

FY2011 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funding availability \$526,944,000

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced the availability of \$526,944,000 in FY2011 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) funding. *Please note that not less than \$140 million of the funds provided for TIGER Discretionary Grants are to be used for projects in rural areas.*

The TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. DOT will give priority to projects that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The following types of long-term outcomes will be given priority: (i) *State of Good Repair*, (ii) *Economic Competitiveness*, (iii) *Livability*, (iv) *Environmental Sustainability*, (v) *Safety* (b) Job Creation & Near-Term Economic Activity.

On July 1, 2011, the USDOT published an **Interim Notice of Funding Availability and Request for Comments** which is available at http://www.dot.gov/tiger/docs/FY11_TIGER_IntNOFA.pdf.

Please note the following deadline dates associated with this funding announcement:

- July 18, 2011 - Comments must be received by 5 p.m. EDT. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.
- August 23, 2011 - The DOT pre-application system will open on or before August 23, 2011.
- October 3, 2011 - Pre-applications are due by 5 p.m. EDT.
- October 5, 2011 - Grants.gov "Apply" function will open to allow applicants to submit applications.
- October 31, 2011 - Final applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by 5 p.m. EDT.

USDOT will be hosting a half day seminar and webcast providing information and guidance on the TIGER application process on July 18th from 1 to 4 PM EST. For further information please contact the TIGER Discretionary Grant program manager via e-mail at TIGERGrants@dot.gov, or call Robert Mariner at 202-366-8914. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. In addition, DOT will regularly post answers to questions and requests for clarifications on DOT's Web site at <http://www.dot.gov/TIGER>.

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