



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN  
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REPRESENTING THE 28TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS



## Grants Newsletter

April 1, 2024

To better serve you, I would like to provide this week's Grants Newsletter. Enclosed you will find several open grant applications that provide the opportunity to procure federal funding for a variety of projects.

Attracting more federal funds to our district and region has been a top priority during my tenure in Congress. By providing this document, I hope we can secure additional federal funds and assistance to our area that will improve life in Texas's 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

For more information on the federal grant process, please visit my [grants webpage](#) or contact my Grants Coordinator, Randy Aguilar, at [Randy.Aguilar@mail.house.gov](mailto:Randy.Aguilar@mail.house.gov). To stay informed about recent legislative activity and how it impacts your family and your community, please visit my [congressional website](#) or follow me on Twitter at [@RepCuellar](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Cuellar".

Henry Cuellar  
Member of Congress  
28<sup>th</sup> District of Texas

*Note: This newsletter provides information on current federal grant solicitations. This is not a comprehensive list of all grant opportunities. For more information on federal grants, please contact the office at (202) 225-1640 or email [randy.aguilar@mail.house.gov](mailto:randy.aguilar@mail.house.gov).*

# Transportation

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## [INFRA Grants](#)

**Project description:** INFRA (the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects program) awards competitive grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas.

### **Eligible projects:**

- A highway freight project on the National Highway Freight Network
- A highway or bridge project on the National Highway System
- A freight intermodal, freight rail, or freight project within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility and that is a surface transportation infrastructure project necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, or access into or out of the facility
- A highway-railway grade crossing or grade separation project
- A wildlife crossing project
- A surface transportation project within the boundaries or functionally connected to an international border crossing that improves a facility owned by Fed/State/local government and increases throughput efficiency
- A project for a marine highway corridor that is functionally connected to the NHFN and is likely to reduce road mobile source emissions
- A highway, bridge, or freight project on the National Multimodal Freight Network

### **Eligibility:**

- A State or group of States;
- A metropolitan planning organization that serves an Urbanized Area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000 individuals;
- A unit of local government or group of local governments;
- A political subdivision of a State or local government;
- A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority;
- A multistate corridor organization; or a multistate or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities listed above.

**Application due date:** May 6, 2024

## Mega Grants

**Project description:** The Mega Program (the National Infrastructure Project Assistance program) supports large, complex projects that are difficult to fund by other means and likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits.

### **Eligible Projects:**

- A highway or bridge project on the National Multimodal Freight Network
- A highway or bridge project on the National Highway Freight Network
- A highway or bridge project on the National Highway System
- A freight intermodal (including public ports) or freight rail project that provides public benefit
- A railway highway grade separation or elimination project
- An intercity passenger rail project
- A public transportation project that is eligible under assistance under Chapter 53 of title 49 and is a part of any of the project types described above.

### **Eligibility:**

- A metropolitan planning organization;
- A state
- A unit of local government;
- A political subdivision of a State;
- A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority;
- A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments;
- A partnership between Amtrak and 1 or more entities described in (1) through (6); and,
- A group of entities described in any of (1) through (7).

**Application due date:** May 6, 2024

## FY24 Congestion Relief Program

**Project description:** The goals of the Program are to reduce highway congestion, reduce economic and environmental costs associated with that congestion, including transportation emissions, and optimize existing highway capacity and usage of highway and transit systems through:

(1) improving intermodal integration with highways, highway operations, and highway performance.

(2) reducing or shifting highway users to off- peak travel times or to nonhighway travel modes during peak travel times; and

(3) pricing of, or based on, as applicable,

- parking;
- use of roadways, including in designated geographic zones; or
- congestion.

**Eligibility:**

- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- City, or municipality

**Application due date:** April 22, 2024

## **Education and Research**

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### [Innovations in Graduate Education Program](#)

**Project description:** The Innovations in Graduate Education Program is designed to encourage development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative approaches to STEM graduate education training. The program seeks proposals that a) explore ways for graduate students in STEM master’s and doctoral degree programs to develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers, or b) support research on the graduate education system and outcomes of systemic interventions and policies.

**Eligibility:**

- Nonprofit entities
- Institutions of higher education

**Application due date:** April 22, 2024

## **Criminal Justice**

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### [FY24 Adult Treatment Court Program](#)

**Project description:** The purpose of the Adult Treatment Court Program is to reduce the misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by people involved in the criminal justice system. With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to plan, implement, and enhance the operations of adult treatment courts. This includes management and service coordination for treatment court participants, fidelity to the adult treatment court model, and recovery support services.

**Eligibility:**

- State governments
- Special district governments
- City or township governments

- County governments
- Other units of local government, such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.
- Public housing authorities
- State agencies such as the state administering agency, the administrative office of the courts, and the state substance abuse agency.
- State criminal justice agencies and other state agencies involved with the provision of substance use and/or mental health services, or related services.

**Application due date:** May 9, 2024

[FY 2024 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking](#)

**Project description:** The purpose of this program is to develop, expand, or strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking, including those that provide trauma-informed services.

**Eligibility:**

- County governments
- Nonprofit entities
- City or township governments
- State governments
- Public housing authorities

**Application due date:** April 8, 2024

## **Law Enforcement**

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[FY24 Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program](#)

**Project description:** With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to fund applications to strengthen the medical examiner-coroner system by increasing the number of qualified forensic pathologists and enhance the quality of medicolegal death investigations nationwide.

**Eligibility:**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Nonprofit entities
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- State governments

**Application due date:** April 15, 2024

[FY24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program](#)

**Project description:** This program supports law enforcement–behavioral health cross-system collaboration to improve public health and public safety by improving responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance provides grant funding to help entities prepare, create, or expand comprehensive plans and then implement these collaborative projects to target people who qualify.

**Eligibility:**

- State governments
- Special district governments
- City or township governments
- Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments

**Application due date:** May 6, 2024

## Grant Resources

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[Grants.gov Community Blog](#) This website provides information on how to apply for grants, open solicitations, and other helpful grant resources.

[Grants.gov Training Videos](#) This webpage provides videos and webinars to assist you in your application process. Video topics include registering with grants.gov, how to search for federal grants, and other topics of interest for applicants.