



WisDOT Federal Discretionary Grant Efforts

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Grant Coordination Efforts

- Developing internal process (reviewing current efforts)
- Participating in current grant compilation processes
- Establishing relationships with state stakeholders
- Establishing relationships with other state coordinators
- Developing summary materials
- Researching methods for tracking grant applications in the state



WisDOT BIL Webpage

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding

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Wisconsin is in great shape to improve state infrastructure by taking advantage of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which was signed into law November 15, 2021, and authorizes major new investments in transportation and other public works.

The \$1.2 trillion bill is one of the most historic investments in the nation's infrastructure since the Interstate highway system was built.

BIL provisions for Wisconsin

Based on highway funding formulas, Wisconsin could expect to receive approximately \$1.1 billion in new funding over five years, an increase of about 25%. In addition, Wisconsin will receive an estimated \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs under BIL over five years. The law also includes funds to improve transit services, expand electric vehicle infrastructure, improve airports, and new grant funding opportunities for rail and harbors.

But after decades of disinvestment there are considerable unmet needs in our state. Congress must continue to appropriate funds for these programs over the life of BIL, and our state legislature must approve our spending plans.

WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson explains WisDOT's approach for building Wisconsin's infrastructure:



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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Discretionary funding

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding](#)

[Local programs funding](#)

[Transit assistance programs](#)

[Other funding](#)

Information here will be updated as more program details are released by the USDOT.

[+ Current BIL discretionary funding opportunities](#)

[+ How to apply for a grant](#)

[+ Grant writing resources](#)

Here is a resource for examples and information on how to write grants:

- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) Office of Rural Prosperity provides [a grant writing consultants](#) and [grant writing training resources](#).

Other federal resources:

- USDOT's (ROUTES) – Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation Economic Success Discretionary Grant Process
- List of USDOT BIL Discretionary Grants
- FHWA BIL Discretionary Grant Fact Sheets
- FHWA Competitive Grant Funding Matrix
- Current List of USDOT Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)
- Grants.gov

After application is submitted

WisDOT has teamed up with UW TOPS Lab to help Wisconsin better understand BIL discretionary grant activity. Please complete this online form.

[Notice of submission](#)

Request Letter of Support

Complete this form to request a Letter of Support from WisDOT for a USDOT Discretionary Grant application. A draft copy of the application narrative and template of the letter of support ([see example](#)) are required. Requests should be submitted no later than 14 days prior to application submission.

[Request Letter of Support](#)

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Letter of Support Request Form

BIL Letter of Support

✓ Introduction
Letter of Support
Review



Application Information

Organization Requesting Support *

Contact Name *

Contact Email for Questions *

Phone *

Project Background

Project Name *



BIL Discretionary Grant Summary Form



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant Summary

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Required

Agency Submitter *

Your answer

Name of Discretionary Grant Program *

Your answer

Name of Soliciting Agency *

US DOT

Other: _____

Please list other collaborators (e.g. other communities, academia, or consultants)

Your answer

When did you submit?

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Amount of Request *

Your answer

Anything else you'd like us to know (e.g., link to application, future help, etc.)

Your answer

Submit

Clear form



Local & Federal BIL Resources

- Local:

- WEDC's [Office of Rural Prosperity](#) – BIL Resources

- Federal:

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