Address catastrophic failure (i.e., sudden failure of highway system due to external cause) |
| Award amounts              | Maximum award    | \$1M   | \$700K  |
| Previous awards (national) | 2022-2023 Awards | 23 awards (\$15.9M total) including both Priority Project and Emergency / Disaster Project             |   |
| Previous awards (MI)       | 2022-2023 Awards | 0 awards   |   |

# High level requirements for Tribal High Priority Projects grant

The Tribal High Priority Projects grant requires a number of components, including relevant crash and weather data



## Eligible Entities

- Federally recognized Tribes that receive less than \$1M annual allocation of statutory formula Tribal shares through Tribal Transit Program



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

- Application form signed by authorized Tribe official
  - Applicant information
  - Project description
  - Safety information
- Cost estimate breakdown
- NTTFI data sheet showing route(s) and sections
- Official Tribal Action requesting project AND authority from Secretary of Interior to place project on TIP
- Crash data / other supporting documentation
- Cover sheet (if applying for construction funds)
- Strip map identifying proximity to elements to verify all weather access

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