

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE, GRANT, AND MATCH PROGRAMS

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provides a variety of grants, programs and initiatives that help local governments build and maintain roads and other transportation infrastructure, and provide public transportation services within their jurisdictions. As state and local governments face the challenges of increasing traffic due to population growth and economic expansion, it is critical that TxDOT and local governments work together to maximize the benefits provided through joint planning, and joint funding of critical projects, and effectively maintaining current facilities. The following resources listed are some of the most sought-after grants and match programs provided by TxDOT for local governments.



Routine Airport Maintenance Program

TxDOT administers the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) through annual grants to public entities to fund maintenance functions at over 275 eligible General Aviation airports. The grants provide matching funding up to \$50,000 to fund airport maintenance through local public entity purchasing or contracts, or through maintenance performed by local TxDOT District maintenance resources. The objective of RAMP is to assist communities in maintaining their General Aviation facilities and to protect the investment in our statewide system of airports.

Contact: TxDOT Aviation Division



<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/aviation/airport-grants.html>

Local Government Assistance Program (City and County Roads)

Section 201.706, Texas Transportation Code, requires TxDOT to assist cities and counties with the maintenance of city streets and county roads by providing engineering and maintenance expertise on roadway maintenance and by providing available surplus materials to any local government. Distributed materials may include surplus materials on hand or new materials. Local government officials should contact their local TxDOT District Engineer to obtain additional information about this program.

Contact: TxDOT District Engineer



<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district.html>
Use the map to find your local TxDOT district engineer.

Traffic Safety Grants

Traffic Safety Grants are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and administered through TxDOT. Only educational institutions, local governments, non-profit organizations, and state agencies can submit traffic safety proposals for funding consideration with TxDOT. Requests for proposals start in November each year and end in early January of the following year. Examples of Traffic Safety Grants include increased enforcement, traffic safety training, and driver behavior education and outreach programs to reduce fatalities, injuries, and crashes on Texas roadways. Program areas include reducing impaired driving, discouraging distracted driving, and encouraging use of driver and passenger seat belts.

Contact: TxDOT Traffic Safety Division



<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/traffic/grants.html>

State Infrastructure Bank

The State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) is a revolving loan fund that allows borrowers to access capital funds at or below market interest rates. The overall goal of the State Infrastructure Bank program is to provide innovative financing methods to communities to assist them in meeting their infrastructure needs. The Texas Transportation Commission may grant State Infrastructure Bank financial assistance to any public or private entity authorized to construct, maintain, or finance an eligible transportation project. Eligible costs include all costs incidental to the construction of public highways such as construction, utility relocation, right-of-way acquisition, appraisal and testing, engineering, surveying, and inspection. Projects must be consistent with transportation plans developed by the local metropolitan planning organization and with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Contact: TxDOT Project Finance, Debt and Strategic Contracts Division



<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/debt/sib/general-information.html>

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants

TxDOT distributes grant funds, ensures compliance with program requirements, and promotes safety, coordination, partnerships and best practices. TxDOT administers FTA grants that are for specific purposes and have separate eligibility and funding requirements.

• Rural Areas Program

TxDOT provides federal funds for capital, planning, operating and administrative grants to support public transportation in the 37 current transit districts in rural areas and small cities that are considered non-urbanized that helps people in rural areas with access to healthcare, religious services, shopping, education, employment, and recreation.

• Enhanced Mobility of Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities

TxDOT provides federal funds to public and private nonprofit entities for the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Grants are for operating capital equipment, preventive maintenance, and purchase of service.

• Bus and Bus Facilities Program

TxDOT administers federal funds to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities in rural and small urban areas.

• Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning Programs

TxDOT administers federal funds and sets the procedural requirements to ensure that multimodal transportation planning in the state is cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive, resulting in long-range plans and short-range programs of transportation investment priorities in rural areas.

• Transit Scholarship Program

TxDOT administers the Transit Scholarship Program to provide transit scholarships designed to give agencies the opportunity to send employees to transit-related training or transit “roadeos” and obtain reimbursement for training and travel related expenses. Transit roadeos are important because they provide competitive venues where transit drivers and mechanics demonstrate their skills and best practices, share their knowledge, and compete for a chance to advance to state and national competition.

Contact: TxDOT Public Transportation Division



<https://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/stips/info/transit.html>

Transportation Alternatives-Set Aside Program (Bicycle and Pedestrians)

TxDOT administers Transportation Alternatives (TA)-Set Aside Program funds for locally sponsored bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in communities less than 200,000 located outside the urbanized core of metropolitan areas. In large urbanized areas with populations over 200,000, TA funds are distributed directly to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to administer according to their needs. Projects for the program are selected through a competitive process.

Contact: TxDOT Public Transportation Division



<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/divisionpublic-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html>

Highway Bridge Program

The Highway Bridge Program (HBP) is a federal-aid program that provides funding to enable states to improve the condition of highway bridges through replacement, rehabilitation, and systematic preventive maintenance.

Contact: TxDOT Bridge Division



<https://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/programs.html>

eGrants PORTAL



Aviation and Public Transportation grants are administered through TxDOT's eGrants website:
https://apps2.dot.state.tx.us/apps/egrants2/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT_Global



Traffic Safety eGrants are administered through the Traffic Safety Grants Management System:
<https://www.txdot.gov/apps/egrants/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT>

