

State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (AZ SMART) Fund Program

ADOT Multimodal Planning Division

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About the Program

The following information is a summary only - see the Application Materials, FAQs and Resources and Federal Discretionary Grant Program pages for further details.

Numerous new federal discretionary grant programs were created with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also know as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act or BIL). The AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist eligible cities, towns, counties and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in competing for federal discretionary surface transportation grants. The Fund is administered by ADOT, and all awards must be approved by the State Transportation Board (STB).

Federal discretionary grants are highly competitive at the national level. It is the policy of the STB to award AZ SMART Funds to well-developed applications that maximize the State's competitiveness for each federal discretionary grant. It is recommended that Applicants develop and/or review cost estimates carefully as they will be responsible for all costs exceeding the amount awarded by both the AZ SMART Fund and a federal agency.

The AZ SMART monies are allocated to certain categories of eligible applicants. See current funding and awarded applications [here](#). This information is updated after each STB meeting.

New Fund Status & Awards Report

As of 2/17/2024 based on 2/16/24 STB actions	Cumulative AZ SMART Fund Report				
	ADOT	Muni < 10K	Muni 10K+	County < 100K	County 100K+
	ARS\$28-339 F.5	ARS\$28-339 F.4	ARS\$28-339 F.3	ARS\$28-339 F.2	ARS\$28-339 F.1
Total Revenue					
Legislative Appropriations /1	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000
Interest Earnings to Date	\$ 463,078	\$ 463,113	\$ 463,113	\$ 463,113	\$ 463,113
Total Revenues	\$ 12,963,078	\$ 12,963,113	\$ 12,963,113	\$ 12,963,113	\$ 12,963,113
Set Aside					
Grant Development		\$ 4,600		\$ 50,000	
Match Awards	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ 9,714,415	\$ -	\$ 4,047,342
Design & Engineering	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 4,410,657	\$ 3,524,272	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 1,210,000
1% Program Administration	\$ -				
Match Released	\$ -		\$ (3,277,008)	\$ -	\$ -
Design Recovered	\$ -	\$ (807,500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Approved (Set Aside, Underway and Expended)					
Grant Development		\$ 4,600		\$ 50,000	
Match Awards	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ 6,437,407	\$ -	\$ 4,047,342
Design & Engineering	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 4,198,157	\$ 6,311,707	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 1,210,000
Miscellaneous/Overhead	\$ 100,000				
Total	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 4,202,757	\$ 12,749,114	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 5,257,342
Available for Awards	\$ 7,863,078	\$ 8,760,356	\$ 213,999	\$ 9,713,113	\$ 7,705,771

Date Awarded	Award Type*	Award Amount	Awardee	Project Title	Funding Released	Federal Grant	eSTIP #
2/17/2023	Match	\$29,000	Navajo County	260: US 60 to SR 73		RAISE 2022	103954
2/17/2023	DOES	\$807,500	Clarkdale	Local bridge replacement - ST 08488	8/2/2023	RAISE 2023	103949
2/17/2023	DOES	\$208,500	Bisbee	Commerce St bridge replacement		RAISE 2023	103950
8/18/2023	Match	\$437,407	Phoenix	Rio Reimagined BikePed Bridge - RAISE		RAISE 2022	104174
3/17/2023	DOES	\$208,264	Parker	Enhanced Mobility and Infrastructure for Town of Parker Surface Streets		RAISE 2023	103951
3/17/2023	DOES	\$595,000	Duncan	Town of Duncan System-Wide Resurfacing and New		RAISE 2023	103801
3/17/2023	DOES	\$2,787,435	San Luis	Caesar Chavez Blvd Improvement		RAISE 2023	103953
4/21/2023	DOES	\$896,500	Camo Verde	Finnie Flat Road & Montezuma Castle HWY Corridor		RAISE 2023	102806

On AZ SMART web page at <https://azdot.gov/planning/grant-coordination/az-smart-fund>

AZ SMART Eligibilities

Eligible Uses include:

- Reimburse up to 50% of grant development and submission costs of a federal grant application. Limited to:
 - Counties with population of less than 100,000 and
 - Cities/towns with population of less than 10,000
- Match for a federal grant
- Reimbursement for design and other engineering services that meet federal standards for projects eligible for a federal grant

Eligible applicants are ADOT, all cities/towns and counties outside of Maricopa and Pima Counties, and Gila Bend in Maricopa County

Federal Grants associated with Applications

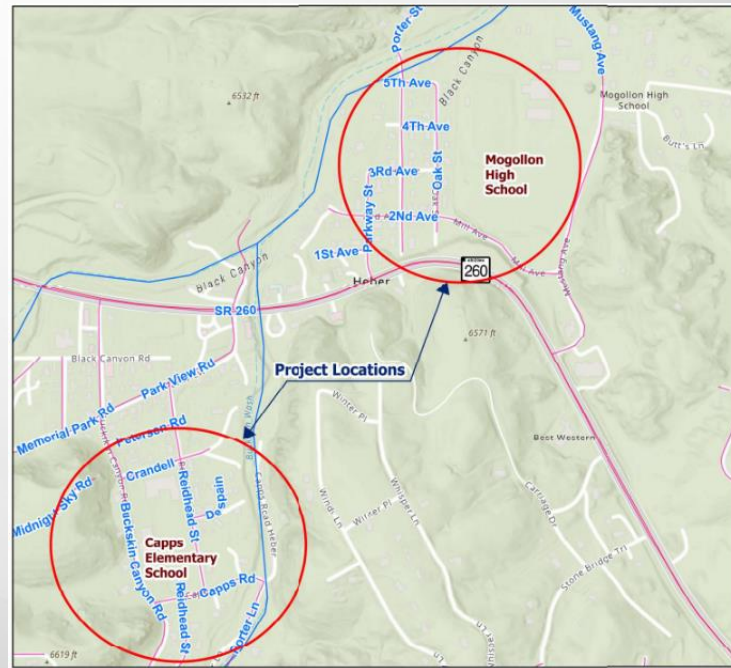
Grant Program	Brief description/Program Goals	Eligible Applicants	Eligible Projects
Local and Regional Project Assistance (RAISE)	The RAISE program is a competitive grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact.	States, a unit of local government, a public agency or publicly chartered authority, a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, a Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes, a transit agency, and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities	Highway, road, bridge, public transportation, passenger and freight rail, port infrastructure, replace/rehabilitate a culvert, prevent stormwater runoff to improve habitat for aquatic species, any other surface transportation infrastructure project the Secretary considers to be necessary
Rural surface transportation grant program	Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program will support projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.	State, Regional transportation planning organizations, LG, Tribal government, Multijurisdictional entities.	Eligible highway, bridge, or tunnel projects; highway freight projects; highway safety improvement projects; projects on a publicly-owned highway or bridge improving access to certain facilities that support the economy of a rural area; integrated mobility management system, transportation demand management system, or on-demand mobility services.
Reconnecting communities pilot program	For projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.	State, Tribal Governments, Counties, Cities, Nonprofits and others.	A highway, including a road, street, or parkway or other transportation facility, such as a rail line, that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors.

Navajo County

**Project: REIDHEAD ST; CRANDELL RD - CAPPS RD
& PORTER ST; 5TH AVE - 2ND AVE**

AZ SMART Request will fund DOES:

- Perform a PA to evaluate options in improving school routes
- Project will:
 - Improve sidewalks, bike lanes, and other multi-use paths
 - Improve safety of walking and bicycling to school
- Applicant intends to be direct recipient
- Applicant will pursue 2025 RAISE Grant

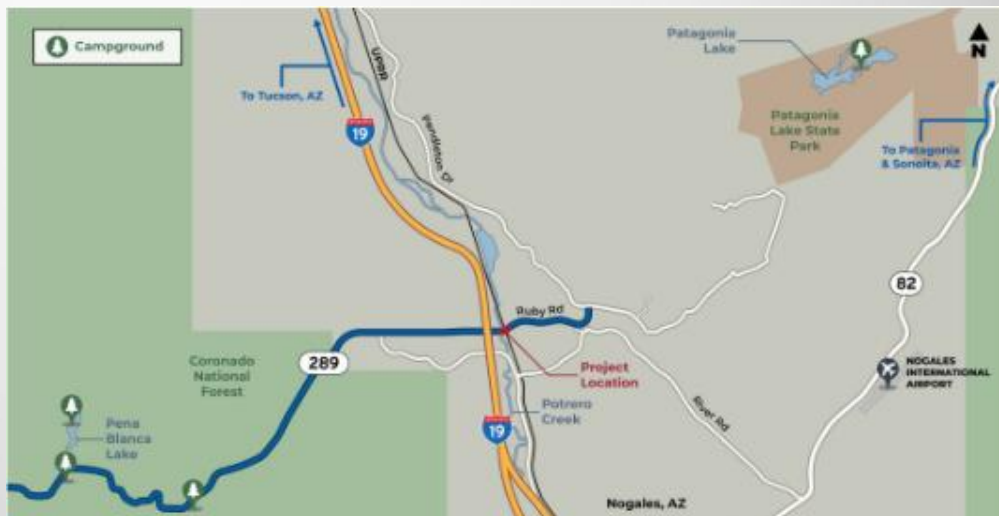


AZ SMART Request will fund
MATCH:

- New Bridge
- Project will:
 - Would be the only bridge that would span over both the floodplain and the Union Pacific Railroad.
 - Provide reliable east-west connection for all traveling public
- Applicant requests ADOT Administration
- Applicant will pursue 2023 RCPP Grant

Santa Cruz County

Project: Ruby Road Bridge Over Potrero Creek and the Union Pacific Railroad



AZ SMART Request will fund DOES:

- Proposed reconstruction and improvement of the existing standard diamond traffic interchange and frontage road
- Project will:
 - Widen and reconstruct Quartzsite Blvd with additional lanes
 - Widen and reconstruct freeway ramps, ramp intersections and frontage road.
 - 2 New overpass bridge structures over I-10
 - Alleviate increasing traffic delays
- Applicant Requests ADOT administration
- Applicant will pursue 24-25 Rural Surface Transportation Grant

Town of Quartzsite

Project: I-10 West Quartzsite Traffic Interchange & Frontage Road

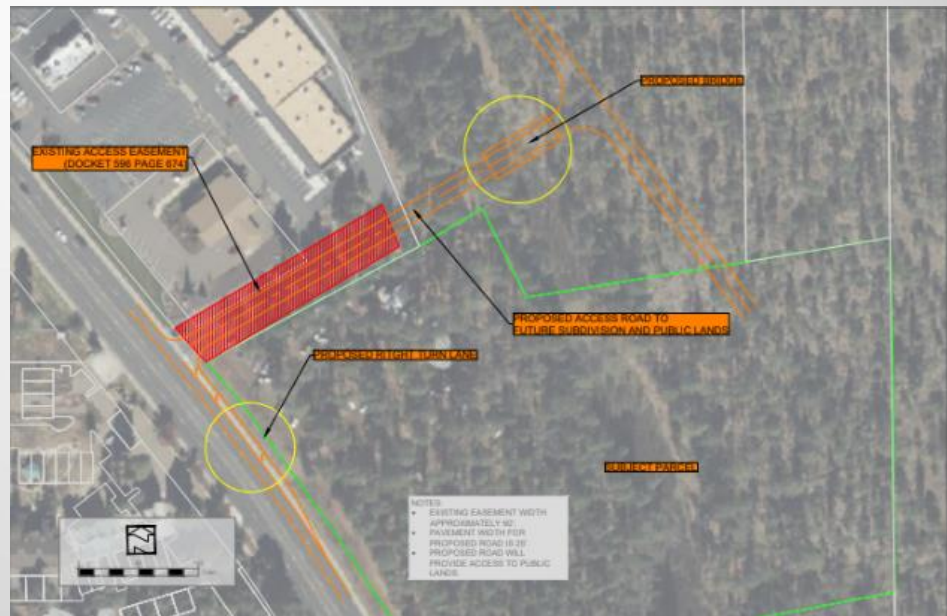


AZ SMART Request will fund DOES:

- New bridge across Billy Creek
- Project will:
 - Allow development and expansion of the town to the north side of Billy Creek
- Applicant intends to be direct recipient
- Applicant will pursue the RAISE grant in the 2024 round

Pinetop-Lakeside

Project: Pinetop Commons Road & Bridge

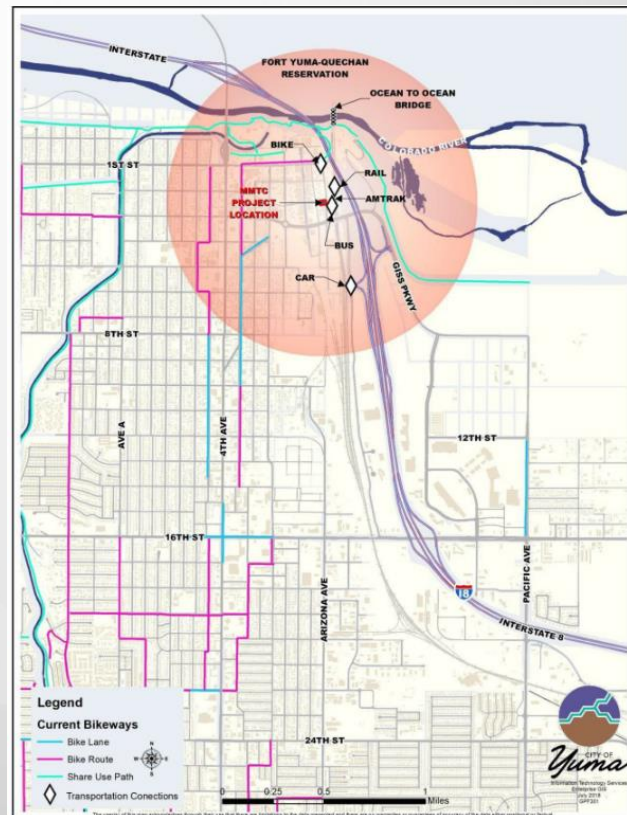


ADOT/City of Yuma

Project: Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Center

AZ SMART Request will fund MATCH:

- Supports the joint venture application with The City of Yuma
- Project will:
 - Develop a new Multimodal Transportation Center
 - First step to the turnback of the I-8 Frontage Road
- Applicant intends to be direct recipient
- Applicant was awarded RAISE grant in 2021



As of 2/29/2024

Cumulative AZ SMART Fund Report

ADOT

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Total Revenue					
Legislative Appropriations /1	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000
Interest Earnings to Date	\$ 559,620	\$ 559,676	\$ 559,679	\$ 559,679	\$ 559,679
Total Revenues	\$ 13,059,620	\$ 13,059,676	\$ 13,059,679	\$ 13,059,679	\$ 13,059,679
Total Approved (Set Aside, Underway and Expended)					
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Miscellaneous/Overhead	\$ -				
Total	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,607,757	\$ 12,749,114	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 5,257,342
Available for Awards	\$ 8,059,620	\$ 9,451,919	\$ 310,565	\$ 9,809,679	\$ 7,802,337
Pending Requests					
Grant Development		\$ -		\$ -	
Match Awards	\$ 3,537,057	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300,000	\$ -
Design & Engineering	\$ -	\$ 3,574,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000
Total	\$ 3,537,057	\$ 3,574,600	\$ -	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 170,000
After Approval of Pending Requests	4,522,563	5,877,319	310,565	6,509,679	7,632,337

Requested Actions

- Approve \$170,000 in DOES for Navajo County application for Reidhead Street; Crandall Road - Capps Road & Porter Street; 5th Ave - 2nd Ave project
- Approve \$3.3 Mil in MATCH for Santa Cruz County application for Ruby Road Bridge over Potrero Creek and the Union Pacific Railroad Project
- Approve \$3.4 Mil in DOES for Town of Quartzsite application for I-10 West Traffic Interchange and Frontage Road Project
- Approve \$174,600 in DOES for Pinetop-Lakeside application for Pinetop Commons Road and Bridge Project
- Approve \$3,537,057 in MATCH for ADOT application for Yuma Multi-modal Transportation Center project