

# DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

## MYTH VS. FACT

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### Facts

**USDOT** has efficiently delivered funding for infrastructure since IIJA's passage.



For several FDOT projects that received awards under IIJA's discretionary programs, it took **18 to 24 months** to enter into grant agreement with FDOT. Only **3%** of funding awarded to Florida and its partners has been approved for spending since November 2021.

**USDOT** has awarded competitive grants fairly and equitably amongst states.



Two of the most populous states in the nation, Florida and Texas, have received some of the lowest funding amounts per capita from discretionary programs. As of August 2023, **Florida has received just over 1% of total grant funds awarded nationwide**, equal to \$22.52 per person. In contrast, Connecticut received \$647.35 of grant funding per person, Maryland received \$1,173.89 per person, and D.C. received \$323.32 per person.

**USDOT** has awarded competitive grants in a transparent manner.



[According to the non-partisan Government Accountability Office \(GAO\)](#), "**DOT did not fully document** eligibility determinations and reviewer conflict-of-interest screenings. Additionally, **DOT did not clearly define** the criteria used to advance applications to the Secretary for possible selection, specifically how projects could be deemed "exemplary."

