



City of Dallas

Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 – Potential Opportunity Projects for the City of Dallas

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Overview



- Recap of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Opportunity Projects – Focus Areas and Process
- Next Steps
- Questions



IIJA Overview



- Historic investment into core infrastructure priorities
- Five year authorization of new and existing grant programs
 - Combination of formula and competitive grants
 - Most formula grants go to states or Metropolitan Planning Organizations, who have discretion in how to distribute the funds
- **Grants will be released via normal grant processes over the next 5 years**
 - **First RFPs anticipated in Spring 2022**



IIJA Overview (cont.)



- President Biden issued Executive Order 14052 to guide implementation
 - Investing public dollars efficiently with measurable outcomes
 - Increasing the competitiveness of the United States economy and bolstering manufacturing and supply chains
 - Improving job opportunities by focusing on high labor standards, including prevailing wages and the free and fair chance to join a union
 - Investing public dollars equitably, including through the Justice40 Initiative
 - Building infrastructure that is resilient and that helps combat climate change
 - Effectively coordinating with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments



Opportunity Projects



- Focus areas for City of Dallas include:
 - Transportation
 - Airports
 - Water/wastewater infrastructure
 - Broadband
 - Cybersecurity
 - Climate Change and Resilience



Opportunity Projects – Targeted Grants



Transportation Grant Programs			
Program (Formula Grants in Bold)	Natl 5 yr App	Program	Natl 5 yr App
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$64.8B	National Infrastructure Assistance	\$5B
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)	\$13.2B	National Culvert, Removal, Replacement & Restoration	\$1B
Local & Regional Project Assistance (RAISE)	\$7.5B	Bridge Discretionary	\$12.6B
Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA)	\$8B	Railroad Grade Crossing Elimination	\$3B
Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)	\$500M	Consolidated Rail Safety & Infrastructure (CRISI)	\$5B
Safe Streets & Roads for All	\$5B	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, & Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary	\$1.4B
Reconnecting Communities Pilot	\$1B	Charging & Refueling Infrastructure	\$2.5B
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)/Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)	\$7.2B	Congestion Relief	\$250M
Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants	\$8B	Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities	\$400M
Airport Grant Programs			
Airport Improvement Program**	\$15B	Airport Terminal Improvement Program	\$5B
Water Related Grant Programs			
Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund	\$11.7B	Funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	\$17.1B
Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund	\$11.7B	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	\$250M
Broadband & Cybersecurity Grant Programs			
Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program	\$1.25B	Middle Mile Grant Program	\$1B
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	\$1B		
Climate/Resilience Grant Programs			
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG)**	\$550M	Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC)	\$1B
Brownfields	\$1.5B	Hazard Mitigation	\$3.5B

**Formula to Local Governments



Opportunity Projects – Project Selection



- **Start with the bill**
 - What funding streams are included, and what are likely eligible projects
- **Survey departments**
 - What projects do we have on the horizon that meet the criteria
- **Match projects to the right grant programs**
 - Determine which project(s) are the best fit, based on the requirements of the grant



Opportunity Projects – Things to Remember



- **This is not a comprehensive ranked list of all potential projects**
 - These are the projects we will look to first when developing grant applications
- **There is still a lot we don't know**
 - New programs have to be created by Federal agencies
 - Several programs require State-wide plans to be developed
 - Scoring criteria and eligible expenses will vary from year to year, and program to program
- **Grants will be released over five years**
 - Multiple opportunities to submit under each grant program
 - We need to be nimble to adapt to changing priorities to submit the most competitive applications



Opportunity Projects – Oversight



- As Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are released, the Office of Government Affairs Fund Development Unit (OGA) will work with the appropriate departments to develop competitive applications
- OGA and departments will coordinate with partner agencies to maximize opportunities for funding
- As grants are awarded, the Office of Bond and Construction Management will provide oversight of grant fund expenditures, project implementation, and reporting status, as needed



Other Funding Streams



- Brownfields – South Dallas/Fair Park and beyond
- Congestion Relief
- EV Charging Stations and Refueling Infrastructure
- Water/Wastewater Infrastructure – BRIC, WIFIA, Revolving Loan Funds
- Stormwater and resilience projects – FEMA Hazard Mitigation and BRIC
- Regional/State-wide evacuation route planning – PROTECT
- Complete Streets & Trail Improvements
- Tree Canopy/Urban Heat
- Workforce Opportunities



Next Steps



- Monitor federal and state agencies for opportunities to comment on new program guidance
- Work with partner agencies to have input on state-wide funding strategies
- Ensure the Dallas Congressional Delegation is aware of City priorities
- Continue to identify key City priorities to match with potential funding opportunities



Attachment: Opportunity Projects



- The attached list contains project names, cost estimates and descriptions, as well as the grant funds we think are a good fit at this time
- Focused on funding streams that have appropriations in the IIJA
- Focused on applications where the City is eligible to be the primary applicant





Questions?





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