

ARIZONA STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD


MULTIMODAL PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

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Multimodal Planning Division

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Current Planning Activities

- Tribal Transportation Update
 - Planning updates
 - Grant Process
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ADOT-MPD Tribal Transportation Updates

FY22 Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Tribal Liaison Support & Transportation Working Group (TWG) Project

- This project enables ADOT and ITCA to conduct up to three TWG meetings as forums for state and federal transportation information sharing with tribal representatives.
- The first TWG meeting was held on February 3rd and covered an Interstate 11 Tier 1 Final EIS Project update and an overview of tribal related programs in the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Eighteen representatives from 10 tribes attended the meeting.
- Planning is underway for the second 2022 TWG meeting to be held on March 10th with Bureau of Indian Affairs DOT officials providing overviews on the federal Tribal Road Maintenance Program and the Tribal Bridge Program.

ADOT-MPD Tribal Transportation Updates

Nevada Department of Transportation – Organizational Tribal Best Practices and Policy Project

- ADOT Tribal Liaisons received a request from the Nevada DOT, to participate in an interview scheduled for February 22nd.
- The Nevada DOT is interested to learn what is working with ADOT's Tribal Coordination Program.

2022 National Transportation in Indian Country Conference

- This national tribal transportation conference is scheduled to be held in-person on August 22-26 in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Conference tracks will include safety, transit, planning, project management and current hot topics.
- Conference information is posted at <https://www.nticc.org/>.

Broadband Installation across Tribal Lands

- **I-17 and the Yavapai-Apache Nation: 2/9** The ADOT Broadband team presented information on the Broadband project to the Yavapai-Apache Nation Council members. The information was well received and supported by Jon Huey, Chairman of the Yavapai Apache Nation. The ADOT team included the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations and the AZ Department of Commerce.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program

- Component of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Funding available to create a network of EV charging stations along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors
- Total amount available to states in Fiscal Year 2022 under the NEVI Formula Program is \$615 million
- States must submit an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan before they can access these funds. Due August 1, 2022

2022 RAISE Grant Summary

- \$1.5 billion total discretionary fund
 - 50% rural, 50% urban
 - 1% (\$15 million) to historically disadvantaged communities or areas of persistent poverty
- Minimum grant size \$5 million for urban and \$1 million for rural projects; Maximum \$25 million
- Cost Sharing – Minimum 20% non-federal with possible exceptions for rural projects

2022 RAISE Merit Criteria

- Safety
- Environmental Sustainability
- Quality of Life
- Improves Mobility and Community Connectivity
- Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity
- State of Good Repair
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Innovation (technology, project delivery, financing)

2022 RAISE Critical Dates

- Deadline for application submission via grants.gov website: **April 14, 2022 5:00 pm Eastern**
- USDOT strongly recommends to submit **one week before the deadline**
- Grand award date: **By August 12, 2022**

Transportation Grants

ADOT Process



What is our target?

- Discretionary funding mostly federal
 - Fulfill rigorous criteria set by the Grantor
 - Compete against several other proposals
- Outside of already programmed federal funds
- Most are not FREE – may require local match

Who gets involved?

- Grant Coordinator (Authorized Rep)
 - Manages start to end activities
- Executive Grant Team (EGT)
 - Makes decision on grant development or support
- Working Group
 - Technical Leads, Finance, Gov Relations, JPA Branch
- Partnering Entities
 - LPAs, Regional, Tribal and other public/private agencies

Go/No-Go Decision

- ADOT Project vs. Partnering Entity request?
- Project already programmed?
- Any partnering agency directly involved?
- Matching fund required and available?
- Project schedule complies with grant requirement?
- Generally fulfilling merit criteria?
- Project administration cost (case-by-case)?

Prepare Grant Application

- Typically 4-6 weeks to prepare the package
- Consultant selection and contracting
- Data and information gathering
- Engineering and economic analyses
- Justifying merits of the proposal
- Narratives (front end) with details in appendix

Challenges and Considerations

- Project readiness
 - ROW or Environmental clearance (NEPA)
- Lack of resources
 - Local (non-federal) matching fund per grant
 - Grant application package preparation
- Project administration
 - Is the applicant (direct recipient) eligible to administer?
 - Does ADOT need to administer the project?

Grant Support Request



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ADOT GRANT COORDINATION SUPPORT REQUEST FORM

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IMPORTANT: ADOT recommends 30 days processing time for this request.

Grant Title:
Grantor Agency:
Applicant Agency:
Grant Announcement:
Grant Application Submission Deadline:
Deadline for Your Request:

Project Summary (include location, scope, schedule):

Does this project use, cross or touch or otherwise involve any ADOT right-of-way? Yes No

Programming Status:

Is the Project in an approved Regional TIP?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
COG/MPO	<input type="text"/>
TIP Number	<input type="text"/>
Year Programmed	<input type="text"/>

Project Budget (including grant request):

Source	Amount
Grant Request	<input type="text"/>
Other Federal Funding	<input type="text"/>
Non-federal Funds	<input type="text"/>
Cash	<input type="text"/>
In-Kind	<input type="text"/>
Total Amount*	<input type="text"/>

**NOTE: Except for direct recipient grant awards, all grants must be administered by ADOT, and ADOT project development administration (PDA) costs should be reflected in the project budget submitted with the grant application. PDA amounts are determined on a project by project basis. If ADOT PDA costs are not included, the local sponsor will be solely financially responsible for such costs. Intergovernmental agreements are required for all grant awards that are not direct recipient awards.*

Does NOFO allow your agency to be a direct recipient of grant? Yes No

If yes, will your agency administer the grant-funded project? Yes No

Are you requesting an ADOT letter of support only? Yes No

If yes, please attach a draft letter in Word with email for ADOT consideration and your contact information below. If no, please indicate below any additional support you are requesting from ADOT.

Submitted By:

Your Name:
 Phone:
 Email:

** Please save form to desktop, open with Adobe Acrobat, complete, save and attach form to email and send to: grant@azdot.gov **

Additional documents may be attached to email

Questions? Comments?

For additional Information

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