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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

## TRP Grant Newsletter

April 9, 2026

*Stay up to date on the latest federal funding opportunities.*

### **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

#### **Notable funding opportunities posted since our last newsletter include:**

- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A):** The Department of Transportation (DOT) will award around \$994 million to eligible entities for activities related to preventing fatalities and serious injuries on roads and streets.
- **Small Shipyard Grant Program:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) will award up to \$35 million to small shipyard facilities for capital improvements and training programs.
- **FTA Ferry Grant Programs:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has released three Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for grant programs related to ferries: the Passenger Ferry Grant Program, the Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Pilot Program, and the Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program.
- **Open BJA Grant Programs:** The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has released a collection of NOFOs open to states and local government entities.
- **Title X Family Planning Services:** The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) will award \$257 million over the course of five years to develop voluntary family planning projects.
- **Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Grant Program:** The Department of Labor (DOL), on behalf of the Department of Education, will award funding to programs designed to support literacy development in children.

- **Teacher and School Leader Incentive (TSL) Program:** DOL, on behalf of the Department of Education, will award up to \$60 million in funding for performance-based compensation systems for teachers and other educators.

#### **Planning for the future:**

- The General Services Administration (GSA) has released a proposed rule that would require existing SAM.gov users to reregister, and, as part of the reregistration process, certify that they will not implement policies or engage in activities that do not align with certain administration priorities (particularly, DEI and immigration). SAM.gov registration is required to apply for and keep federal funding.
- On Aug. 7, the Trump Administration released an executive order ([EO](#)) stipulating that, moving forward, political appointees must sign off on all grants and awards to ensure they “demonstrably advance” the president’s agenda. TRP’s summary can be found [here](#).

TRP has compiled a comprehensive list of phrases that the Trump administration may flag, along with potential alternative phrasing to consider. That product can be found [here](#). We encourage you to review it prior to submitting any federal funding application.

**TRP’s repository of notable grant opportunities can be viewed [here](#). We keep this tracker updated as opportunities come in, so keep this [link handy](#)!**

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Safe Streets and Roads for All**

#### Agency

Department of Transportation (DOT)

#### Description

DOT will provide funding to metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, tribal governments, and multijurisdictional combinations of the three for the development and implementation of initiatives that prevent fatalities and serious injuries on roads and streets. Applicants must be responsible for maintenance or safety operations that affect roadways or a roadway network.

To qualify for funding, projects must be related to either the development or enhancement of a safety "Action Plan" or the implementation of an already established Action Plan. These are referred to as Planning and Demonstration grants and Implementation grants respectively. A minimum of 30 percent of the total funds made available must be awarded to projects related to Action Plan development or enhancement (Planning and Demonstration), though this is subject to change.

Previous awards have been granted to local fire departments to develop preemption systems to clear intersections for emergency vehicles, local transportation authorities to install bicycle lanes and curb extensions, and county governments to develop comprehensive safety action plans for reducing hazards on roadways.

To help facilitate the application process, DOT is [hosting](#) informational webinars for prospective applicants. These will occur on April 9 at 1:30 PM ET and April 14 at 1:30 PM ET.

#### Funding Available

Around \$994 million is available for FY 2026 grants. Of this funding, approximately \$688 is available for Implementation Grants, with an award range of \$2.5 million to \$25 million. Approximately \$306 million is available for Planning and Demonstration Grants. with an award range of \$100,000 to \$5 million.

Closing Date

Applications are due by 5:00 PM EDT on May 26, 2026. any technical questions must be submitted by 5:00 PM EDT on April 24, 2026.

[NOFO Link](#)  
[Website Link](#)

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**Small Shipyards Grant Program**

Agency

Maritime Administration (MARAD), Department of Transportation (DOT)

Description

MARAD is offering funding to small shipyard facilities for capital improvements and training programs. In order to qualify as a "small shipyard", the shipyard must have 1,200 production employees or less and must construct, repair, or reconfigure vessels 40 feet long or longer for commercial or government use or 100 feet or longer for non-commercial use.

Eligible uses of funding include capital improvements focused on improving construction efficiency or quality and maritime training programs that focus on developing the shipbuilding and repair skills of shipyard employees. There is a limit of one award per applicant.

Funding Available

Approximately \$35 million is available. There is a cost-share requirement of 25 percent.

Closing Date

Applications must be submitted by May 11, 2026, at 12:00 PM EDT. The estimated award announcement date is July 10, although this is subject to change.

[NOFO Link](#)  
[Website Link](#)

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**FTA Ferry Grant Programs**

Agency

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT),

Description

The FTA has released three NOFOs for grant programs related to ferries: the [Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#), the [Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Pilot Program](#), and [the Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program](#). These programs provide competitive funding to support capital projects and service improvements for public ferry systems, with a focus on expanding access to ferry service, improving system reliability, and reducing emissions.

The Passenger Ferry Grant Program provides funding for capital projects that support ferry systems in urbanized areas. The Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program supports the

acquisition of electric or low-emission ferry vessels and associated infrastructures. The Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program supports the enhancement of ferry service in rural areas, including operating assistance, planning, and capital investments to improve access and connectivity.

Eligible applicants include states, local governments, tribal governments that operate ferry systems. For the Ferry Service for Rural Communities program, only states and U.S. territories are eligible as applicants, although local governments are eligible for subgrants. Projects must demonstrate the ability to improve ferry service, enhance safety and reliability, or reduce emissions, depending on the requirements of each specific NOFO.

Funding Available

Approximately \$105 million is available for the Passenger Ferry Program, \$98 million is available for the Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program, and \$454 million is available for the Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program.

Closing Date

Applications for all three programs must be submitted through Grants.gov by May 11, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.

## HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

### Open Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Programs

Agency

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Description

Over the last few weeks, BJA has released multiple NOFOs potentially relevant to states and local government entities.

[BJA FY25 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program](#)

Closing Date: April 20, 2026

[BJA FY25 Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program](#)

Closing Date: May 4, 2026

[BJA FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners – Formula Grants Program](#)

Closing Date: April 20, 2026

[BJA FY25 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes](#)

Closing Date: May 4, 2026

[BJA FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment \(RSAT\) for State Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)

Closing Date: May 4, 2026

[BJA FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative Training and Technical Assistance](#)

Closing Date: April 20, 2026

[BJA FY25 Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assaults in Confinement Facilities Program](#)

Closing Date: May 4, 2026

## **Title X Family Planning Services Grants**

### Agency

Office of Population Affairs (OPA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

### Description

HHS has released a NOFO for the Title X Family Planning Services program, which provides competitive funding to support the establishment and operation of voluntary family planning projects. The program is intended to expand access to a variety of family planning and health services, particularly for low-income and uninsured individuals.

Funded projects may provide a range of services such as pregnancy testing and counseling, infertility services, sexually transmitted infection testing treatment and prevention services, and related preventive health services. Projects should also seek to support health literacy, reproductive life planning, and education that improves health outcomes.

Eligible applicants include public and private nonprofit entities, including state and local governments, tribal organizations, non-profits, school districts, and institutions of higher education. Projects must comply with Title X statutory and regulatory requirements and are expected to deliver services that are voluntary, confidential, and consistent with nationally recognized standards of care. Funded entities may have subrecipients, but must demonstrate that these subrecipients will also comply with Title X requirements.

### Funding Available

Approximately \$257 million is expected to be available for this program over the course of five years., with up to 90 awards anticipated.

### Closing Date

Applications must be submitted electronically by January 9, 2027.

### NOFO Link

### Website Link

## **EDUCATION**

### **Innovative Approaches to Literacy Grant Program**

### Agency

Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Education

### Description

The ETA at the DOL has released a NOFO for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program on behalf of the Department of Education. Notably, the Department of Education typically administers this program. The program is intended to support literacy skills for children and students from birth through grade 12 in high-need local educational agencies and schools. The program is intended to expand access to high-quality literacy resources and services, particularly for children in low-income communities.

Activities eligible for funding include projects beginning or improving school library programs, providing early literacy services for young children. or distributing books to children and adolescents to improve reading outcomes. Eligible applicants include local educational agencies (LEAs), including high-need LEAs, as well as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to implement literacy programs that address identified literacy needs.

Projects are typically implemented over multiple years and must comply with federal program requirements, including evaluation, reporting, and the use of evidence-based strategies to improve literacy outcomes for participating children and students.

*Funding Available*

Approximately \$16.8 million is available for this program. Individual awards are expected to range from \$375,000 to \$750,000.

*Closing Date*

Applications must be submitted by June 9, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.

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**Teacher and School Leader Incentive (TSL) Program**

*Agency*

Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Education

*Description*

The ETA at the DOL has released an NOFO for the TSL Incentive Program, which provides competitive funding to support the development, implementation, improvement, or expansion of comprehensive performance-based compensation systems or human capital management systems for teachers, educators, and other school leaders.

Eligible applicants include LEAs, including charter schools that are LEAs, consortia of LEAs, the Bureau of Indian Education, state educational agencies, or partnerships that include one or more eligible public agencies and at least one nonprofit or for-profit entity. Grant recipients may award subgrants. Project applications must include descriptions of how this type of support to the educators served will support student achievement and learning outcomes.

*Funding Available*

An estimated \$60 million is available.

*Closing Date*

Applications must be submitted by June 9, 2026 at 11:59 EST.

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