

# NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL LANDS AND TRIBAL PROJECTS PROGRAM (NSFLTP)

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# OVERVIEW

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- Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program Description
- What changed under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58, Nov. 15, 2021)\*
- What projects are eligible
- How to apply
- How will applications be reviewed
- Where can you find more information
- Federal Award Administration Information

\*Also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

# NSFLTP Program Description

- **Program purpose** – To provide funding for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of nationally-significant projects on Federal or tribal lands.
- **Statutory citation** – FAST Act § 1123, IIJA § 11127
- **Eligible Applicants:**
  - Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA)
  - Tribal Governments
  - States and local transportation agencies may also apply, but only if sponsored by an FLMA or Tribal Government.

# NSFLTP - Changes Made under IIJA

- Increase funding – NSFLTP FY22 NOFO makes available **\$125.215 Million**
- Decrease in minimum Project Construction Cost – Now **\$12.5 Million**
- **Removed** priority for projects over \$50 Million
- 50% of the funds **must** go to Tribal transportation facilities
- One eligible project from National Park Service for a unit with 3,000,000 annual visitors or more must receive funds
- Federal share of projects on Tribal transportation facilities is now **100%**
- Allows the use of **all Federal funding** as match, including Title 23 and 49 funds

# Changes to NSFLTP NOFO from FY 2021

- **Section A, Program Description**
  - Identifies changes made by IIJA
  - Highlights DOT priorities
- **Section E's Discretionary criteria** now include:
  - Project Readiness
  - Underserved Community\*
  - Climate Change and Environmental Justice\*
  - Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity\*
  - Job Quality, Workforce Development and Workforce Equity (new)\*

**\*Not applicable to applications on Tribal transportation facilities**
- **Benefit/Cost Analysis requirement removed**

# NSFLTP Project Eligibility Information

- A single continuous project on a Federal lands transportation facility, a Federal lands access transportation facility\*, or a tribal transportation facility\*
  - \* Facility is not required to be included in an inventory described in section 202 or 203 [FAST Act, section 1123(c)(1)];
- NEPA must be complete, as demonstrated through—
  - a record of decision with respect to the project;
  - a finding that the project has no significant impact; or
  - a determination that the project is categorically excluded; and
- Has an estimated total project cost equal to or exceeding \$12,500,000

# NSFLTP Eligibility Information

- Eligible Activities:
  - Construction related costs only
  - No design or preliminary engineering
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  - Tribal Governments
  - States and local transportation agencies\* may also apply, but **only if sponsored by an FLMA or Tribal Government.**

\*This includes States, local governments, political subdivisions of a State or local government, MPOs, and special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, including port authorities.

# Application and Submission Information

- All applications will be through **Grants.gov**
- Content and Form of Application Submission
  - Standard Form 424, 424C, 424D, LLL, and Key Contacts
  - Cover Page
  - Narrative, including a project description, location, parties involved, funding, budgeting, project risks, and a discussion of how the project addresses Statutory and Discretionary criteria.
  - NEPA documentation, maps, letters of support



# Application and Submission Information

- **Sponsorship Coordinator**

- Sponsorship Coordinator provides
  - FHWA a list of sponsored applications, including their own.
  - Enough detail to match the projects with applications
- Each Tribe and FLMA should designate one person to be Sponsorship Coordinator.
- A list of Sponsorship Coordinators can be obtained from <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant/list-sponsorship-coordinators>

# Application Review Information, overview

- **Technical Review Team** –
  - Technical staff from FHWA
  - Reviews projects for eligibility and against selection criteria.
  - Rate applications: Highly Recommended, Recommended, Acceptable, and Not Recommended
- **Senior Team**
  - Executive leaders from FHWA
  - Decide which Acceptable, Recommended, and Highly Recommended applications to send to the Secretary as **Highly Rated**
- **Secretary makes the final selections**

# Application Review Information, Statutory Criteria

- **Statutory criteria** – Applications will be evaluated against the nine criteria provided in statute and in the NOFO.
  - Furthers the Department's goals, including state of good repair, economic competitiveness, quality of life, and safety;
  - Improves the condition of critical transportation facilities, including multimodal transportation facilities;
  - Needs construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation;
  - Has matching funds (projects with a greater percentage of matching funds rank higher than projects with a lesser percentage of matching funds);
  - Is included on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
  - More ...

## Application Review Information, Statutory Criteria, cont.

- Uses new technologies and innovations to increase project efficiency;
- Is supported (whether for construction or for operation and maintenance) by funds other than those received under this program;
- Spans two or more States; and
- Serves land owned by multiple Federal agencies or Indian tribes.

# Application Review Information, Discretionary Criteria

- **The first Discretionary criterion applies to all applications, including applications on Tribal transportation facilities**
  - The project's demonstrated project readiness.

# Application Review Information, Discretionary Criteria, cont.

- **The next four Discretionary criteria apply to applications on Federal lands access transportation facilities or on Federal land transportation facilities**
  - Whether the project is located in an underserved community, as defined in Executive Order 13985;
  - The extent to which the project reduces greenhouse gas emissions and improves environmental justice;
  - The extent to which the project will advance the Racial Equity and Barriers to Opportunity Program objective; and
  - The extent to which the project will advance the Job Quality, Workforce Development, and Workforce Equity objective
- FHWA will not require or consider these criteria when reviewing applications for projects on Tribal transportation facilities

# Websites

- **There are several websites mentioned in the NOFO, including**
  - **Grants.gov**
    - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=328898>
  - **SAM.gov**
  - **NSFLTP website**
    - <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>
- **What are they?**

# Websites: Grants.gov

The image shows a screenshot of the Grants.gov website in a browser window. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.grants.gov/>. The website header includes a search bar with the text "SEARCH: Grant Communities" and "Enter Keyword...". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, LEARN GRANTS, SEARCH GRANTS, APPLICANTS, GRANTORS, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, FORMS, CONNECT, and SUPPORT. A red banner below the navigation menu contains an "UPDATED ALERT" from SAM.gov regarding SAM.gov registration and notarized letters. The main content area features a large image of a person holding a smartphone displaying the Grants.gov mobile app. Below the image are buttons for "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play". At the bottom of the page is a dark navigation bar with icons and labels for: SEARCH GRANTS, GET STARTED, GRANT POLICIES, GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES, PREVENT SCAMS, COMMUNITY BLOG, TWITTER FEED, YOUTUBE VIDEOS, ONLINE HELP, and SUPPORT CENTER. Five red callout boxes with numbers 1 through 5 are overlaid on the image, pointing to specific elements: 1 points to the browser address bar, 2 points to the search bar, 3 points to the updated alert banner, 4 points to the mobile app image, and 5 points to the bottom navigation bar.

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# Websites: Grants.gov

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Three items are highlighted with red arrows and numbered boxes:

- 6** points to the "Apply for Grants as a Team" card, which features an icon of a document with a checklist and the text: "Apply for Grants as a Team. Easily collaborate on your federal grant applications."
- 7** points to the "Grant Writing Tips" card, which features a pencil icon and the text: "Grant Writing Tips | Grant Writing Tips. Principles and examples of good federal grant-writing."
- 8** points to the "Grants Learning Center" card, which features an icon of an open book and the text: "Grants Learning Center. Your gateway to the federal grants world."

Other visible cards on the page include:

- "New Grants.gov Chatbot" with a chatbot icon and text: "Grant, the Grants.gov help chatbot, was created to answer users' most frequently asked questions (FAQs)."
- "Next System Maintenance: September 23 - 29, 2022" with a calendar icon.
- "Planned UEI Form Updates" with a document icon and text: "Planned Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Form Updates. Grants.gov's timeline for New Form Versions with UEI Fields."
- "What is...? Blog Series" with a speech bubble icon and text: "What is...? BLOG SERIES. 'What Is...?' Blog Series. Get smart about the world of federal grants."
- "Upcoming User Impacts" with a large red exclamation mark icon and text: "Upcoming User Impacts. Notices of upcoming system changes to Grants.gov."

# Websites: SAM.gov

- **What's SAM.gov?** System for Award Management is the website where you register to do business with the U.S. Government
- **How do you sign up?**
  - Create a user account.
  - Register your entity to do business.
- **What if we are Tribe or Alaskan Native Village?** Yes, you must be registered in SAM.gov to receive a Federal award

# Websites: SAM.gov

https://sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1

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View Favorites Tools Help

Server Select

View assistance for SAM.gov

**SAM**  
SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

A NEW WAY TO SIGN IN - if you already have a SAM account, use your SAM email for login.

Log In  
Login.gov FAQs

HOME SEARCH RECORDS DATA ACCESS CHECK STATUS ABOUT HELP

**ALERT** - June 11, 2018: Entities registering in SAM must submit a [signed letter](#) appointing their authorized Entity Administrator. Read our [updated FAQs](#) to learn more about changes to the so-called letter review process and other system improvements.

**ALERT** - Users who previously bookmarked this site will need to update their bookmark on November 1, 2018. Users may continue to navigate directly to sam.gov, only the bookmarked url will be affected.

The System for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. government. There is no cost to use SAM. You can use this site for FREE to:

- Register to do business with the U.S. government
- Update or renew your entity registration
- Check status of an entity registration
- Search for entity registration and exclusion records

**Getting Started**

Create SAM User Account

Register Entity

Search Records

Start by creating a SAM user account.

After creating your SAM user account, log in to register to do business with the U.S. government.

Do a public search for existing entity registration records or exclusion records.

Federal users can log in to see additional information.

**GSA**

18F is a P.O. box/office/contract

Search Records  
Data Access  
Check Status  
About  
Help

Disclaimers  
Accessibility  
Privacy Policy

FAPDS.gov  
GSA.gov/LAS  
GSA.gov  
USA.gov

# Websites: SAM.gov

The screenshot shows the SAM.gov website home page. The browser address bar displays <https://sam.gov/content/home>. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, Search, Data Bank, Data Services, and Help. The main content area is titled "The Official U.S. Government System for:" and lists several services: Contract Opportunities (was fbo.gov), Contract Data (Reports ONLY from fpds.gov), Wage Determinations (was wdol.gov), Federal Hierarchy (Departments and Subtiers), Assistance Listings (was cfda.gov), Entity Information (Entities, Disaster Response Registry, and Exclusions), and Entity Reporting (SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting). A prominent call-to-action box on the right encourages users to "Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID" and includes buttons for "Get Started", "Renew Entity", and "Check Registration Status". A red arrow labeled "9" points to the URL bar, and another red arrow labeled "10" points to the "Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID" section.

Home Search Data Bank Data Services Help

**SAM.GOV**

Official U.S. Government Website  
100% Free

**The Official U.S. Government System for:**

- Contract Opportunities**  
(was fbo.gov)
- Contract Data**  
(Reports ONLY from fpds.gov)
- Wage Determinations**  
(was wdol.gov)
- Federal Hierarchy**  
Departments and Subtiers
- Assistance Listings**  
(was cfda.gov)
- Entity Information**  
Entities, Disaster Response Registry, and Exclusions
- Entity Reporting**  
SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting

[Learn More](#)

**Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID**

Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government.

[Get Started](#)

[Renew Entity](#)

[Check Registration Status](#)

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# Websites: NSFLTP

- **What is the NSFLTP website?** This website contains information specific to the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program.
  - Program background
  - Frequently asked questions
  - Links to Grants.gov
    - Opportunity page
    - NOFO
  - <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>

# Federal Award Administration Information

- **Notification of Selection**

- The FHWA will announce awarded projects by posting a list of selected projects at <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/significant/>
- Following the announcement, FHWA will call the point of contact listed in form SF-424 to initiate negotiation of a project-specific agreement

- **Reporting –**

- Recipients of NSFLTP Program funding are responsible for meeting reporting requirements
- Federal Financial Report (SF-425) on the financial condition of the project bi-annually
- Annual Budget Review and Program Plan to monitor the use of Federal funds and ensure accountability and financial transparency in the NSFLTP Program

# Questions?

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- <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>
- [fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law](https://fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law)



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