

2023 Arizona Rural Transportation Summit

FHWA Arizona Division Update

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UPDATES

- FHWA Office of the Administrator
- Overview for Stakeholders
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)*
- Inflation Reduction Act
- Resources - New Teams

*Also known as the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”

FHWA Office of the Administrator

- Shailen Bhatt, *Administrator*
- Andrew Rogers, *Deputy Administrator*
- Gloria Shepherd, *Executive Director*

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Delivery

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Innovation

Values

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FHWA – An Overview for our Stakeholders



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IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION

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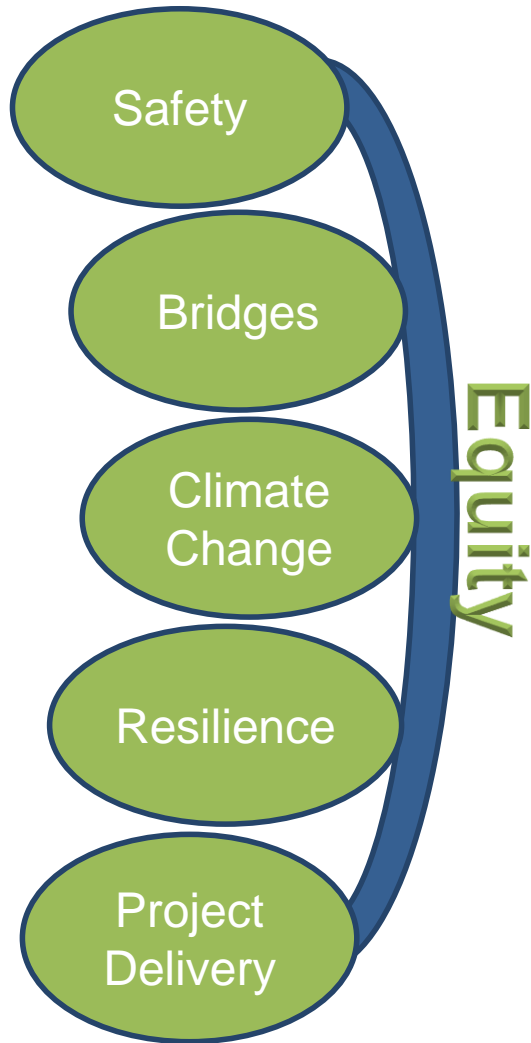
Roads and bridges, trains and tracks

Transportation is important for what it *does*

Provides access, gets people where they need to go and
connects them to opportunity

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides resources

High Points of BIL Highway Provisions



- **Funds highway programs for five years** (FY2022-26)
- \$350.8 B (FY2022-26) for highway programs
- **More than a dozen new highway programs, including—**
 - **Formula:** resilience, carbon reduction, bridges and electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure
 - **Discretionary:** bridges, EV charging infrastructure, rural projects, resilience, wildlife crossings, and reconnecting communities
- More opportunities for local governments and other non-traditional entities to access new funding
- \$90 B transfer (GF->HTF) **to keep the HTF Highway Account solvent for years**

Arizona's Picture (FY 2022- 2026)

❖ Highway (FHWA)

- ✓ Repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians.
- ✓ Based on formula funding alone, Arizona would expect to receive **approximately \$5.3 billion over five years in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges.**
- ✓ Plus the many new and expanded discretionary grant programs in BIL

Formula Funding (FHWA to Arizona DOT)

❖ Formula Funding

- Federal-aid Highway Apportioned Programs

(Eight including Two New)

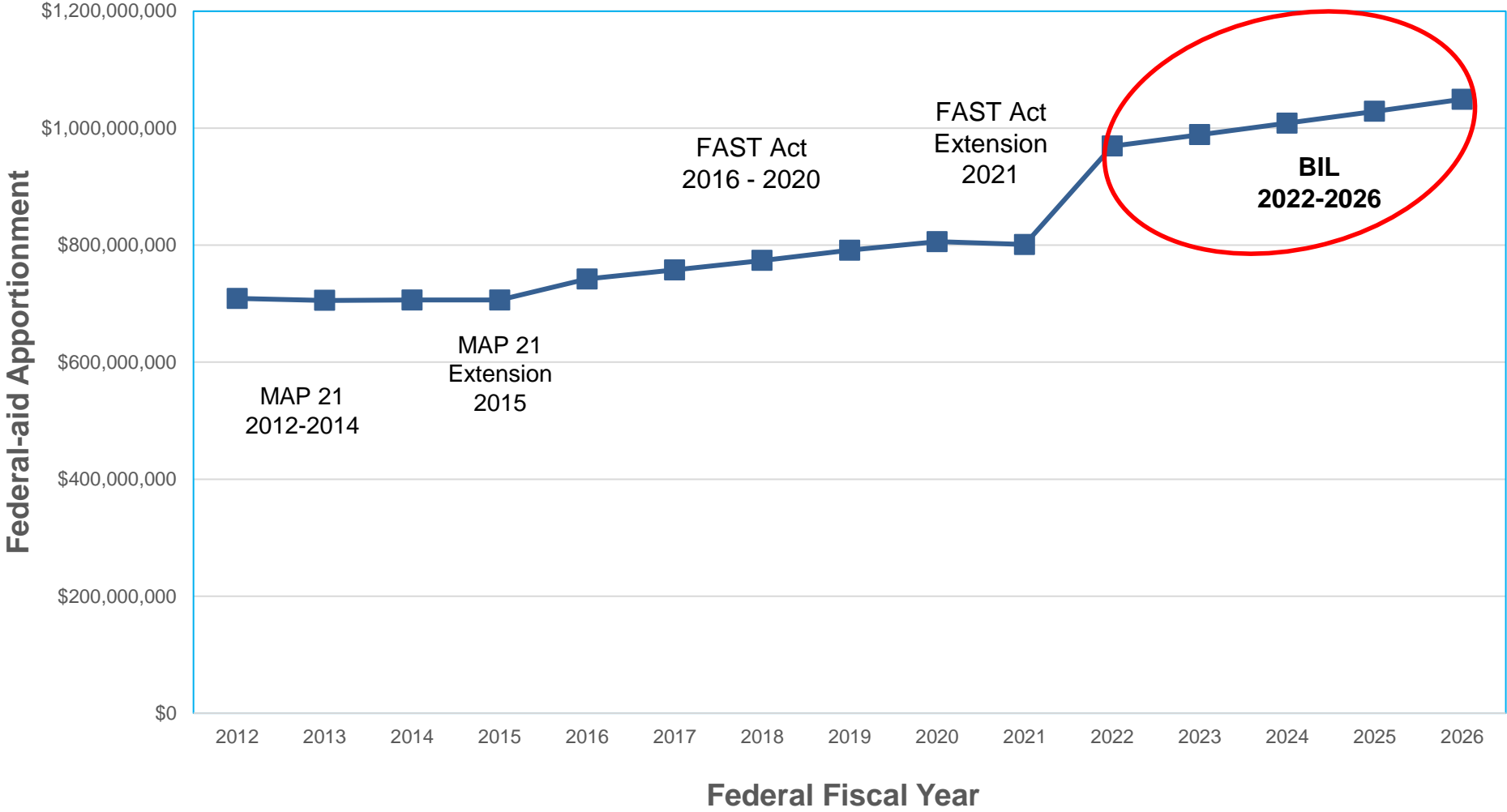
- NHPP
- STBGP
- HSIP
- CMAQ

- NHFP
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- Carbon Reduction (new)
- PROTECT (new)

- Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

- Bridge Formula Program
- National Electric Vehicle Charging Program (NEVI)

Recent History of Formula Funds to Arizona



Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

Program Examples	State	PR*	MPO	Local	Tribe	PA**	Territory	FLMA**
Apportioned programs (formula)	✓	*						
Bridge Program (formula)	✓	✓			✓			
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	✓	✓		✓				
Safe Streets and Roads for All program			✓	✓	✓			
PROTECT Grants (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓***	✓***
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Congestion Relief Program	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓***	✓	✓	✓		✓
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rural Surface Transportation Grants	✓	✓		✓	✓			
INFRA	✓	✓	✓***	✓	✓	✓		✓
National Infrastructure Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Local and Regional Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Natl. Significant Fed. Lands & Tribal Projects	✓***	✓***	✓***	✓***	✓	✓***		✓
Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund					✓			

Competitive Grant Funding Matrix



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COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

Competitive Grant Funding Matrix

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and FHWA have a variety of competitive grant programs used to fund various types of transportation projects and activities. The matrix illustrates these programs broadly, organized by applicant type. Potential applicants should refer to the applicable column in the matrix. The matrix lists grant programs (rows), which can be matched with the potential applicant (columns) the program can fund. Potential applicants should review program specific guidance to make informed decisions about each program.

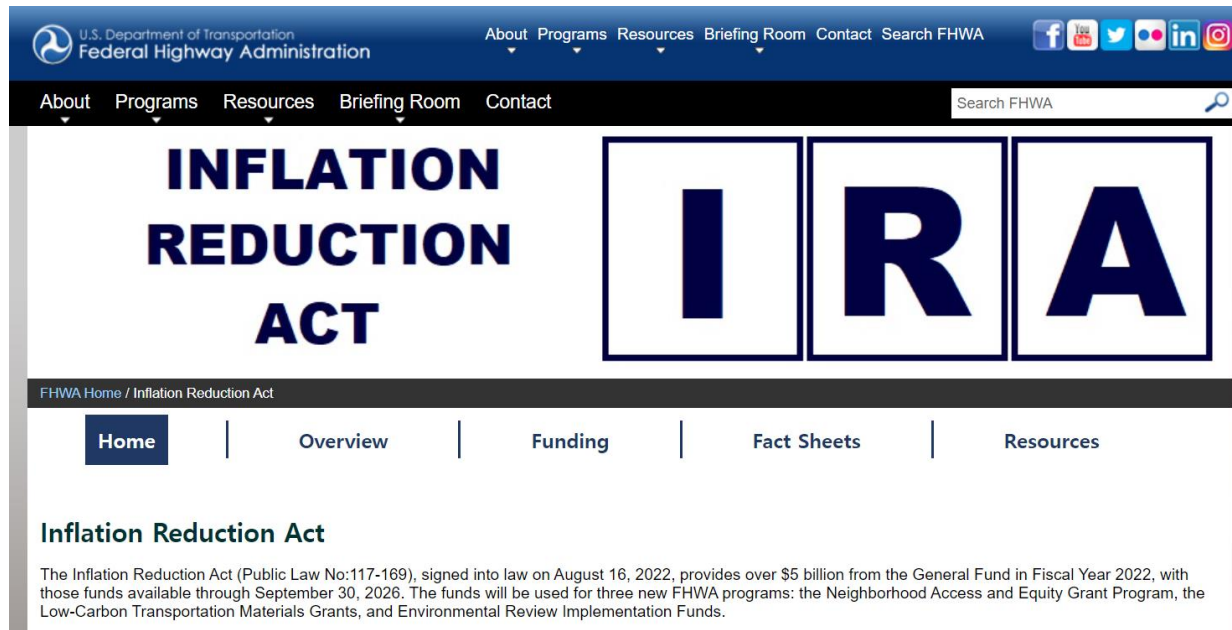
The FHWA will continue to add additional programs/information to this page over the weeks, months, and years to come.

Grant Program	Program Description	State Highway agency	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Local Government or agency	Federally-recognized Indian Tribe	Federal Lands Management Agency (FLMA)	Puerto Rico	Territories	Other*	Additional Information
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	Provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact (aka Local and Regional Project Assistance).	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA)	Provides grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance.	Yes	Yes (with a population over 200,000)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	

www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant_programs.cmf

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Programs

- ❖ Neighborhood Access and Equity Program
- ❖ Environmental Review Implementation Funds
- ❖ Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants



The screenshot shows the top portion of the FHWA website for the Inflation Reduction Act. At the top, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'About', 'Programs', 'Resources', 'Briefing Room', and 'Contact' are in the center. Social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and LinkedIn are on the right. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with the same links and a search box labeled 'Search FHWA'. The main content area features the text 'INFLATION REDUCTION ACT' in large, bold, blue letters on the left, and the letters 'I', 'R', and 'A' each in a separate white box with a blue border on the right. Below this is a breadcrumb trail 'FHWA Home / Inflation Reduction Act' and a horizontal menu with buttons for 'Home', 'Overview', 'Funding', 'Fact Sheets', and 'Resources'. The 'Home' button is highlighted. Below the menu is the heading 'Inflation Reduction Act' followed by a paragraph of text: 'The Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law No:117-169), signed into law on August 16, 2022, provides over \$5 billion from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2022, with those funds available through September 30, 2026. The funds will be used for three new FHWA programs: the Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program, the Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants, and Environmental Review Implementation Funds.'

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/inflation-reduction-act>

Highlights of Discretionary – Competitive Grants

- ❖ **Highly competitive**

- ❖ Application based

- ❖ Solicitation of applications through Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

- ❖ Have specific eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and Departmental or program priorities outlined in the NOFO

- ❖ If selected for an award and assigned to FHWA, there is project specific agreement of the recipient and FHWA

TIPS for Competitive Grants

- ❖ Pay attention to the **specific criteria** in the NOFO
- ❖ Know how your agency **plans to administer the project** if selected **prior** to applying
 - With some of the grants non-state DOTs entities can work directly with FHWA –
 - ✓ *(This is different than the formula funds where the state DOT is the recipient and others are sub-recipients to the state DOT)*
 - If your agency is expecting the state DOT to administer the grant, communication and coordination should happen prior to submitting the application
- ❖ Once the selected projects are announced, it may take some time to execute a grant agreement. **Costs incurred prior to an executed grant agreement are not eligible** for reimbursement.

FHWA Arizona Division – Grants Team

Newly Formed Grants Team

In response to the rapid growth of our programs under BIL, a newly formed Grants Program Team was formed to:

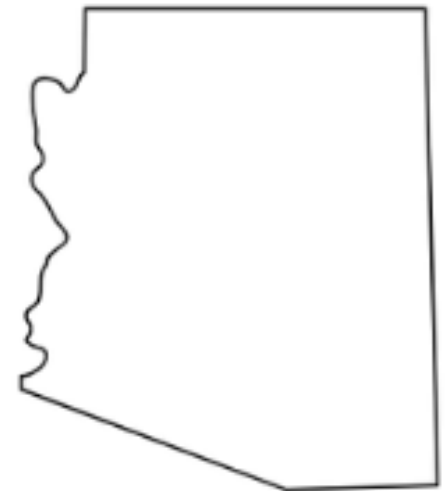
- ❖ promote programs to state and local partners
- ❖ provide outreach, training, and technical assistance
- ❖ coordinate with other FHWA offices
- ❖ oversee duties on managing grant program
- ❖ be a resource to all of you!



FHWA Arizona Division – Grants Team

Current Team Members

- Grants Program Team Leader
 - ✓ Michael Wurl
- Discretionary Grants Coordinators
 - ✓ Trish Beals
 - ✓ Paki Rico
- More team members on the way!



FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT)

Discretionary Grant Management Team

- OTT has a team dedicated to the development of grant agreements and administration of discretionary grants awarded to Tribes.
- Team formed earlier this year and all discretionary grants awarded to federally recognized Tribes since then are assigned to OTT.
- Existing Tribal discretionary grants currently managed by the FHWA Federal-aid Division Offices may stay as is.
- The intent is to provide the best service to Tribes.

Thank you

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit:

[fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law)

[fhwa.dot.gov/inflation-reduction-act](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/inflation-reduction-act)



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