

CUTA Train Meeting Notes February 2 2023

FEDERAL GRANTS

US Department of Transportation – RAISE Grants:

Total of \$1.5 billion in grant funding for 2023, additional funding in 2024. Helps communities carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. Two categories: Capital project and Planning projects. At least \$115 Million for planning projects. Capital Projects include ROW purchases through 2026. Evaluated on safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. Half the funding will go to rural areas.

- Deadline (assumed): February 2024
- Total funding: \$115M total for Planning. Capital Projects minimum of \$1M per project for rural areas. No state will get more than \$345 million.
- Max grant award: \$25 Million
- 0% Match required for rural areas

US Department of Transportation – Safe Street for All (SS4A) Grants:

Eligible projects include 1) developing or updating a comprehensive safety Action Plan, 2) conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan, and 3) Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan. Goal is to create zero roadway deaths. Two types of SS4A grants: Action Plan grants and Implementation grants. Action plans encourage communities to develop Complete Streets policies. Implementation grants can be used to support the development of bikeway networks that are safe for people of all ages and abilities, and creating safe routes to school through that lead to people safely walking, biking, and rolling in underserved communities.

- Deadline (assumed): September 2023
- Total funding: Unknown. \$1 Billion available in 2022.
- Max grant award: Action Plan grant: \$200,000 - \$1 million. Implementation Grants: \$5 million - \$30 million. Cannot receive an Implementation grant without an Action Plan or equivalent plan.
- 20% Match required

STATE FUNDED GRANTS

WA Recreation Conservation Office – Land and Water Conservation Fund:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides funding to preserve and develop outdoor recreation resources, including parks, trails, and wildlife lands. Provides financial assistance for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas. All communities may compete for funding in this program. All property acquired or developed with these grants must be kept forever exclusively for public outdoor recreation use.

- Deadline (assumed): May 2024
- Total funding: \$14M,
- Max grant award: \$2M,
- 50% Match required.

WA Recreation Conservation Office – Planning for Recreation Access:

The Washington State Legislature created the Planning for Recreation Access program to fund planning projects in communities that lack adequate access to outdoor recreation opportunities. This program will specifically focus on diverse urban neighborhoods, small rural communities, and those that are less experienced with our grant process.

Grants may be used to support planning, community engagement, and collaboration between local governments, community-based organizations, and residents to define outdoor recreation needs, prioritize investments to address those needs, and prepare on-the-ground projects for RCO and other funding opportunities. All phases of planning, pre-design, and technical assistance for public outdoor recreation facilities including comprehensive plans, construction drawings, environmental assessments, feasibility and preconstruction studies, route surveys and reconnaissance, and site master plans.

- Deadline (assumed): Mid-November 2024
- Total funding: \$2.3M,
- Max grant award: \$250,000
- No Match required.

WA Recreation Conservation Office – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Recreation Program:

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including local and state parks, trails, water access, and the conservation and restoration of state land. It was envisioned as a way for the state to accomplish two goals: acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to other uses and develop recreation areas for a growing population. A comprehensive plan is required to be eligible for a grant.

- Deadline (assumed): May 2024
- Total funding: \$45M
- Max grant award: \$1M
- 40% Match required.

WSDOT - Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Grant

Objective is to improve the transportation system to enhance safety and mobility for people who choose to walk or bike. Also intends to stimulate economic revitalization and support healthy community initiatives. Funds are released biennially – next round is the FY24-FY25 funding cycle. Typically there is approximately \$35 million available for this and the Safe Routes to Schools program. Applications often exceed \$100 Million in requests. Projects divided into Planning/Design only, and Construction.

- Deadline (assumed): May 2024
- Total funding: TBD, typically around \$35 million between the PBP and Safe Routes program.
- Max grant award: No maximum. Most projects less than \$1 million, a few are over \$1 million.
- 0% Match required, but having a match can improve chances.

WSDOT - Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) – Small City Active Transportation Program

Provides funding to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, enhanced pedestrian and cyclist mobility and connectivity, or improve the condition of existing facilities for small cities under 5,000. The intent of this project is transportation and not recreation. TIB uses a priority array process to identify projects that best meet the intent of the program. Criteria are developed by the Board in cooperation with local agencies.

- Deadline: Applications available between June – August each year.
- Total funding: TBD. In 2022, \$27 M was available.
- Max grant award: No maximum listed.
- Match: no match required for cities with valuation under \$100 million. 5% match for cities with valuation between \$100-\$500 M, 10% match over \$500 M.

WSDOT - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

These are federal funds distributed via Palouse RTPO. Funds are provided by WSDOT for regional non-motorized project funding needs in the PRTPO region (Garfield, Whitman, Asotin and Columbian Counties). Projects can include on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, sidewalk, infrastructure project for improving non-driver access to public transportation and improved mobility, community improvement activities, environmental remediation, recreational trails, and various afe routes to school project needs. Often separated between Urban and Rural applicates.

- Deadline: Varies. When funds become available, a “Call for Projects” announcement will be made by the Palouse RTPO office.
- Total funding: Varies from under \$100,000 to over \$200,000
- Max grant award: No maximum listed.
- Match: no match required for cities with valuation under \$100 million. 5% match for cities with valuation between \$100-\$500 M, 10% match over \$500 M.

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