

## Infrastructure Bill Transportation Funding for Local Governments

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will provide Oregon significant additional funding for transportation projects. About \$300 million in additional federal funding will go to local governments through 2027. In addition to existing programs that saw funding increased under IIJA, Congress or ODOT created two new local funding opportunities. This document summarizes the funding provided by the IIJA that ODOT will administer for statewide competitive grant programs that local governments can apply for. The amounts shown below are the estimated additional funding provided by the IIJA through 2027. In addition to these amounts, the Portland, Salem and Eugene metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) will directly receive additional funding from the Surface Transportation Block Grant, Transportation Alternatives, and Carbon Reduction Program by formula in federal law.

For more information, visit [ODOT's Local Government Funding webpage](#).

### Local Bridge Program

#### How Much is Available From IIJA?

\$119 million (in addition to the existing program)

#### What's Eligible?

Bridge repair, rehabilitation, and replacement projects

#### Who's Eligible?

Cities and counties

#### How Will Funding Get Handed Out?

IIJA funding was added to the selection process for the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is currently underway. Applications for local bridge projects through 2027 were submitted in 2020 and are being considered for funding by the Local Agency Bridge Selection Committee, which consists of three representatives each from counties, cities, and ODOT. This committee is in the process of finalizing the selection of projects for Local Bridge Program funding, including the additional money provided by the IIJA. The IIJA dedicates more than \$40 million to off-system bridges (those on roads that are on low-volume roads serving local traffic), and additional work will be needed to evaluate these projects. The next opportunity to apply for funding under the Local Bridge Program will take place in 2023.

#### For More Information

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## Surface Transportation Block Grant Fund Sharing

#### How Much is Available From IIJA?

\$36 million (in addition to the existing program)

#### What's Eligible?

Any road, bicycle, or pedestrian, or public transportation project on public right of way

## Who's Eligible

Cities, counties, and metropolitan planning organizations

## How Funding Will Get Handed Out

Counties, cities outside an MPO with a population over 5000, and small MPOs already receive an annual allocation under an agreement with ODOT. These allocations will automatically increase. Local governments may choose to exchange some of their federal allocation for state funding. Large MPOs will get more funding directly through the formulas in federal law.

## For More Information

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## All Roads Transportation Safety

### How Much is Available From IIJA

\$30 million (in addition to the existing program)

### What's Eligible

Infrastructure projects that will reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Specific countermeasures that can be applied for are listed in our published [Crash Reduction Factor list](#). Other tools and support are available for local jurisdictions to screen locations with potential for beneficial ARTS projects and the selection of countermeasures and application development.

## Who's Eligible

All local jurisdictions including cities, counties, and tribal governments

## How Funding Will Get Handed Out

The application period for projects in the '24-'27 STIP has closed and the prioritization and scoping process has begun. Additional IIJA funds in '24-'27 for local projects will allow more projects to be selected from the prioritized list. Additional IIJA funding available for projects in the current STIP will be added to existing projects already in the STIP that need an increase based on high bid prices or other events. These will be selected case-by-case by each region.

## For More Information

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## Community Paths

### How Much is Available From IIJA

\$21 million (in addition to the existing program)

### What's Eligible

Project development, construction, reconstruction, major resurfacing or other improvements of multiuse paths that improve access and safety for people walking and bicycling.

### **Who's Eligible?**

Cities, counties, state, regional government bodies, tribal governments, mass transit or transportation districts, school districts, special government bodies, or other units of local government

### **How Will Funding Get Handed Out?**

ODOT will use its increased federal Transportation Alternative funds to add funding to the Community Paths grant program. Eligible recipients can apply to ODOT for funding. The next solicitation for projects will begin in August of 2022, with additional solicitations in future years. Large MPOs will get more funding from the Transportation Alternative program directly through the formula in federal law.

### **For More Information**

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## Safe Routes to School

### **How Much is Available From IIJA?**

\$30 million (for both state and local projects)

### **What's Eligible?**

Grants and services for projects and programs that address barriers to students walking and bicycling to school. Projects include improvements like sidewalks and safe crossings near schools. Programs include pedestrian and bicyclist safety lessons for students, events and materials that focus on transportation safety and health, and resources for teachers and parents.

### **Who's Eligible?**

Tribal governments, cities, counties, road authorities, school districts, Oregon Department of Transportation, and non-profit organizations will be eligible for some or all opportunities.

### **How Will Funding Get Handed Out?**

ODOT staff facilitates competitive solicitations for construction and education grant programs and services that address barriers to students walking and biking to school. The Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee makes funding recommendations to the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee.

ODOT will allocate IIJA funds through existing programs and solicitations like the SRTS Education and Construction Programs (for local projects) as well as the Pedestrian/Bicycle Strategic Program (for ODOT projects). Some funds will be allocated during the current 2022 local grant solicitation and the current Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Program. The rest will be allocated through upcoming local grant and services solicitations in 2024 and 2026.

### **For More Information**

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## Carbon Reduction Program

### **How Much is Available From IIJA?**

\$26 million (new program)

### **What's Eligible?**

Projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. The program will be further refined with a State Carbon Reduction Strategy and an Advisory Committee. Examples include:

- System operations, including intelligent transportation systems and traffic management facilities and technologies;
- Public and active transportation projects;
- Pricing for managing or shifting demand, including congestion pricing, tolling and transportation demand management strategies;
- Vehicles and fuels, including alternative fuel projects, including public charging, hydrogen, natural gas and propane fueling and zero-emission equipment and vehicle purchases; diesel retrofits; and projects that reduce truck impacts or port emissions.

### **Who's Eligible?**

Local jurisdictions within small metropolitan areas (excluding Portland, Salem and Eugene metropolitan areas, which will get their own funding) and rural areas.

### **How Will Funding Get Handed Out?**

ODOT will form an advisory group and develop a competitive grant program for these funds. Advisory group members include representatives from MPOs, rural areas, and other local jurisdictions, in addition to interest groups and community-based organizations to help inform project guidelines and selection.

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## Local Climate Planning

### **How Much is Available From IIJA?**

\$15 million (new program)

### **What's Eligible?**

Local and regional plan updates to support transportation emissions reduction and comply with state planning requirements. This includes:

- Contracting with consultants to update Transportation System Plans, conduct regional scenario planning and performance monitoring work, and complete multimodal system inventories;
- Updating analysis methods and tools to estimate vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and develop modeling inputs;
- Developing best practices for cities and counties to comply with the Transportation Planning Rule such as the Transportation System Plan Guidelines, Analysis Procedures Manual, and guidance for collecting and using multi-modal inventory data.

### **Who's Eligible?**

Cities and counties in metropolitan areas with populations over 50,000 people

### **How Will Funding Get Handed Out?**

Cities and Counties will coordinate with ODOT on local timing and needs.

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