

# Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)\* Overview

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

# Today's Topics

- TTP BIL Funding
- TTP Safety Program
- Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A)
- TTP High Priority Projects
- Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP)
- BIL Products

# Tribal Transportation Program - BIL

- **Funding**

- FY22 - \$578,460,000 (Contract Authority)
- FY23 - \$589,960,000 (Contract Authority)
- FY24 - \$602,460,000 (Contract Authority  
+ \$150,000,000 Appropriations Increase)
- FY25 - \$612,960,000 (Contract Authority)
- FY26 - \$627,960,000 (Contract Authority)

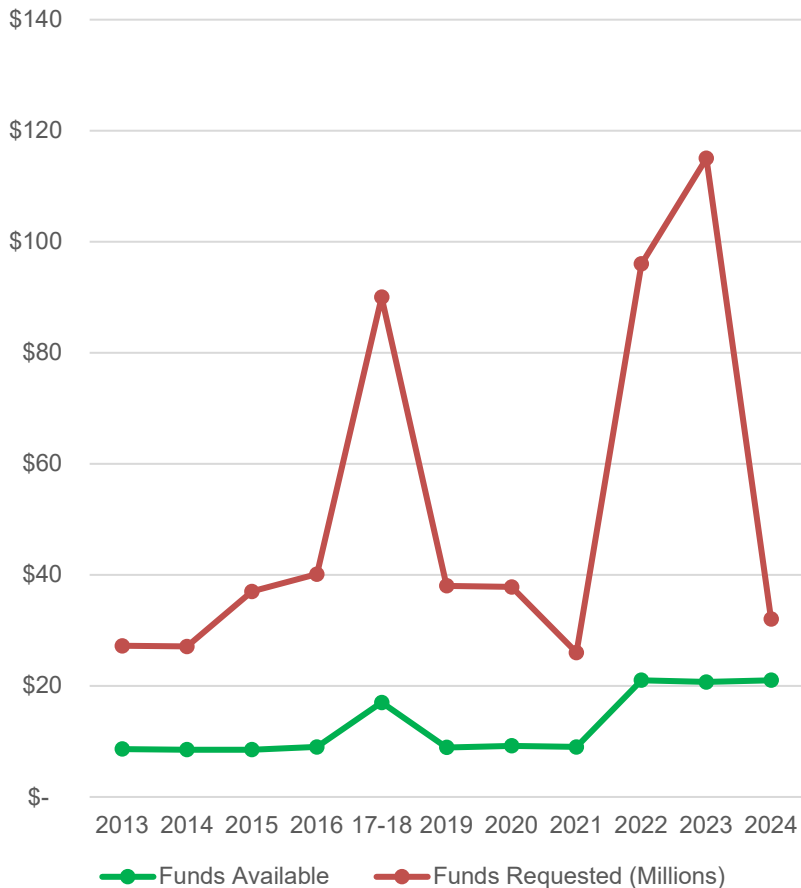
Total: \$3,011,800,000 + \$150,000,000

# Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund

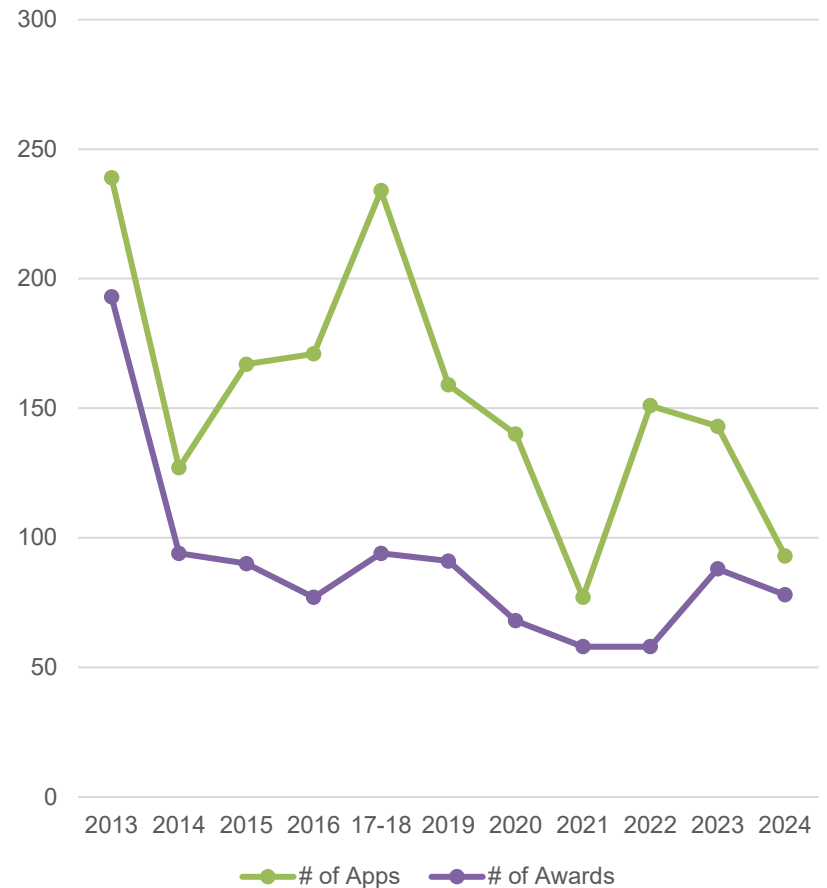
- **BIL**
  - 4% set-aside (Approximately \$21 M available)
- **FY23**
  - 143 applications totaling \$115M from 94 Tribes.
  - 88 project awards totaling \$20.9M for 67 Tribes
  - (16 awards; 9 Tribes; \$5.9 M in Great Plains Region)
- **FY24**
  - About \$21M available; \$33M requested; Applications being processed; Award announcement expected by June 2024.
- **FY25**
  - Applications to be accepted October 1, 2024 – January 15, 2025

# Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund - Drop in Participation

Funds Requested vs. Available



Applications vs. Awards



# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

- \$1-billion / year
- Safety Planning, Demonstration, and Implementation
- Check “SS4A Safety Action Plan” requirements checklist to see if your existing plan needs any update to qualify for implementation. Request a pre-application review by April 17.
- 2022 and 2023 Tribes have been less than 1% of applicants/awards
- SS4A now allows for TTP and TTPSF to be the non-federal match.
- 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity Published; multiple deadlines

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

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# BIA Indian Highway Safety Program

- Three categories:
  - Highway Safety Specialist
  - Law Enforcement Grants
  - Child Safety Seat Grants
- Highway Safety Specialists are a tribal staff position funded by BIA IHSP that can be tasked with developing and implementing your TTPSF funded safety plan.
- May 1, 2024 deadline
- Search Grants.gov or Contact:  
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# OTT Safety Research

- Tribal Pedestrian Safety Planning Tools
- Risk-based Safety Planning
- Tribal Crash Reporting Toolkit v2.0

Interested in a one-on-one discussion about your needs related to crash data?

Contact Matt Riddell (Qk4)  
or Adam Larsen (FHWA)



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# What is the Tribal HPP Program?

## Key Messages

- **Priority Program** only for Tribes when:
  - funding received under the TTP is insufficient to complete the highest priority project; or
  - any Indian Tribe that has an emergency or disaster occur on a tribal transportation facility
- Modeled after IRRHPP
- \$9M annual set-aside
- \$1M limitation on funding request
- Up to 100% Federal Share

# 2022 - 2023 HPP Funding

FY 2022-2023 Tribal HPP Program Funding Priority List					
No.	Region	Tribe	Project Name	Project Type	Funded Amount
1	Alaska	Arctic Village Council	Old John Lake Trail	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
2	Alaska	Native Village of White Mountain	White Mountain Community Streets	Construction	\$ 750,000.00
3	Midwest	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Blueberry Road Residential Road Safety	Construction	\$ 698,893.00
4	Alaska	Manokotak Village	Manokotak First, Second, Third Street Rehabilitation Road Project	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
5	Midwest	Forest County Potawatomi Community	Forest County Hwy T Resurfacing	Construction	\$ 500,000.00
6	Eastern Oklahoma	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	EW 110 Road and Bridge Construction	Construction	\$ 500,000.00
7	Great Plains	Omaha Tribe	Macy Roundabout	PS&E	\$ 500,000.00
8	Alaska	Igiugig Village	High Ridge Road Phase 02	Construction	\$ 998,975.00
9	Alaska	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	Tribal Way Road Improvement	Construction	\$ 722,018.00
10	Great Plains	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	BIA 10 TIGER Project	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
11	Alaska	Native Village of Minto	Minto Community Street Improvement	PS&E	\$ 50,000.00
12	Alaska	Pedro Bay Village	Pedro Bay Landfill Access Road	Construction	\$ 745,000.00
13	Northwest	Nooksack Indian Tribe	Intersection Improvement Roundabout	PS&E	\$ 275,000.00
14	Great Plains	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	US Hwy 77 Childcare/HoChunk Village 2.0	PS&E	\$ 400,000.00
15	Alaska	Newhalen Village	Transportation Equipment Facility	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
16	Great Plains	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	Three Mile Road Pathway and Bridge	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
17	Alaska	Nome Eskimo Community	East End Roads Design Refresh	PS&E	\$ 365,217.00
18	Great Plains	Santee Sioux Nation	Lindy Road Paving	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
19	Eastern	Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	Camp Coushatta Road- Evacuation Route	PS&E	\$ 950,000.00
20	Alaska	Craig Tribal Association	Craig Klawock Bike Path Project	PS&E	\$ 1,000,000.00
21	Pacific	Robinson Rancheria	Foothill Oaks Drive PS&E	PS&E	\$ 205,000.00
22	Midwest	Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	Improving Safety on Reservation Highway 2	Construction	\$ 1,000,000.00
23	Pacific	Barona Group-Capitan Grande Band	Barona Main Roads Repair	Construction	\$ 229,578.02
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$ 15,889,681.02</b>

# FY 2024 Tribal HPP Program Timeline

- October 11, 2023 – kickoff webinar for FY 2024 Funding (recorded webinar and additional application information can be found at <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/high-priority-projects>)

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**Outreach**  
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- January 31, 2024 – application deadline for FY 2024 Funding
- **End of April 2024 – Final Funding Priority List developed**
- Mid-May 2024 – Earliest distribution of funds if project is on an FHWA-approved TTIP

For more information, contact: Blane Kunihisa, Tribal HPP Program Manager, [Blane.Kunihisa@dot.gov](mailto:Blane.Kunihisa@dot.gov) or <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-tribal/high-priority-projects>

# Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program (NSFLTP)

- Funding - \$55 M per year in contract authority from the Highway Trust Fund
- Funding – Up to \$300 M per year subjected to future appropriations from the General Fund
- Reduces (from \$25 M to \$12.5 M) minimum eligible project cost
- Modifies the Federal share requirements:
  - Federal share for tribal projects is 100%;
  - For other projects, it allows Title 23 and Title 49 funds to be used for the “non-Federal” share
- Requires a 50% set aside for Tribes
- Of the funds for Federal lands projects, requires that at least 1 eligible project be carried out in a unit of the National Park System with  $\geq 3$  M annual visitors

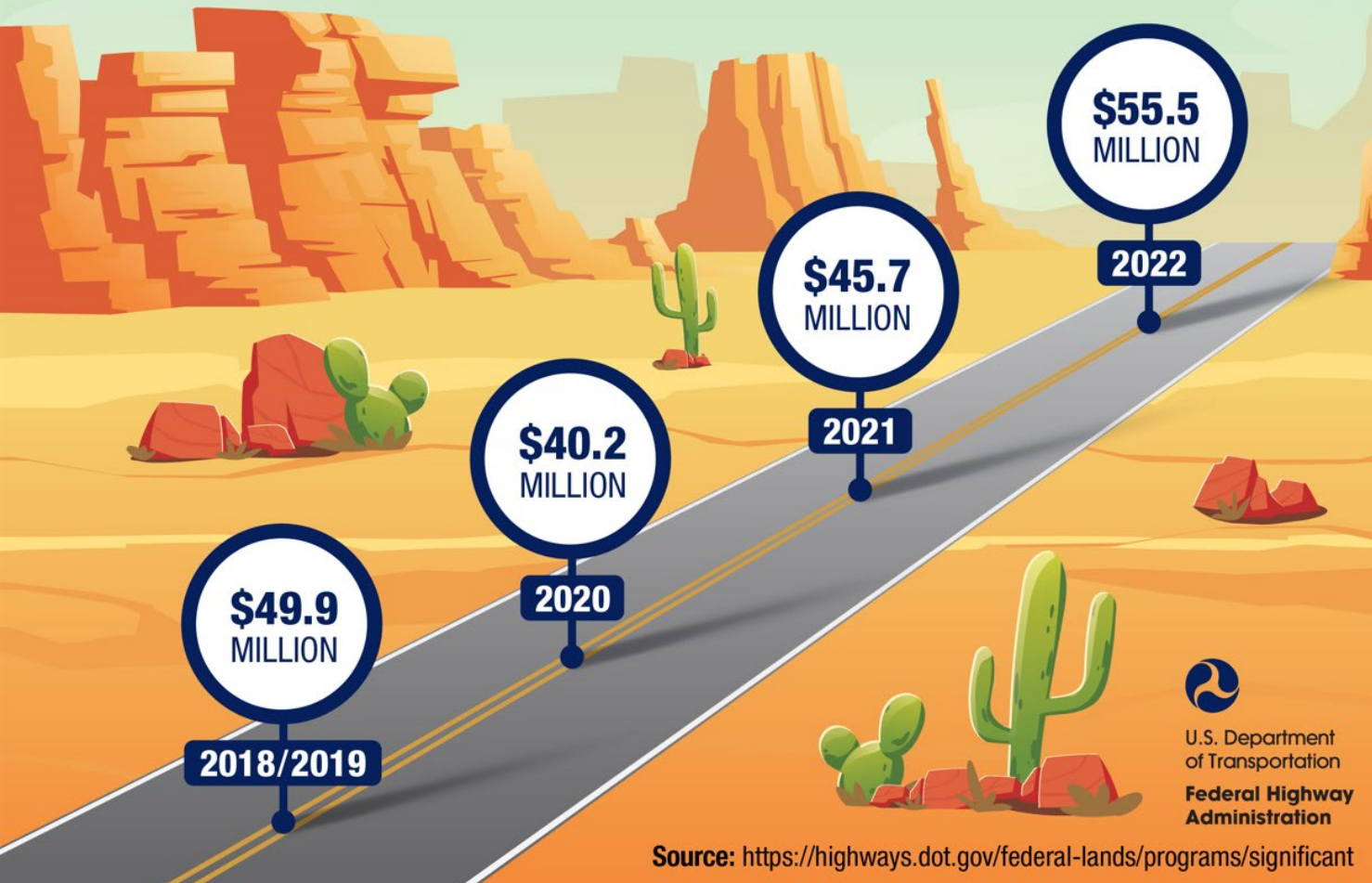
# National Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Project Program

- FY22 – \$125 M available
  - Included \$75 M from the General Fund (FY22 Appropriations Act)
  - Application window closed October 24, 2022
  - Applications have been reviewed; recommendations have been made for final selection
- FY23 – \$88.290 M available
  - Application window closed November 6, 2023
  - Includes \$40 M from the General Fund (FY23 Appropriations Act)

## FHWA SPOTLIGHT

# THE NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL LANDS AND TRIBAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

Since 2018, the NSFLTP provided more than \$191 million to five Tribes for six projects for improvements to enhance highway connections to remote Tribal villages in Alaska, improve the Natchez Trace Parkway in Alabama and Mississippi, and advance other important Federal and Tribal lands road projects nationwide.



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Source: <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs/significant>



**EVERY YEAR, VEHICLE COLLISIONS WITH LARGE ANIMALS KILL 200 PEOPLE AND INJURE ALMOST 26,000.**



**TODAY, WE'RE ANNOUNCING MAJOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE WILDLIFE CROSSINGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY—STRENGTHENING ROADWAY SAFETY AND SAVING LIVES.**

# Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program

Purpose: Fund projects that seek to reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity

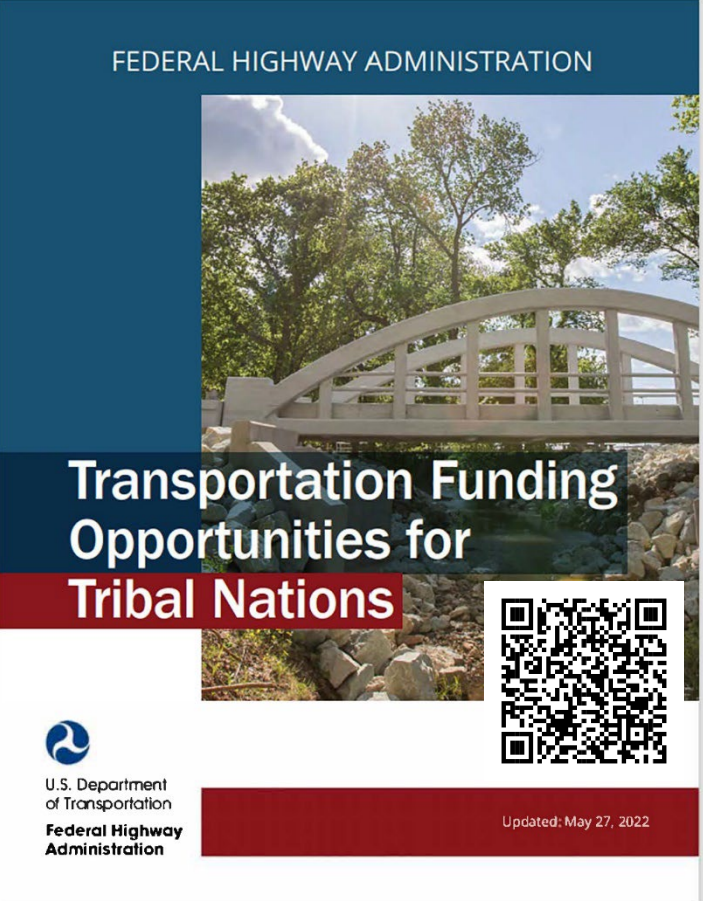
## FY22-FY23

4 Awards to Tribes  
announced on 12/6/23

(FY)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Amount	\$60 million	\$65 million	\$70 million	\$75 million	\$80 million


# Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations (dot.gov)

- Federal Role
- How to Access Fundings
- Dedicated Tribal Programs and Other Programs
- Outlines:
  - Purpose
  - Funding
  - Program Type
  - Federal Share
  - Eligible activities
  - BIL Changes to TTP
  - Additional Information and Assistance



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Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations



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# USDOT Discretionary Grants

## Resources:

- [DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard | US Department of Transportation](#)
- [Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations](#)
- [Key Notices of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)
- [Applying for USDOT Grants | US Department of Transportation](#)
- [DOT Funding Opportunities for Rural Projects| US Department of Transportation](#)

# Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT) Services

The OTT has expanded services to handle the large volume of new Tribal Projects as a result of the BIL

- Consultation Planner to assist FHWA division offices to improve Tribal consultation with state DOTs.
- Second TTP safety specialist.
- Position dedicated to the NTTFI/RW/ERFO.
- TTAP now housed at OTT
- Lower Tribe to FHWA Tribal Coordinator (TC) ratio
- New Discretionary Grants Team



# Discretionary Grant Management Team

- In general, S&O for all new DG projects will come from the OTT rather than other FHWA offices.
- FHWA OTT DGMT aids in the following tasks:
  - Grant Agreement Development
  - Reporting Requirements
  - Review and Approval of reimbursement requests
  - Project Stewardship and Oversight (non-FHWA PA Tribes)



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

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## Office of Tribal Transportation

The Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT) administers the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) and provides stewardship and oversight for direct funding agreements with 135 federally recognized Tribes. The OTT also provides support for all FHWA activities affecting tribal transportation. This support includes the administration of TIGER/BUILD grants awarded to Tribes, and the transfer of funds from States and other local governments to Tribes through the 202(a)(9) transfer process.

In addition, the FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation manages the Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Program and the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund for all federally recognized Tribes. These grant programs are set-asides from the overall Tribal Transportation Program.

The mission of the FHWA Office of Tribal Transportation is:

*Through mutual respect and understanding, enhance the quality of life in Tribal communities by supporting the Tribes' delivery of transportation programs.*

## Tribal Transportation Program

TTP is the largest program in the Office of Federal Lands Highway. Established in 23 U.S.C. 202 to address the transportation needs of Tribal governments throughout the United States, the program is receiving \$465 million in FY 2016, with increases of \$10

### What's New?

- On May 7, 2020, FHWA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF). The deadline for applications is August 20, 2020. [Click Here](#) for more information.

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