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INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation Grants Available

Local government agencies and transit authorities have until Jan. 31 to seek demonstration grants from the Federal Highway Administration to plan and implement transportation improvement activities.

Funds will be provided under the Transportation & Community & System Preservation Pilot Program. They can be used to improve the efficiency of transportation systems, enhance communities' quality of living, reduce sprawl, decrease the need for future infrastructure funding and support business needs.

Grant applicants should consider projects that:

- Integrate community health, safety and social-equity goals with transportation.
- Plan or implement regional and local strategies to decrease greenhouse gases.
- Enhance intermodal and freight access to promote economic growth and access to jobs.

Matching funds are not required, but priority will go to applicants contributing nonfederal resources to projects, such as cash, land, volunteer time and maintenance agreements. Applicants are encouraged to seek other federal grant monies, such as Transportation Enhancement, Congestion Management and Air Quality funds.

The agency is particularly interested in proposals involving partnerships with public utilities, social service agencies, community groups, environmental groups, public health organizations, private developers and real estate investors.

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