

# Info Alert

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## **Department of Transportation Announces Fifth Round of TIGER Grant Program**

On April 22, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Ray LaHood [announced](#) the availability of \$474 million for a fifth round of TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grants to fund surface transportation projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a region or metropolitan area. Projects eligible for TIGER grants include highways and bridges, public transportation, passenger and freight rail transportation and marine port infrastructure investments. Grants range in size from \$10 million to \$200 million. Grants to rural areas may be for less than \$10 million, but must be more than \$1 million. No less than \$120 million must be awarded to projects in rural areas.

Applications are due June 3, and will be accepted beginning April 29, although unlike previous rounds, no pre-application is required. Applicants must demonstrate their project can meet all local, state and federal requirements by June 30, 2014 in order for DOT to obligate funding in advance of Sept. 30, 2014.

The four previous rounds of TIGER grants provided \$3.1 billion to support 218 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Demand for the program has been significant, with more than 4,050 applicants requesting more than \$105.2 billion over the previous rounds.

For complete details and specifics, please see the [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA).

Finally, DOT has created a [website](#) that includes documents and presentations outlining specific information regarding applications for different types of TIGER projects including: rural projects, port projects, tribal projects and more.

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