

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

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Discussion Items

- AZ SMART Fund
- Grant Support Requests

AZ SMART Fund Overview

- \$50 mil grant program authorized by HB 2872 and effective September 26, 2022
- Provides grants to assist rural cities/towns and counties to effectively compete for federal discretionary grants
- State Transportation Board must approve awards
- 80+ eligible applicants based on 2010 Census urbanized areas
- First Call For Projects expected this fall

IJA - Unprecedented New Discretionary Grant Opportunities for Local Project Sponsors



Road/ Bridge Grants

Active transportation infrastructure investment program (not funded in 2022)
Bridge investment program
Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot
Grants for charging and fueling infrastructure
Healthy Streets program (not funded in 2022)
Local and Regional Project Assistance (RAISE)
Multi State Freight Corridor Planning
National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program
National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA)
Nationally significant freight and highway projects (INFRA)
PROTECT grant program
Reconnecting communities pilot program
Reduction of truck emissions at port facilities
Rural surface transportation grant program
Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (SS4A)
Stopping threats on pedestrians (not funded in 2022)
Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program
Wildlife crossing safety
Congestion Relief Program

Rail Grants

Consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvements grants
Federal-State partnership for intercity passenger rail grants
Fixed guideway capital investment grants
Restoration and enhancement grants
Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
All Stations Accessibility
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program
Buses and Bus Facilities program
Develop interoperable standards for Bus Exportable Power Systems (BEPS)
Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program
Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program
Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program
Low-No Emission Vehicle Program
Passenger Ferry
Public Transportation Innovation program
State of Good Repair grants program.
Technical assistance, standards development, and workforce development programs
Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning program pilot

Transit Grants

Eligible Uses

- Reimbursement of up to 50% of costs associated with developing and submitting an application for a federal grant. Limited to:
 - Counties with pop of less than 100,000 and
 - Municipalities with pop of less than 10,000
- Match for a federal grant
- Reimbursement of design and other engineering services expenditures that meet federal standards for projects eligible for a federal grant
- Must be used to pursue a federal DISCRETIONARY grant administered by ANY FEDERAL AGENCY for SURFACE TRANSPORTATION purposes:
 - Not for formula programs (HSIP, Off system bridge, trans alternatives, etc.)
 - More than just USDOT/FHWA
 - Road/bridge, transit, rail are eligible

AZ SMART Eligible Applicants & Category Amounts

<i>Eligible Applicant</i>	<i>Category Amount</i>
ADOT	\$10 mil
Counties with a population of 100,000 or more	\$10 mil
Counties with a population of less than 100,000	\$10 mil
Municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more	\$10 mil
Municipalities with a population of less than 10,000	\$10 mil

Getting Set For Success

- Federal discretionary grants will be HIGHLY competitive nationally:
 - Over 3000 counties
 - Over 19,000 incorporated cities/towns
 - Other eligible applicant types
- Average federal NOFO period - approximately 45 days

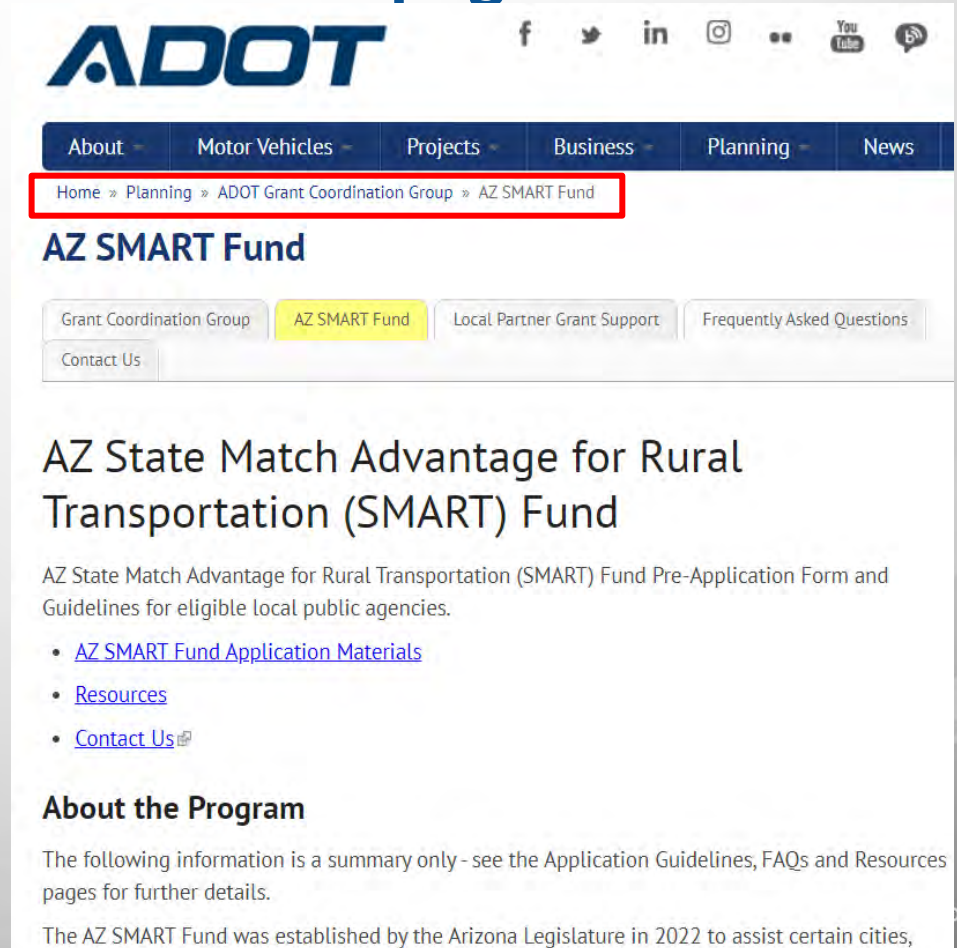
Steps to take now:

- Identify the Project and federal grant - review federal grant statutes for project eligibility
- Prepare project description and scope
- Develop comprehensive cost estimate (including PDA fees) - Applicant is responsible for all costs which exceed the amount of the AZ SMART and federal grants
- Discuss with applicable COG/MPO to learn the approval process
- Start procurement for grant development/submission services - ADOT's grant contracts not available
- Understand the requirements of federal grant - review federal grant statutes for match, reporting requirements, evaluation criteria, eligible costs, etc.

AZ SMART Fund Webpage

Link: Still in development

- Federal grant statutes
- USDOT Policy memo on implementing BIL
- Template SMART IGA
- Cost estimating tool
- PDF copy of application
- Application Guidelines
- Recorded webinar
- FAQs



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AZ State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (SMART) Fund

AZ State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (SMART) Fund Pre-Application Form and Guidelines for eligible local public agencies.

- [AZ SMART Fund Application Materials](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

About the Program

The following information is a summary only - see the Application Guidelines, FAQs and Resources pages for further details.

The AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to assist certain cities,

STB may give preference to Applicants that can demonstrate either or both of these features

AZ SMART Fund Application

Section 1 of 5

Arizona State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (AZ SMART) Fund Application

Application Due Date and Time: _____, 3:00 PM Arizona Time

To ensure an administratively complete application, please respond to all questions and submit all requested documents by the Application Due Date and Time.

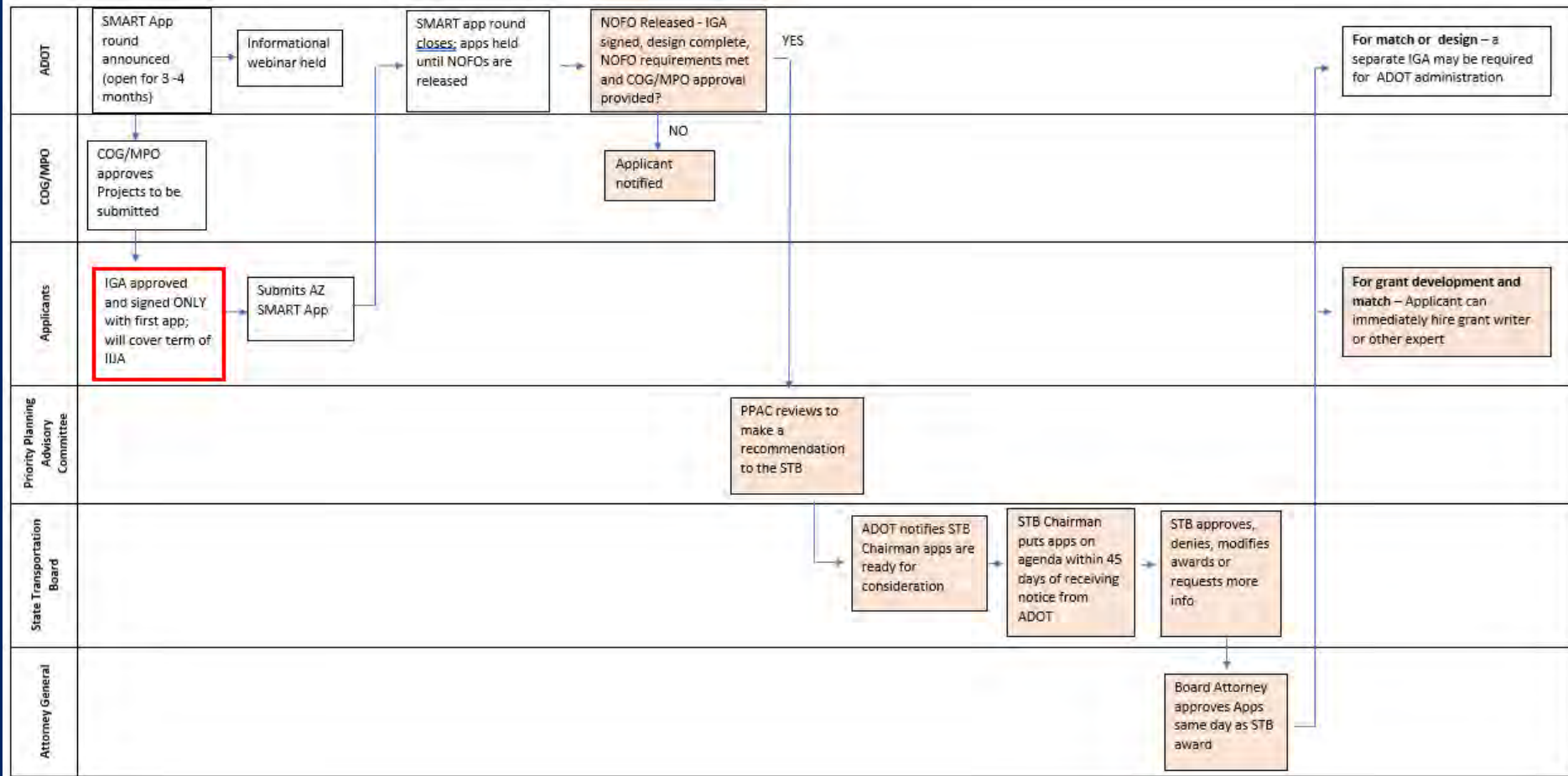
Applicants may submit one Project per application. Documents required to be upload or information required to complete this application include the following:

1. AZ SMART Fund IGA approved by governing board or authorized individual (required only on first application to the AZ SMART Fund program)
2. Resolution or other document demonstrating the authority of the Authorized Individual to submit this application (if not addressed in the IGA).
3. Documentation evidencing the COG/MPO approval to apply to the AZ SMART Fund
4. A specific and concise description of the Project
5. Documentation showing the Project cost estimates (scoping document, cost estimation form, etc.)

Email *

- Google Form - online submission of responses and document uploads
- Three sections to complete:
 - Applicant information
 - Project information
 - Federal grant section, including:
 - Specific federal grant being pursued
 - Amount requested from AZ SMART
 - **% of match Applicant will provide on federal grant**
 - **Other entities Applicant will partner with and their contribution to Project**

Draft AZ SMART Fund Application Process



Next Steps

- Items pending further discussion/approval:
 - Eligible applicants based on 2010 UZAs
 - Finalization of template SMART IGA, Board policy, application and guidelines
 - Internal processes - further discussion with LPA and PMG
- Present proposed program and documents to STB
- STB makes changes/approves the program and documents
- CFP - opening and closing dates determined
- AZ SMART website goes live
- CFP announced and AZ Smart application goes live
- Informational webinar for Applicants
- CFP closes; wait for NOFOs to be released

Grant Support

Who gets involved?

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

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

Working Together

- Visit ADOT website (azdot.gov/grant) for guidance
- Use the Grant Support Request form
- Discuss project ideas with ADOT Grant Coordination Group early on to meet deadlines
- Minimum 30-day advance notice recommended when requesting grant support request

Grant Support Request

Multimodal Planning
42-0103 R03/22 azdot.gov

ADOT GRANT COORDINATION SUPPORT REQUEST FORM

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