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Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund

Next Steps: The <u>FY2022-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity</u> (NOFO) for the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF) was published on June 7, 2022. For the FY22 funding cycle the application deadline is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on September 15, 2022. For each of FY 2023 through FY 2026, applications must be submitted between 12:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on October 1 and no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on January 15 for each respective fiscal year. FHWA is encouraging <u>Federally-recognized Tribes</u> to follow these <u>step-by-step instructions</u> (pasted below and available online <u>here</u>) to apply for FY22:

- 1. Review the FY2022-2026 TTP Safety Fund NOFO.
- 2. Complete an application form.
 - Download and complete the application form for the appropriate category:
 - transportation safety plans
 - crash data assessment, improvement, and analysis
 - systemic roadway departure countermeasures
 - infrastructure improvements
- 3. Prepare a project narrative using the template found in the <u>2022 TTPSF Application</u> <u>Information and Selection Criteria Guide (.docx)</u> (or as a <u>PDF</u>)
 - For the Safety Plans category, a completed application form may serve as your project narrative.
 - For the Systemic Roadway Departure Countermeasures category the completed <u>Risk Assessment Form</u> should accompany a project narrative.
- 4. Click "<u>Apply Now</u>" below and follow the instructions to upload a completed application form, project narrative, and any additional supporting documentation.

All of the above documents can also be accessed from the <u>TTP Safety Fund Application</u> <u>Documents Page</u> and questions may be directed to <u>TTPSF@dot.gov</u>.

Key features of the TTPSF grant program are described below, including:

- > The total amount of funding allocated to the program for Federal FY22-FY26
- > A summary of eligible wildlife-related projects and eligible funding recipients
- > An overview of the competitive grant process for accessing these funding sources
- > The amount of the project that can be supported by Federal funds
- Links to additional resources

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Wildlands Network. Wildlands Network is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reconnect, restore and rewild North America so that life—in all its diversity—can thrive. <u>Contact</u>: Erin Sito (<u>e.sito@wildlandsnetwork.org</u>)

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SAFETY FUND (TTPSF) (23 USC § 202(e))

Amount: \$120M total in FY2022-26; the current Notice is for up to \$23M in FY22 funding

Eligible wildlife-related projects (23 USC § 202(e)): Grants.gov reports that "eligible projects include strategies, activities, and projects on a public road that are consistent with a Tribal transportation safety plan and that (i) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (ii) address a highway safety problem." FHWA has identified four eligibility categories including (1) Tribal transportation safety plans; (2) Data assessment, improvement, and analysis activities; (3) Systemic roadway departure countermeasures; and (4) Infrastructure improvements and other eligible activities under 23 U.S.C. § 148(a)(4). TTPSF emphasizes the development of strategic transportation safety plan, or up to \$10,000 to update an existing transportation safety plan that is more than 3 years old. Specific wildlife-related projects eligible under TTPSF includes projects that entail the "addition or retrofitting of structures or other measures to eliminate or reduce crashes involving vehicles and wildlife" (23 U.S.C. § 148(a)(4)(B)(xvii)).

Eligible recipients: Federally-recognized Tribes

Process: Competitive grant. FHWA will award TTPSF funds among the four eligibility categories based on the selection criteria and policy considerations outlined on pages 15-20 of the <u>Notice</u>.

Federal-share payable: There is no mandatory match required; however page 9 of the <u>Notice</u> indicates that, if the total amount of "Highly Qualified" and "Qualified" applications exceed the amount of funding available, FHWA may prioritize projects that commit additional funds. For more information on matching funds, please see the <u>TTPSF Frequently Asked Questions</u>.

Additional Resources:

- FHWA Helps Fund Tribal Transportation Safety Projects
- FY21 TTPSF Awards
- Notice of Funding Opportunity
- How to Apply
- TTPSF Frequently Asked Questions
- TTPSF Application Documents Page