

GRANTS/ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES



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Grant Authorities

- Authority – 33 USC 2325 and 33 USC 2328, Water Resources Development Act of 1992
- ER 1130-2-500, Ch. 10 – The Contribution Program provides the means and processes on how to accept donations plus administer any funds the Corps might receive directly or indirectly from a grant.

****NOTE: Grants are considered to be Contributions, not an illegal augmentation of appropriated funds.**



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Federal, State, Local Governments

Corporations

- Directly from the company (*Wells Fargo, WalMart, Bank of America*)
- From the company's non-profit foundation (*Wells Fargo Foundation, WalMart Foundation, Bank of America Charitable Foundation*)

Community Organizations

Lion's Clubs, Rotary, etc.

Foundations

- Typical
- Family
- Community
- Commercial
- Congressionally chartered



Individuals



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Grants

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- A few Federal grants directly available to the Corps
 - Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Highways (FHWA) funds
 - Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership (RFHP)
- Some State grants are directly available to Corps but often require matching funds up front. (State boating and waterway grants)
- Many more grants are available to friends groups/cooperating associations
- The Corps Foundation is available to help with seeking grants



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USACE Benefits from DOT and Federal Highways Programs

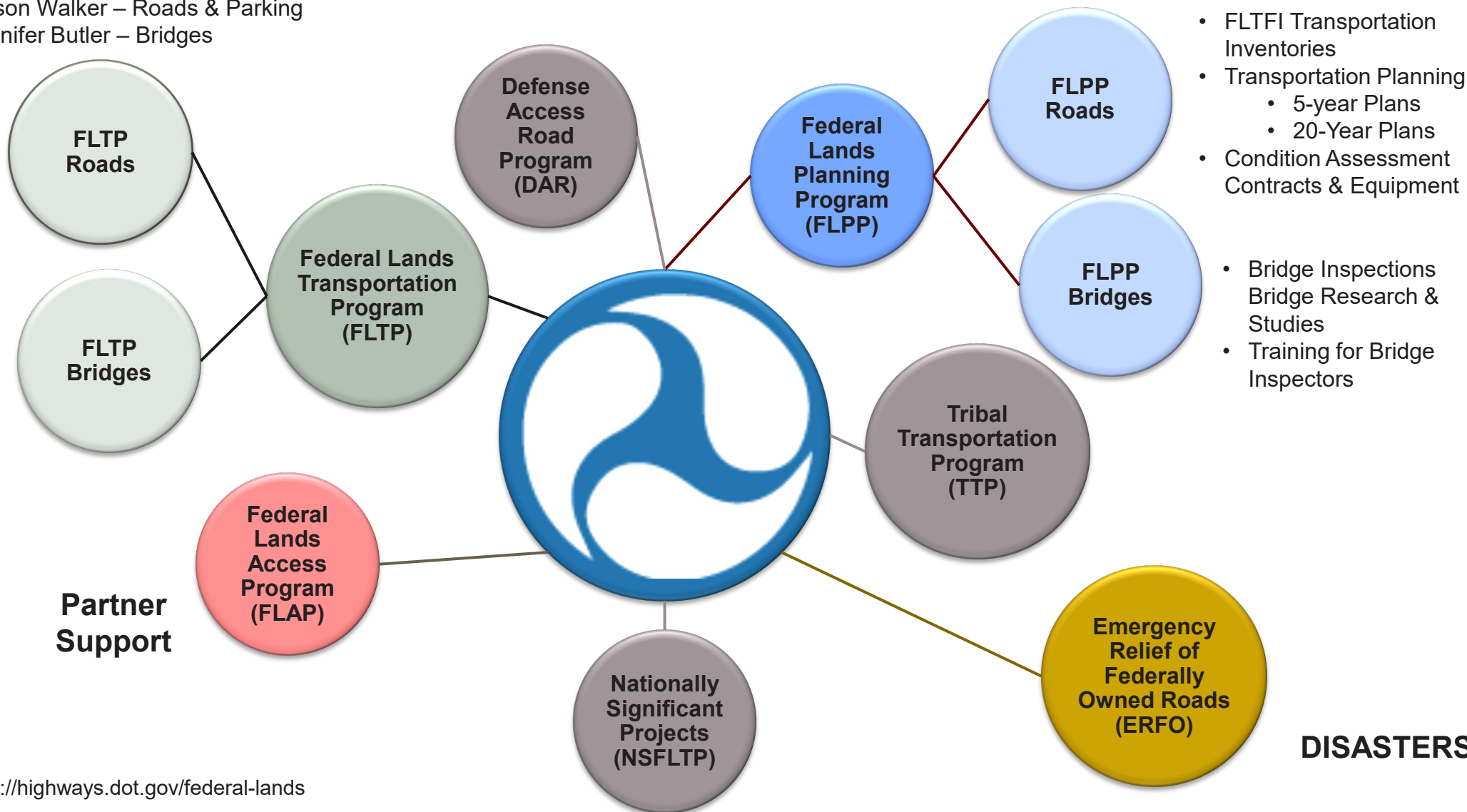
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USACE Co-managers:

- Allison Walker – Roads & Parking
- Jennifer Butler – Bridges

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Federal Lands Transportation Program Funding under Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



- The IIJA reserves the majority of FLTP funding for designated Federal agencies:
 - \$332-\$360 million per fiscal year for the National Park Service
 - \$36 million per fiscal year for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - \$24-\$28 million per fiscal year for the U.S. Forest Service
- FHWA will allocate the remaining \$31M FLTP funds competitively among (minimum \$7M to each):
 - The Bureau of Land Management
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - The Bureau of Reclamation
 - Independent Federal agencies with natural resource and land management responsibilities (*such as The Presidio*)

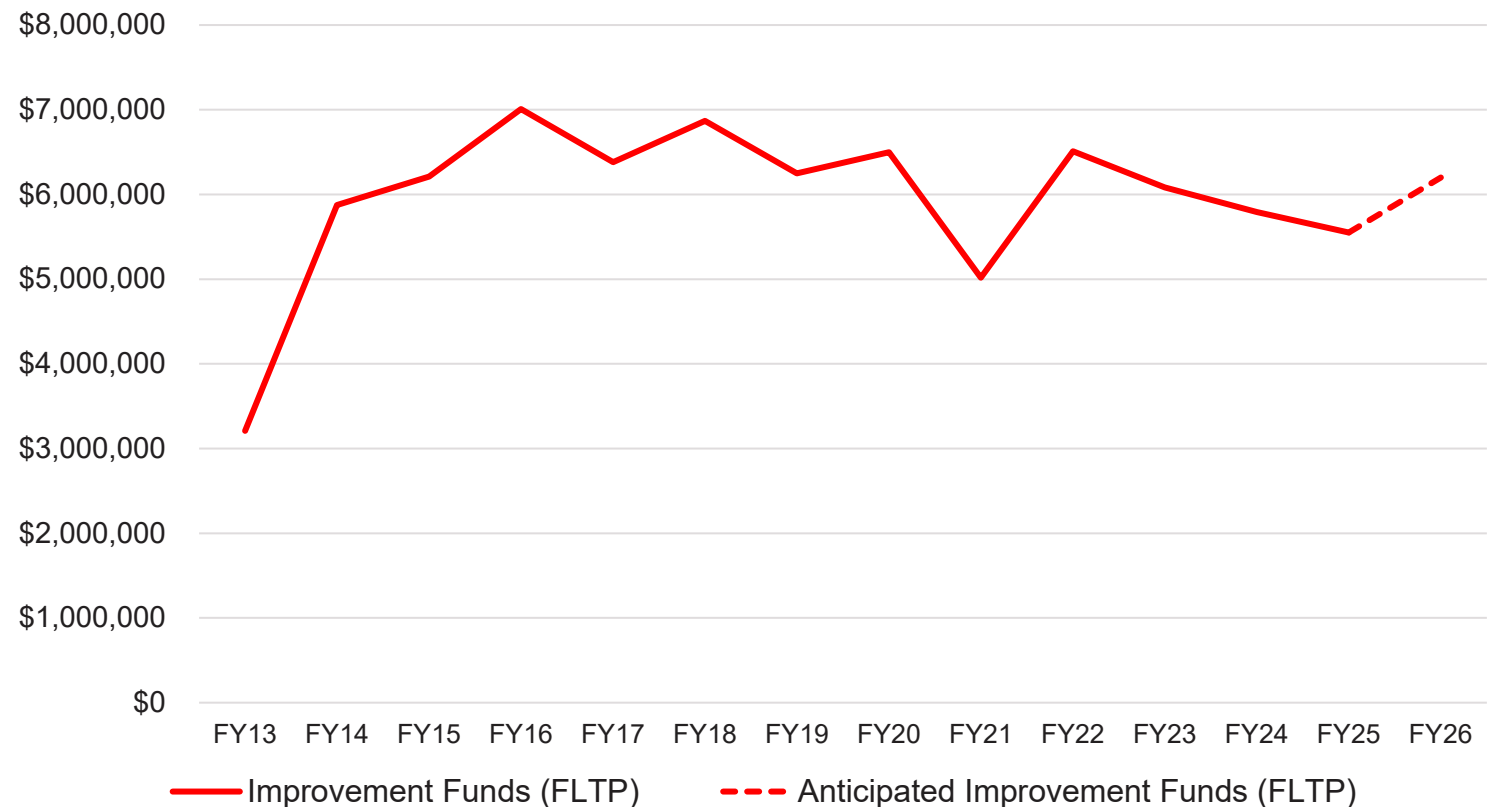


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FLTP - USACE Implementation

- Road/parking improvements at highly visited recreation areas to address backlog maintenance and improve public access and use of areas.
 - Road/parking projects not generally competitive in USACE budget process
- Bridge program work for compliance with NBIS and FHWA Guidelines.
 - FLTP allows improvements to bridges that support public safety, recreation access and regional economies.

FLTP USACE Funding Levels





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Public Roads & Bridges

FLTP Activity

FLTP Accomplishments FY13-25:



94

miles of roadway improved



47

bridges repaired



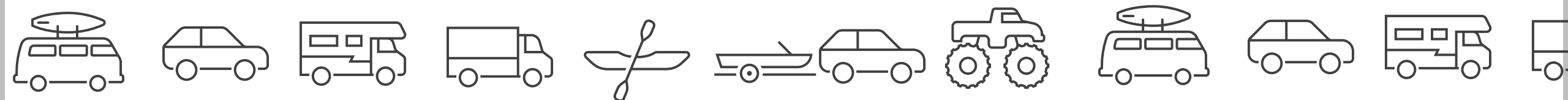
8.8M

visitors provided safer access annually



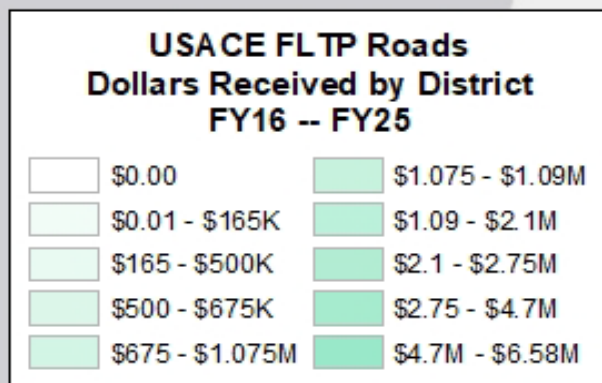
\$75M

FLTP dollars received through FY25



LTP Roads by District -- FY25

Color	Funding Range
Lightest Green	\$1.075 - \$1.09M
Light Green	\$1.09 - \$2.1M
Medium Green	\$2.1 - \$2.75M
Darkest Green	\$2.75 - \$4.7M





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Example of Improvements - LRD

BEFORE



AFTER



East Fork Recreation Area, East Lynn Lake, WV

Work improved 3.7 miles of roadway and 350,000 sf of parking for East Fork Recreation Area. This provides safer access to over 86,000 boaters, campers, picnickers, swimmers, and other recreators annually. FLTP funding also went towards repair of a rockslide on the steep topography in this park that had caused complete obstruction of access to part of the recreation area.



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Lost Creek Pedestrian Bridge Completion

PORTLAND DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

NWD Priority: FLTP Project Completion

WHO: NWP Operations Division,
Cascades Project Office & Federal
Highways Administration

WHAT: Lost Creek Pedestrian Bridge

WHEN: October 10, 2024

WHERE: Portland District, Lost Creek
Lake

WHY: Gabions on pedestrian bridge
failed causing bridge closure and
loss of public and emergency
access

WHAT'S NEXT: Maintain public and
emergency access and continued
partnership with Federal Highways
Administration.



Left: Pedestrian Bridge on Lost
Creek Lake Trail closed due to
failing bridge support gabion

Failed Gabion at bridge
intersection.

Removal of old gabion
supported pedestrian bridge



Above & Right: New pedestrian
bridge physically complete,
October 2024



Summary:

The Lost Creek pedestrian bridge provides the only access for emergency (search & rescue) and maintenance equipment for recreation and environmental stewardship management in this management area of Lost Creek Lake. The bridge closure also restricted access to a portion of the National Trails System designated in 1986 by the Dept of Interior and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. Initial planning for Lost Creek Pedestrian Bridge began in FY2022 with successful application for Federal Lands Transportation Program funding. Due to increased materials and construction costs, the project was rescoped with assistance from Federal Highways Administration and reached a successful contract award on the third solicitation attempt. The persistence and tenacity of the Cascades Project Office and entire planning team to see the project to completion is commendable. Bridge access will improve recreation, allow for stewardship of project lands, and result in expedited emergency response whenever needed.





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How to Apply for FLTP Funds

Submit a package through the Rec Budget Process

Asset Management Links x Edit Work Package x +

maps.crrl.usace.army.mil/apexcrrl/f?p=176:5:7369629101735::NO:5:P5_WKPG_FY_ID,P5_WKPG_ID:761325,354592

TEST

REC Civil Works - Integrated Funding Database (CW-IFD)

WELCOME: HARTWIG.RYAN.D (MSC) Feedback Logout

CYCLE: FY2024 - BUDGET

Home Program Code: 000820 Reports Admin

REC Work Package: 354592

REC Work Package Data for (000820) BULL SHOALS LAKE, AR | FY2024 BUDGET

Cancel Save & Close Save

Features & Descriptives Asset Information Risk

Primary PSA Affected: LAKEVIEW PARK S1459

Asset Category: Parking

Asset Component Name: Paved Parking Lots [Rating=]

Operational Condition Assessment Performed Date: 15-DEC-2020

Other Considerations (Check All that apply):

- ☒ Public Roads/Parking (eligible for FLTP)
- ☐ New Construction
- ☐ Partnerships/Volunteers
- ☐ Accessibility (ADA/ABA)
- ☐ Closure/Consolidation

Storm Related Work: Yes

Check the
"FLTP
Eligible" Box

Packages will be ranked by Operational Condition Assessment (OCA) score, economic impact, visitation, description and justification to create a 5-year plan to submit to DoT

Annual obligation plans submitted to DoT are based on rank and what fits into the FLTP budget for the year



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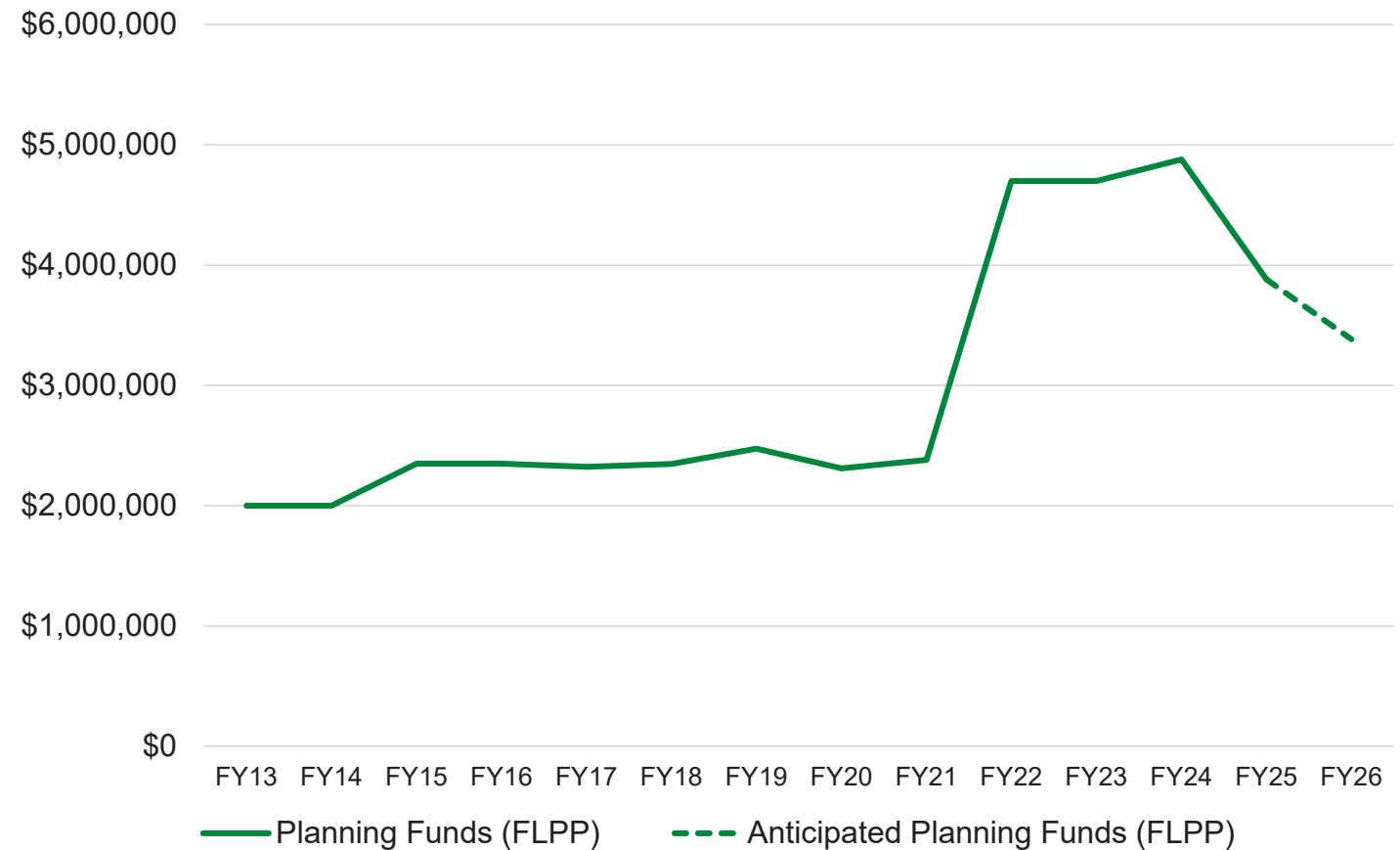


Federal Lands Planning Program

Activities under the Federal Lands Planning Program include:

- Long range transportation plans
- Performance management activities -- including the development and implementation of safety
- Bridge, pavement, and congestion management systems
- Road and bridge inventory
- Development and updating of the Transportation Improvement Program
- Other research and planning activities to improve transportation programs
- Bridge inspections

FLPP USACE Funding Levels



ROADS & BRIDGES PLANNING ACTIVITIES

FLPP Accomplishments FY13-25:

**100%**

Inventory of transportation facilities within PSAs

**178**

Bridges inspected annually

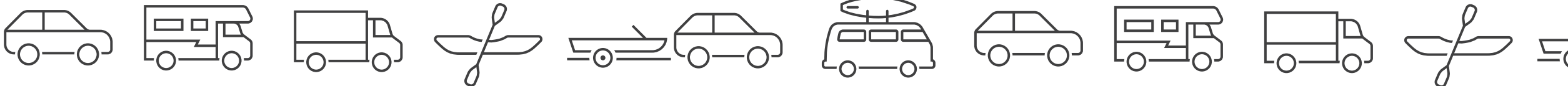
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Bridge database upgrade and replacement

**\$39M**

FLPP dollars received through FY25

Other Accomplishments: Congestion studies, drone studies for bridge inspections, improvements to bridge databases, 5-year Investment Strategy document, 20-year long range transportation plan, meter studies, condition assessments, annual accomplishments reports....





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Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO)



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Established to assist federal agencies with the repair or reconstruction of public federal lands transportation facilities, and other federally owned public roads, which are found to have suffered serious damage by a natural disaster over a wide area or by a catastrophic failure*.

- Permanent repairs are undertaken after the occurrence of the disaster to restore facilities to their pre-disaster conditions. Prior approval required.
- Intent notification required step (**within 45 days of event**)
- Actual funding provided or based on eligibility and annual ERFO fund request process (can involve congressional authorizations)

*a natural disaster over a wide area, such as by a flood, hurricane, tidal wave, earthquake, severe storm, wildfire, or landslide; or catastrophic failure from any external cause.



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- Unlike FLTP, a single event can provide millions in funding for improvements
- Minimum Funding Thresholds
 - \$700,000 per event
 - \$5,000 per site repaired
- FLH may be able to do the work for you!
- Online training available
 - <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo/training/>
 - ERFO Disaster Assistance Manual
<https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/docs/federal-lands/programs/erfo/8521/erfo-2015.pdf>
- <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/erfo/>



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ERFO Process Flow Chart

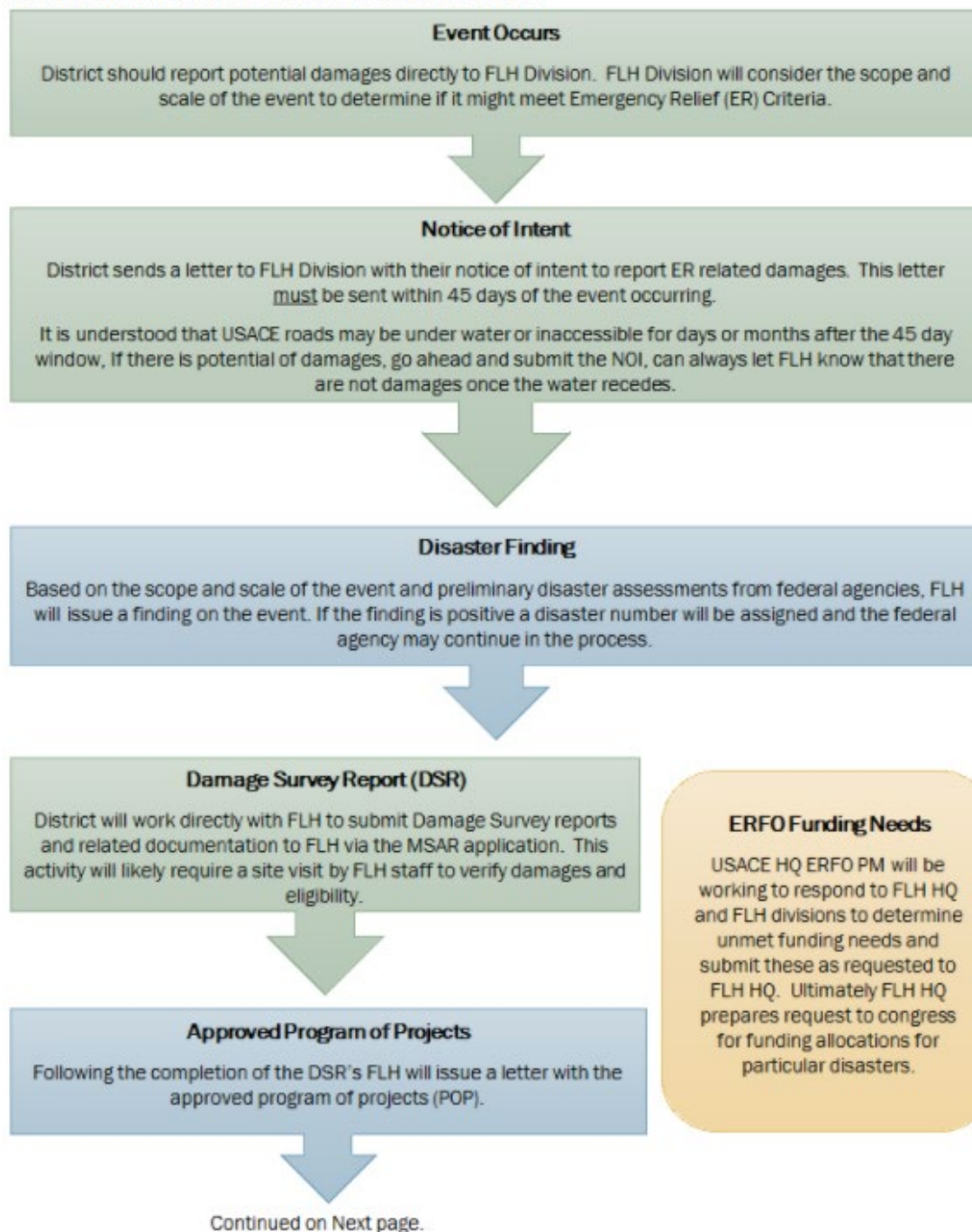
ERFO-USACE Flow Chart on the ERFO Sharepoint or NRM Gateway

<https://usace.dps.mil/sites/KMP-CW/SitePages/NRM-and-the-Federal-Highways-Program.aspx>

<https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/flh/flh.cfm>

Based on the ERFO Disaster Assistance Manual, 2014

District Action Green, FLH Action Blue, USACE ERFO PM Yellow





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Federal Lands Access Program

- The goal of the Federal Lands Access Program (Access Program or FLAP) is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands (outgranted).
 - Emphasis on high use sites and economic generators
- The Access Program supplements State and local resources in 50 States, DC and Puerto Rico
- Compliments other Federal Programs
 - Federal Lands Transportation Program
- **State or Local Governments are eligible applicants**
- No applicant match required.



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Your Role With The FLAP Program

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- Share information about the program with your State/County/Local partners
- If you have a partner applying for grant, provide a statement of support
 - Include economic benefits of the region/PSA, any condition or public feedback requests for improvement
- District or Regional POCs may be asked to participate in ranking discussions
- Use your Master Planning process to have conversations with partners about transportation improvement.

North Dakota Federal Lands Access Program: Proposed Project FLMA Support Form

Support Form - Acknowledgement of Coordination with Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA)

By signing this support form, the FLMA representative certifies that the projects provide access to, is adjacent to, or are located within a Federal recreation site or Federal economic generator. Please fill in all fields. This form can be signed and submitted electronically or be printed, signed, scanned and submitted electronically. Letters of support are highly recommended in addition to this signature page.

1. Project Title (From Application): _____

2. Applying Agency (From Application): _____

3. Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) supporting project: _____

4. Name of FLMA representative: _____

5. Title: _____

6. Signature: _____ 7. Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

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8. E-mail: _____ 9. Telephone: _____ ext. _____

10. Comments on the proposed project. (Why is the project significant or critical access for your federal lands?):

11. Please explain how your unit is ready to support the improved, new, and/or increased access. (E.g. if the applicant is building a multimodal path to the entrance, does the unit have existing or proposed infrastructure in place that will support this type of access?)

12. Will Federal Land Transportation Program (FLTP) funds be provided as match for this project? Are there any FLTP projects adjacent to this project?

13. FLMA Point-of-Contact (POC) Name: _____

14. POC Telephone: _____ ext. _____ 15. POC e-mail: _____

Laurie Miskimins, Transportation Planner
Central Federal Lands Highway Division
12300 West Dakota Ave, Ste 380B, Lakewood, CO 80228
Phone: 720-863-3455 | laurie.miskimins@dot.gov

Additional information on the Federal Lands Access Program is located at <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access/nd/>



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Federal Lands Access Program

<https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/>

Status of the Call for Projects

To learn more about the call for projects status, points of contact or to access a link to a State FLAP webpage, click on a state in the map below.

** Figures listed are annual allocation estimates per fiscal year and subject to availability of funds.*

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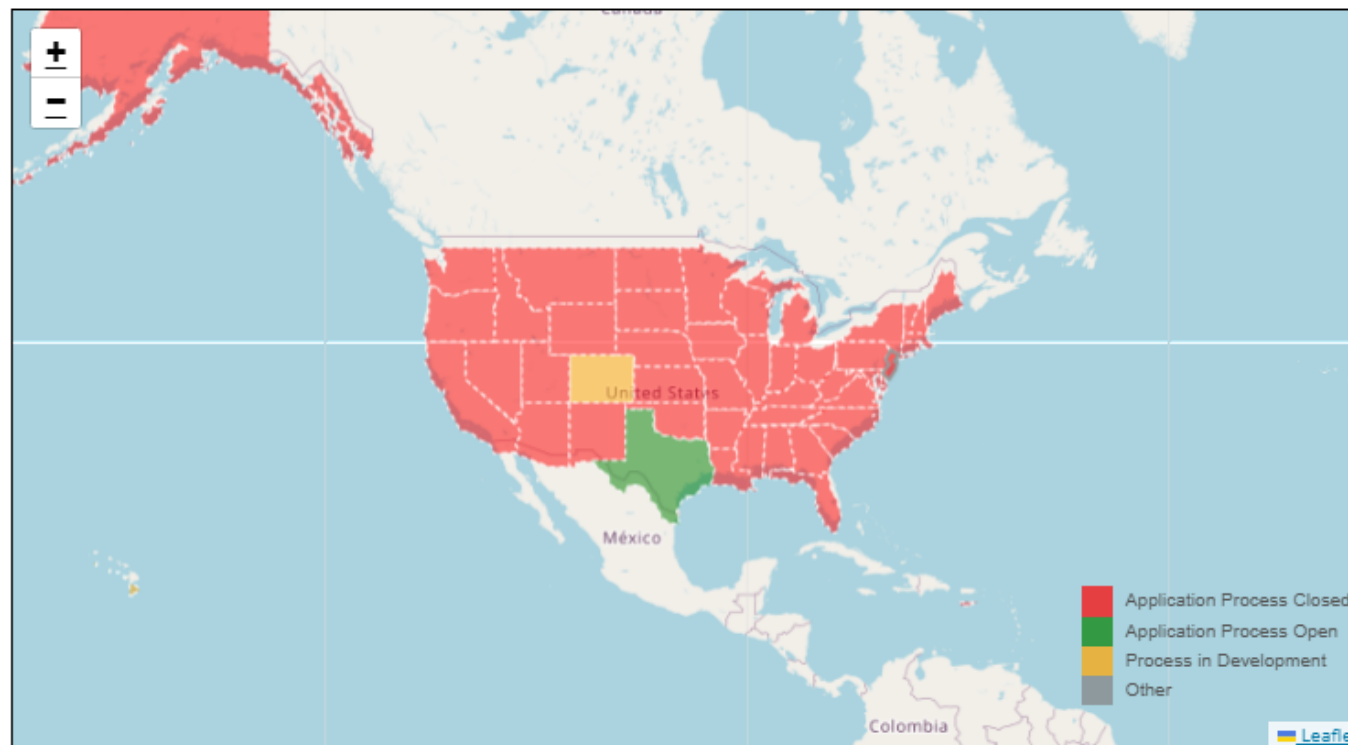
Office of Federal Lands
Highway
United States Department of
Transportation Federal Highway
Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Email:

flh.webmaster@dot.gov

Phone: [202-366-9494](tel:202-366-9494)

If you are deaf, hard of
hearing, or have a speech
disability, please dial 7-1-1 to
access telecommunications
relay services.



To directly access a State FLAP webpage, click on any of the State names below:



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POCs for more Information

- **Federal Lands Transportation Program**
 - Allison Walker, FLTP Program Manager, Roads
 - Discuss with MSC Recreation BLM regarding projects submitted previously
- **Federal Lands Access Program**
 - See FLH website for FLH Division FLAP Manager/Coordinator
- **Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads**
 - See FLH website for FLH Division ERFO Coordinator
 - <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/erfo>
- **DOT Main Page**
 - <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands>



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Competitive Transportation Funding Opportunities

Nationally Significant

- Nationally significant transportation projects on or adjacent to federal or tribal lands, minimum project size \$12.5M
- \$55M Annually

Wildlife Crossing

- Reduce Wildlife Vehicle Collisions and improve Habitat Connectivity
- \$70M Annually

PROTECT

- Funds to offset the cost of added resilience and sustainable materials in improvement projects
- \$280M Annually

Bridge Investment

- Funding for large bridge projects with a minimum of \$50M
- \$2.4B Annually

Paused – January 2025 EO



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National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) Grants

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- Biodiversity Conservation Grant
 - \$200k in grant funding (minimum of \$50k, maximum of \$100k per project)
 - For shovel ready pollinator habitat enhancement projects
 - Projects must implement on-the-ground activities designed to increase the quality, quantity, and connectivity of pollinator habitats
 - Must provide opportunities for public engagement through education or volunteer-focused events
 - <https://www.neefusa.org/2024-biodiversity-conservation-grant>
- Restoration and Resilience Grant
 - \$2,500 grants
 - Projects to address impacts of COVID on public lands for conservation, accessibility, cultural/historic preservation
 - Berlin Lake received \$2,450 in 2021 for tailwater project to fix erosion issues and increase safe public access





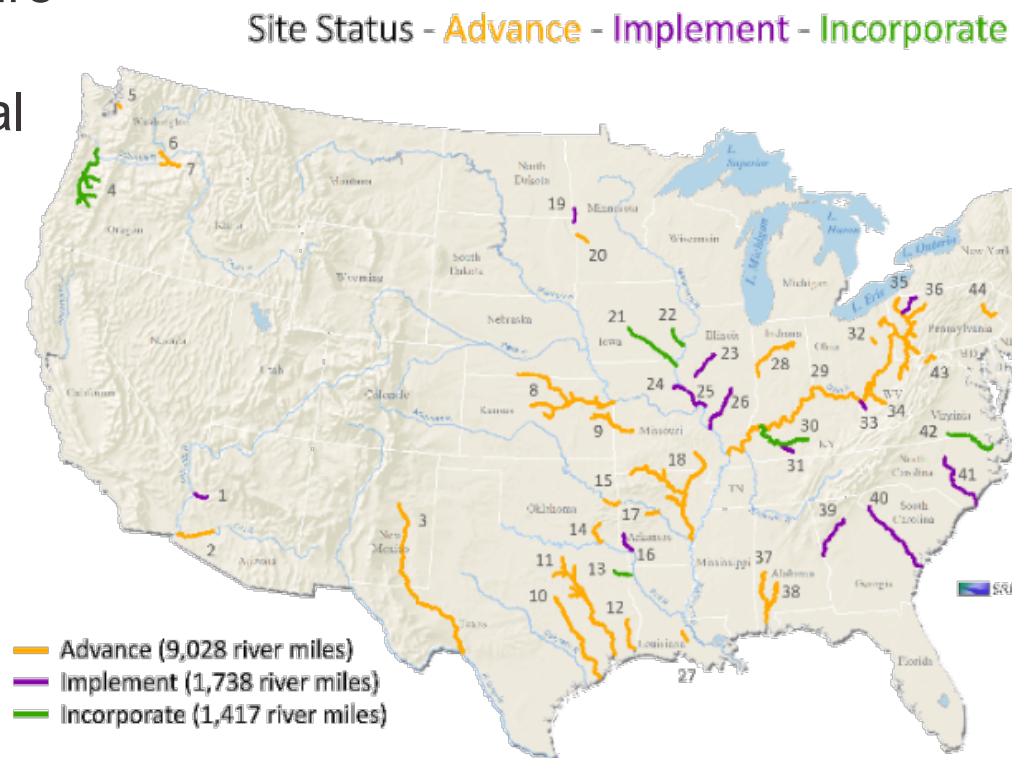
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Sustainable Rivers Program (SRP)

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- Partnership between USACE and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) that started in 1998 to identify, refine and implement environmental strategies at USACE water infrastructure
- Works with water managers, reservoir operators, scientists and stakeholders to increase the ENS benefits provided by the already built infrastructure
- Alter the quantity, timing, and quality of water flows to improve ecosystem function
- \$5 to \$7 million average annual program budget
- Work currently being done on 40 river systems/12,000 river miles/150k acres of floodplain



1. Bill Williams River
2. Gila River
3. Pecos River
4. Willamette River
5. Ballard Locks
6. Yakima River Delta (McNary)
7. Walla Walla River (Mill Creek)
8. Kansas River
9. Osage River
10. Brazos River
11. Trinity River
12. Neches River
13. Big Cypress Bayou
14. Kiamichi River
15. Arkansas River
16. Cossatot River
17. Fourche La Pave River
18. White/Black/Little Red Rivers
19. Bois de Sioux River
20. Minnesota River
21. Des Moines River
22. Iowa River
23. Farm Creek
24. Salt River
25. Mississippi River
26. Kaskaskia River
27. Bayou Courtableau
28. Wabash River
29. Ohio River
30. Green River
31. Barren River
32. Sugar Creek
33. Twelve Pole Creek
34. Kanawha River
35. French Creek
36. Upper Ohio River
37. Tombigbee River
38. Alabama River
39. Chattahoochee River
40. Savannah River
41. Cape Fear River
42. Roanoke River
43. Potomac River
44. Lehigh River
45. Connecticut River

<https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/sustainableivers/>



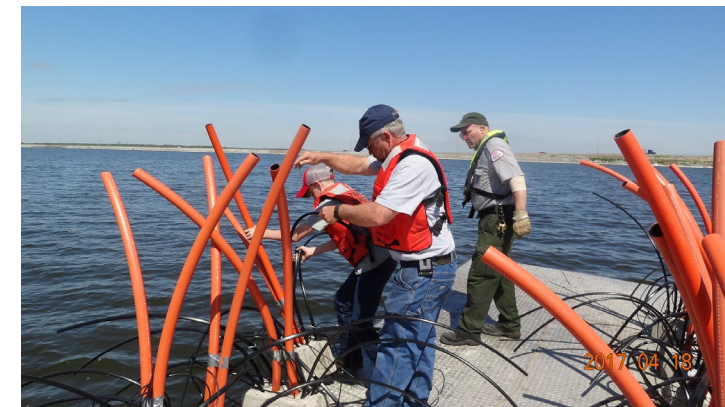
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Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership Large Grants

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- National partnership to promote and facilitate the conservation of habitat for fish and other aquatic species in reservoir systems
- Partial funding of reservoir fisheries habitat enhancement projects
- Must have a minimum of 1:1 non-federal contributions
- Request for proposals sent in October, due in February
- Proposals must include “on-the-ground” habitat restoration objectives. Research proposals are not acceptable.
- Project must be completed in 18-24 months
- Proposals up to \$75,000 for first time recipients, sliding scale for repeat recipients
- **USACE has successfully received \$3.4 million, plus an additional \$6.6 million in other partner contributions from this program, funding 60 projects**
- Criteria:
 - Aquatic Habitat Restoration/Protection
 - Quality of Life
 - Partnerships/Fund leveraging/Promotion



<https://www.friendsofreservoirs.com/about-us/partnership/>



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Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership Small Grants

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- Mossback Grants
 - 3 grants per year for \$1000
 - Due 30 Sept - \$25 application fee
 - Each grant is a \$1000 worth of Mossback artificial fish habitat products

- Small Grants
 - 6-8/year depending on funding
 - Up to \$1500/grant
 - Habitat building supplies, repair boat ramps, signage, education
 - Must be a member of Friends of Reservoirs
 - Application process is ongoing

- **USACE has successfully received \$31,500 from these programs, funding 21 projects**



<https://www.friendsofreservoirs.com/grants/>



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RFHP Grant Received by the Corps

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NWK: Smithville Lake Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership grant of \$20,000 for enhanced aquatic habitat, shoreline stabilization, jetty repair





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Richard B. Russell (SAS) Project

- Received \$16k from RFHP
- Objective – Establish shoreline & littoral zone vegetation purchase
- Enhance over 13K square feet of shoreline
- Aquatic vegetation
- 4,500 water willow plants



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Shelbyville Fish Habitat Video (MVS)

<https://youtu.be/7tOSg5SsMsg>





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Examples of Grants Related to Natural Resources

- Boat US Foundation Grassroots Grants: <https://www.boatus.org/grants/apply>
- Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Grants: <https://about.basspro.com/community/support>
 - Conserving Wildlife and Habitat
 - Connecting New Audiences to the Outdoors
 - Advocating for Access and Sportsmen's Rights
 - Supporting Military and Veterans
 - Strengthening Communities in the Missouri Ozarks
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants: <https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant>
- National Recreation and Park Association Grants: <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Grant-Fundraising-Resources/>
- Arbor Day Grants: <https://www.arborday.org/programs/tdgreenspacegrants/requirements.cfm>
- NEEF Grants: <https://www.neefusa.org/what-we-do/grants/grants>
- North Face Explore Fund Grants: <https://www.thenorthface.com/en-us/about-us/outdoor-exploration/about-the-explore-fund>
- Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation Grants: <https://www.takemefishing.org/corporate/what-we-do/state-agency-engagement/r3-grants/>



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Grants Received by the Corps

- LRL: Nolin River Lake- National Water Safety Congress grant winner
- MVK: Lake Ouachita and DeGray Lake
\$10,000 grant from ALCOA to control hydrilla via Pakistani fly propagation



- LRP: Various locations- \$191,000 in grants from National Audubon Society and NFWF to improve pollinator habitat for butterflies and bumblebees
- SPK: Englebright Lake- Grant from Michael & Ina Korek Foundation Trust for safe boating campaign



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Grants Received by the Corps



- LRH: Paint Creek Lake- \$6,000 Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft Cooperative Boating Facility Grant to construct river access points
- NAB: Raystown Lake- \$854,450 Transit in Parks grant for non-motorized transportation pathway
- SPN: Lake Sonoma- \$78,000 for an Interpretive and Education Master Plan; \$182,000 grant for Stream Restoration Demo Project; \$52,000 grant for trout interpretive murals



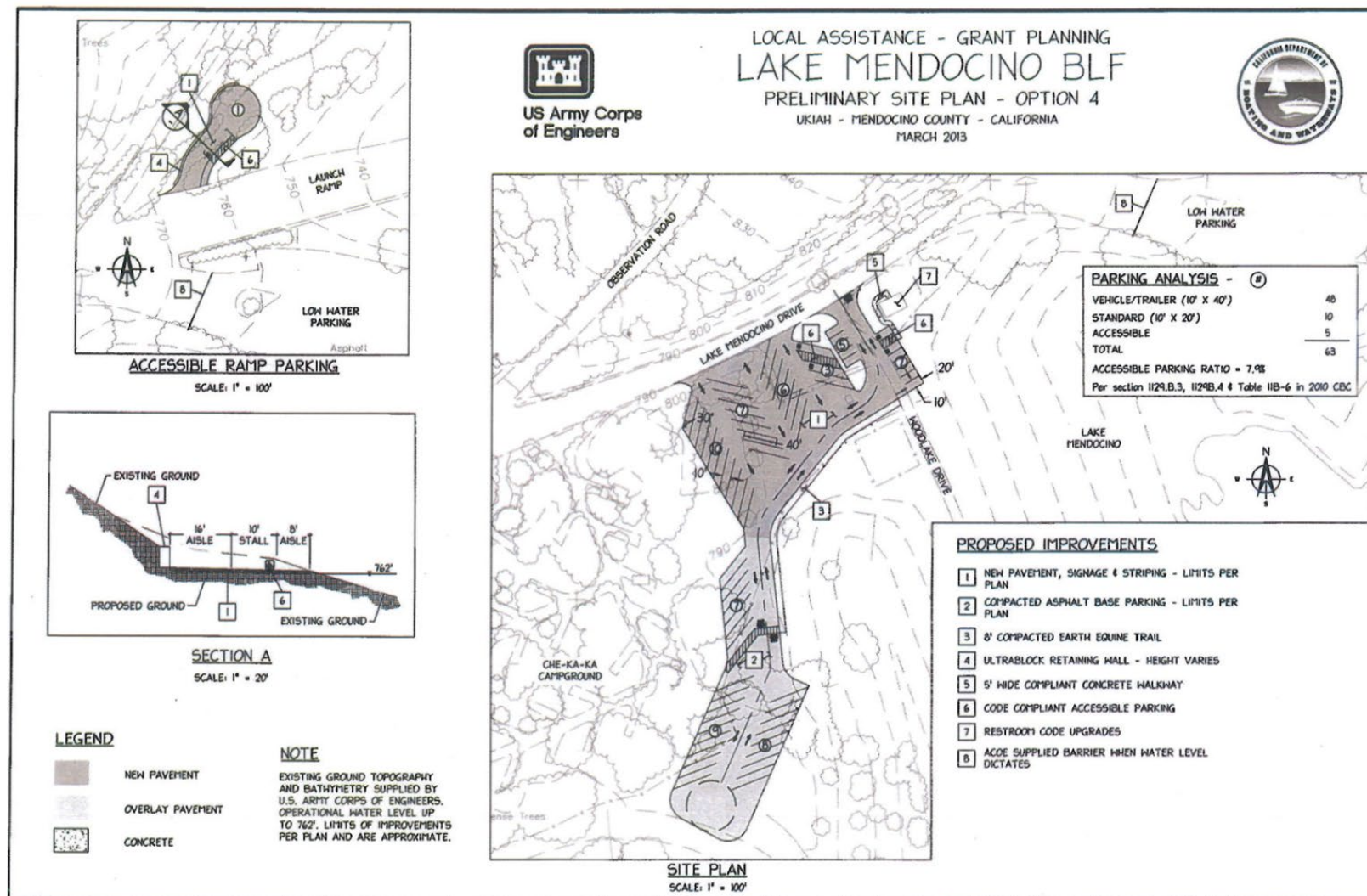
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Grants Received by the Corps

SPN: Lake Mendocino Cal Boating grant of \$1.4 million for parking lot expansion, utility upgrades, accessible walkways, restroom upgrade, and signage.

KEY: Expanded upon previous grants that were successfully received from Cal Boating and executed by the Corps, totaling \$688k.





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Grants Received by the Corps

SPK: Success Lake Cal Boating grant of \$349k for Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention

- Mussel dog teams
- Educational signs, brochures, exhibits
- Additional seasonal staff





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Grant Received by a Partner for the Corps

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MVK: Friends of Lake Ouachita applied for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Health

- Two grants (\$3500 and \$4000) awarded for health initiatives
- USACE provided letter of support and USACE staff installed





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Grant Received by a Partner for the Corps

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MVK: Lake Ouachita High School Fishing team for Lake Ouachita

- \$1,000 grant from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for fish habitat improvements
- Youth Tournament Organization Habitat Grants Program (under AGFC Black Bass Program)
- Fishing team students heard about grant that shooting sports team had received, looked into opportunities for fishing funds, and contacted the lake to see if we were interested

Photo courtesy of Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



Youth bass fishing team earns \$1,000 grant for building habitat



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Working with the Corps Foundation to Apply for Grants



When to ask for the Foundation's help:

1. If there are grants that you are interested in applying for, but only a non-federal or non-profit organization can apply for them
2. You have tried to find a local partner to work with on the application but were unsuccessful.
3. You have identified a donor; however, you would like a non-profit to be the asking organization and fiscal agent.

How to work with the Foundation on a grant proposal:

- Develop a basic outline/proposal of the project you would like funded and identify a grant opportunity that matches the project.
- Contact the Foundation to determine their interest/availability.
- Be prepared to write the grant application. As the lake manager/staff, you know the details of the scope of the project and what resources/\$\$ you will need.
- The Foundation can help finesse the application and make sure you've covered the key criteria.
- The Foundation will serve as the applicant and administrator of the funds and will typically ask for a fee to serve as the grant administrator. (this can be worked into the grant proposal)



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Grant Tips

- Make sure the Corps or your partner that is applying for the grant meet the eligibility requirements.
- Research your grantors- know what types of grants they have awarded in the past, typical amounts, what they are interested in.
- Start small to get a track record before you try for a big grant.
- Multiple partners strengthen your chance of funding
- Funders prefer to get applications earlier than the deadline.
- If rejected, it is ok to call and ask for feedback to improve future submittals.



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Common Elements of a Proposal

- Introduction – brief reiteration
- Partners - Who will accomplish what, and why chosen
- Problem Statement - Why act?
 - Flows from your mission
 - Meeting a need
 - Solving a problem
- Purpose of the Request - Goals/Outcomes that focus on the solution
- Work Plan/Timeline – Give the reason why you chose the steps and the numbers you will serve
- Organizational Capacity – Who will do the work and why qualified
- Sustainability – Who will maintain the program? Can it generate fees?



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Common Elements of a Proposal

- Proposal Summary – This may be the 1st (or only) thing read! Include only essential info
- Cover Letter – One page from lead partner or applicant that tells how much and over what period of time
- Program Budget – Full cost of program, direct/indirect costs, in-kind
- Grant Budget – What the grant covers (specific costs)
- Required Attachments – Follow the grantor's list EXACTLY
- Desired Attachments – Support from partners, endorsements, materials from related efforts



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Follow Through

- Keep the funder informed of progress and completion!
- Document results
- Grant reporting requirements – Meet the deadlines!
- Photos
- Publicity
- Thank You letters with photos – Keep in touch with interesting materials
- Coordination with partners

****Success breeds more success!**



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Resources

- ☐ Your local college/university – Check with Public Administration degree students. Many universities offer grant writing classes where the students are required to submit real grant applications as one of their projects.
- ☐ <http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml> - grant opportunities/foundations by state
- ☐ <http://philanthropy.com> – go to corporate giving
- ☐ <http://www.conservationgrants.com/bystate.htm> - Conservation Grants Center, list by State
- ☐ <https://learning.candid.org/>



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<https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/partners/grants.cfm>

Home Visitors Lake Discovery Recreation Env Compliance Env Stewardship Partners ?
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Grants/Alternative Funding Sources

Grants can be obtained from public and non-public sources consistent with the purpose of the granting entity. Cooperating associations and friends groups may apply for grants and apply the grant moneys to work activities on Corps lands. The Corps does not usually apply for grants with other Federal agencies unless the legal authority specifically addresses grants between Federal agencies. The Corps can apply for State, local, and private grants if such action does not involve lobbying Congress, the funds will be used for an authorized mission, and the acceptance is consistent with appropriation law. In practical terms, it is much easier for the partner to apply for the grant and accept the funds, so this is the preferred method. Corps employees may help partners write grant proposals, and may conduct training sessions on grant writing.

A third party entity could include a Friends Group, Cooperating Association, Non-Profit, Foundation or local governments. While the third party would usually initiate the grant application, the Corps would maintain oversight of the Project. See the [Grants Application & Execution Process flow chart](#) from NWP for a good example of the granting process.

The Corps Contribution Program provides the means and processes on how to accept donations plus administer any funds the Corps might receive directly or indirectly from a grant. A Contribution Plan needs to be consistent with the contents of the Operation Management Plan (OMP).

Helpful Steps to Apply for Grants with a Third Party

1. Identify and plan the project and ensure it is included in the OMP and Contributions Plan. Ensure the project is ready to go including a funding concept with any needed permits, environmental reviews, clearances and cost.
2. Seek a partnership with a non-profit or local government. Explain that the Corps would like to complete a project, but requires assistance that may include fundraising efforts such as seeking grants. Corps staff may be asked by the partner to help locate a potential grant. Corps participation is encouraged, but the non-profit entity would submit the application and be the proponent.
3. Identify potential grant sources: The non-profit may be willing to help or have knowledge of specific grants, but Corps staff could assist with [identifying possible sources](#).
4. Completing the grant application: Most grant application packages have specific guidance which should be followed precisely. If application guidance is more loosely worded, it is advisable for the applicant to call the Grantor and ask for any information and submission advice they may be willing to share.

- [Grants and Funding Available to the Corps](#)
- [Related Sites/Links](#)
- [FAQs](#)

- [News and Current Issues](#)
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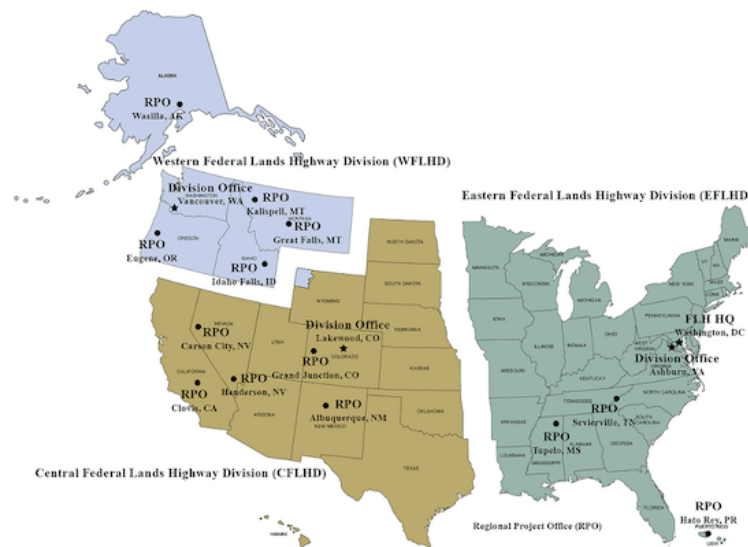


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Federal Lands Highways (FLH) Transportation Improvement Programs

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The Office of Federal Lands Highway (FLH), of the [U.S. Department of Transportation \(USDOT\)](#), [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\)](#), was established to promote effective, efficient, and reliable administration for a coordinated program of federal public roads and bridges; to protect and enhance our Nation's natural resources; and to provide needed transportation access for Native Americans. The office's primary purpose is to provide financial resources and transportation engineering assistance for public roads that service the transportation needs of Federal and Indian lands. The FLH provides these services in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and US Territories through our Headquarters, Eastern, Central, and Western Federal Lands Highway Division offices. FLH is enabled and entrusted to administer many different programs and types of funds to facilitate transportation improvements for Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Partners such as: the National Park Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal Governments; Bureau of Land Management; Department of Defense; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and the Bureau of Reclamation.



More information on FLH and information on the [history](#) of DoT's Highways Programs can be found on their website.

Major programs administered by FLH include:

- [Federal Lands Transportation Program \(FLTP\)](#) - Improves transportation facilities owned and maintained by a **federal** agency.
- [Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads \(ERFO\)](#) - Program to pay the unusually heavy expenses for the repair and reconstruction of eligible facilities damage or destroyed in disaster.
- [Federal Lands Access Program \(FLAP\)](#) - Improves transportation facilities owned or maintained by a **non-federal** agency providing access to, adjacent to, or located within federal lands. *(no direct USACE funding, but program could be helpful for adjacent or outgranted state/local/county government facilities)*
- [Federal Lands Planning Program \(FLPP\)](#) - Funding to conduct continuing, comprehensive, and collaborative intermodal transportation planning that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods to and from USACE lands.
- [Tribal Transportation Program \(TTP\)](#) - Provides safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities *(no direct USACE funding, but programs could be helpful for projects sharing boundary lines with tribal lands)*
- [Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects \(NSFLTP\)](#) - Discretionary funding for nationally significant projects that have an estimated construction cost of at least \$12.5 million.