

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS

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## Free online information, videos for LGs interested in federal project reimbursements

The Federal Highway Administration launched a transportation resource called *Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies*. This resource puts key information about federal-aid requirements on a single public website at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials).

Local public agency employees now have a centralized hub for guidance, policies, procedures and best practices for administering federal-aid projects. The website's main feature is a library of videos covering key aspects of the project development and delivery process.

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## LG responsibilities for FHWA- and TxDOT-funded projects

The useful tri-fold handout titled *Local Government Responsibilities for FHWA and TxDOT Funded Projects* helps local governments understand the requirements for transportation improvement projects that include any FHWA and/or TxDOT funds. The handouts have been distributed to each district and are available to LGs on request.

This handy resource spells out some of the actions that must be taken by a local agency interested in accepting FHWA or TxDOT funds. Many entities do not realize the additional documentation and administration requirements associated with these funds. Additional project time is also required to allow for the necessary permits and approvals – all to ensure compliance with federal rules and laws. Non-compliance could lead to a loss of federal reimbursement.

