

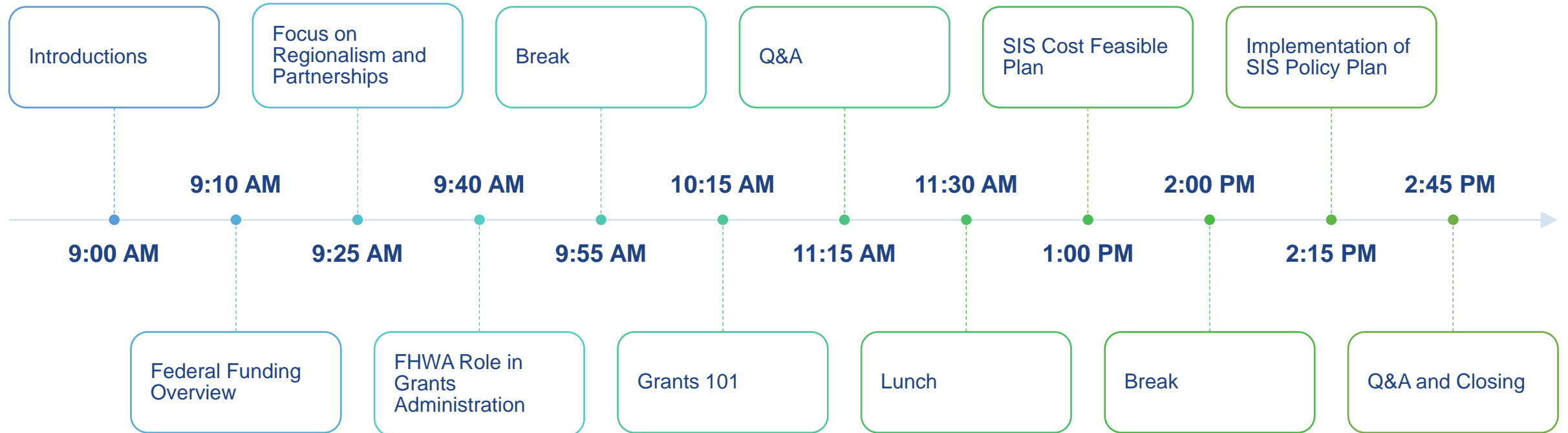


2023 Regional Grant Information Sessions



Strategic
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Agenda





Introductions

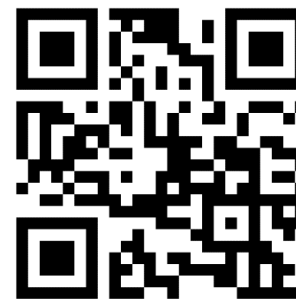


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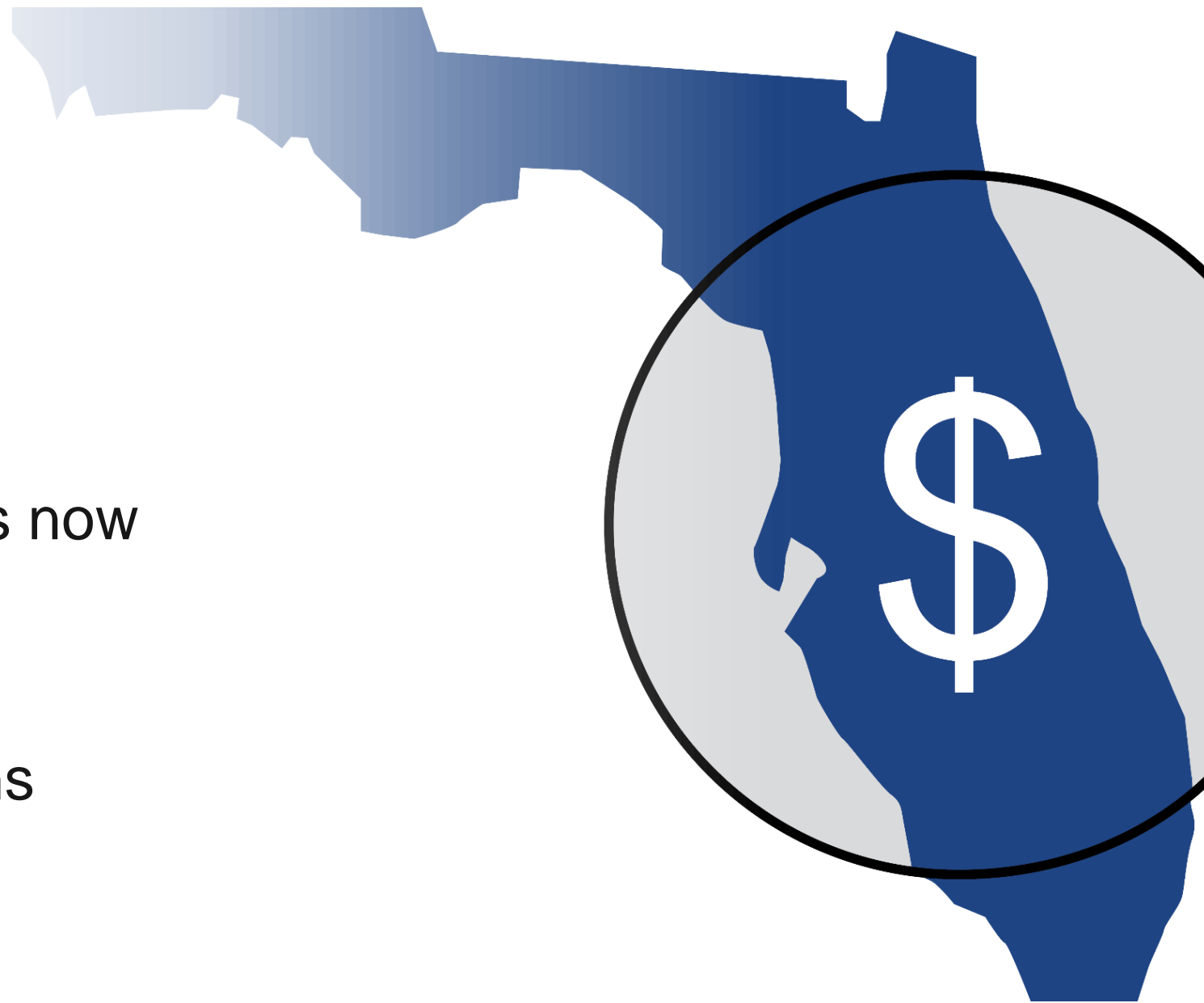


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Working Together, Florida Wins

- Discuss project partnerships now
- Implement regional visions
- Support project diversity
- Find creative match solutions
- Commit to project delivery

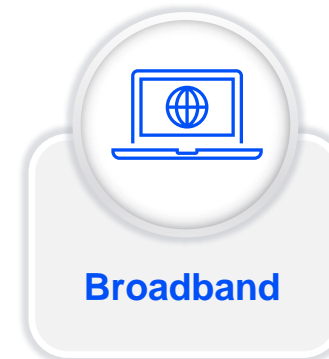
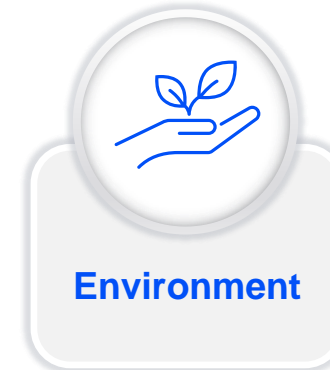
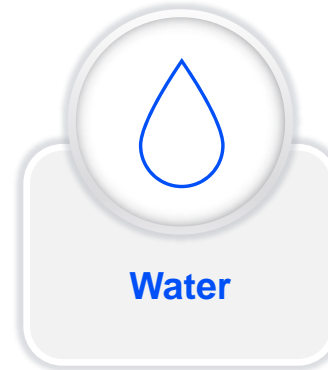




Federal Funding Overview

IIJA Investments

**\$500
BILLION**
FOR NEW
INVESTMENTS



What is Formula Funding?

- Noncompetitive funding programs
- Congress determines the recipients
- Congress sets the formulas

What is Competitive Funding?

- Discretionary funds to address specific program purposes
- New focus areas
 - Safety
 - Multimodal
 - Equity
 - Resiliency

Competitive Funding Program Overview

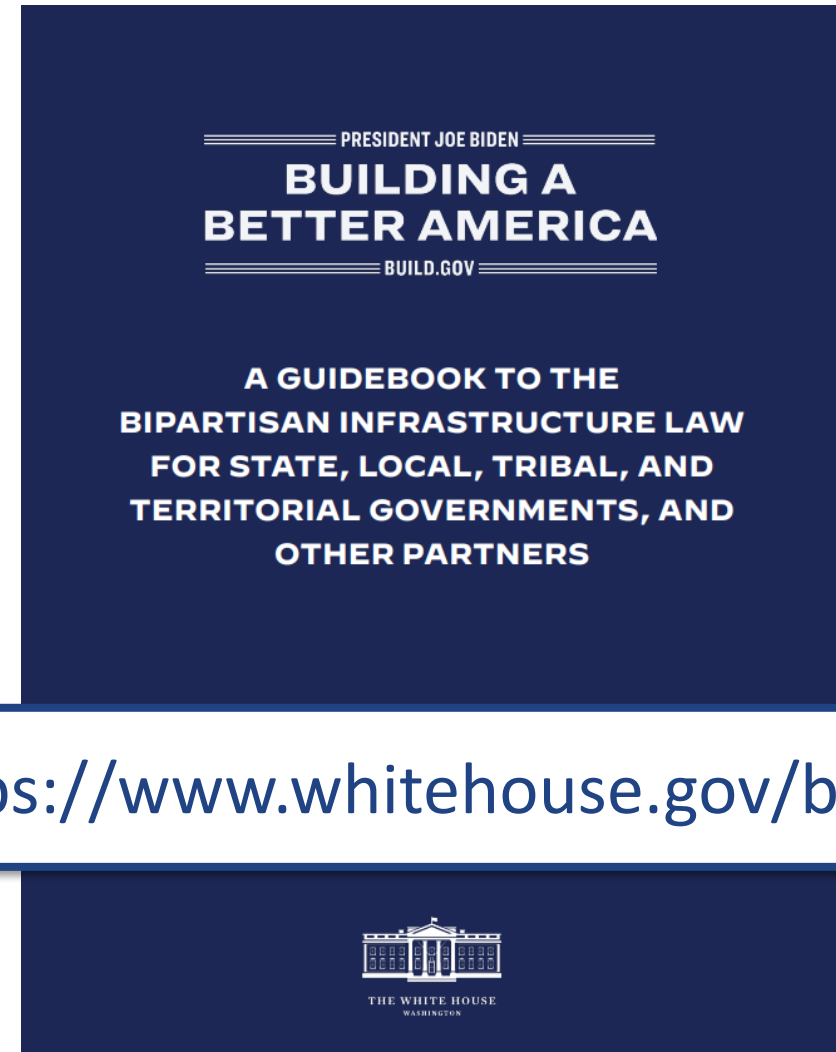
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Existing

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New

\$187
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in Total Potential
Funding

Guidebook to the IIJA

- Resource for state and local leaders
- Program-by-program information
- Information for all IIJA funding opportunities
- Includes tips and 65+ technical assistance resources



<https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>



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Focus on Regionalism and Partnerships

West Central Florida I-4 Truck Parking Facility

Florida

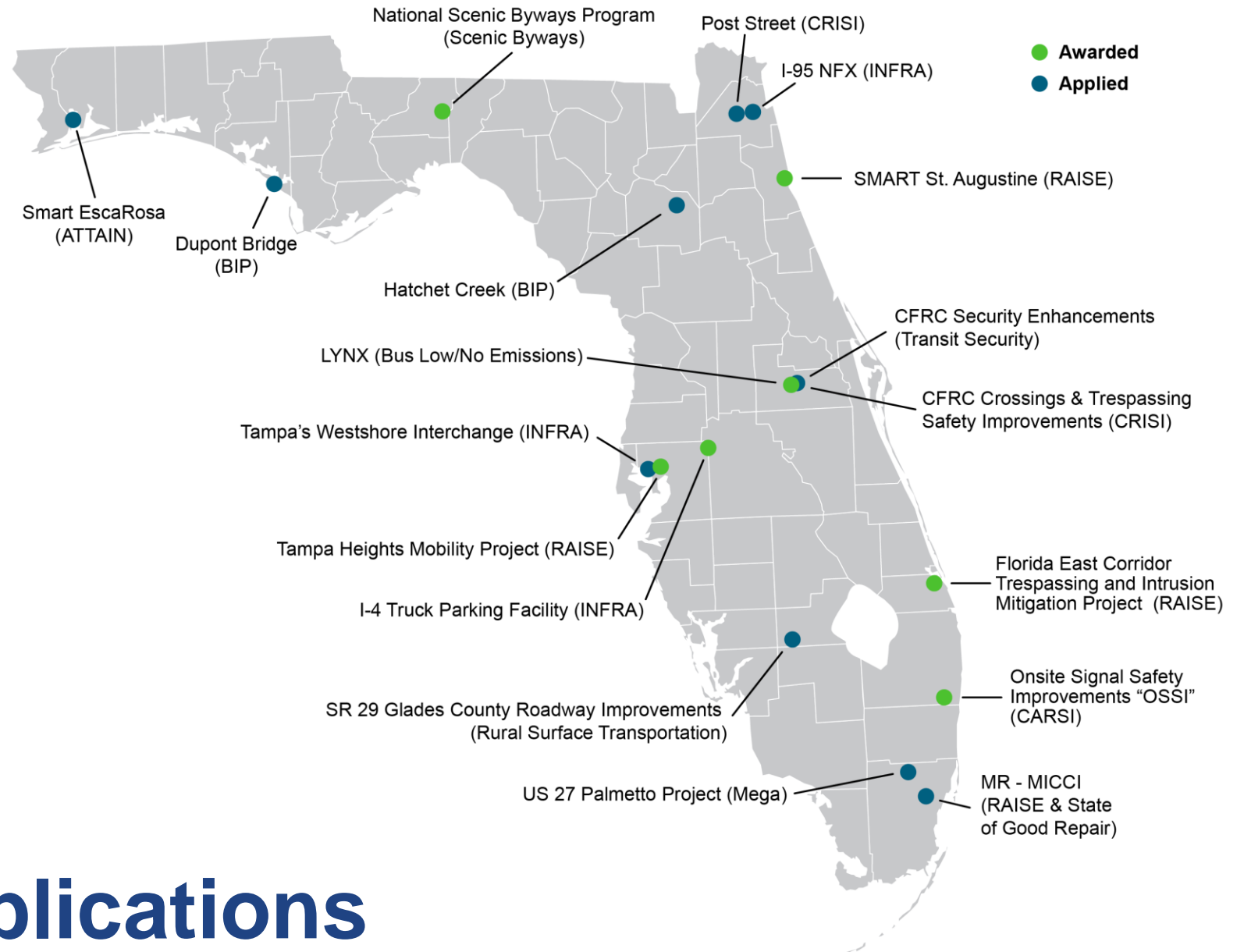
May 23,

SMART ST. AUGUSTINE

Funding Opportunity for the Department of
Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments
Program (NII) through the RAISE program

ONSITE SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (OSSI)

Volume 1 & 2: Federal Grant Opportunity for Commuter Authority
Rail Safety Improvement (CARS) for Fiscal Year 2022



FDOT Grant Applications



Recent Partner Successes

May 18, 2020

Tampa Multimodal Network and Safety Improvements

CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA application for
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NO. D70559-20-RA-BUILD

City of Tampa
Florida

SMART ST. AUGUSTINE

Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments Program (NAIIP Grant) for Fiscal Year 2021
NOFO: G4910-9X

IMMOKALEE COMPLETE STREETS

Growing Connections to Create Mobility Opportunities

Project Rendering

GRANT LOCATION:	TIGER IX (FY 2017)
PROJECT APPLICANT:	Immokalee, FL 34142
GRANT NUMBER:	Collier County Board of Commissioners
GRANT REQUESTED:	07699779000000
MATCHING FUNDS:	\$3,032,691
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$3,283,173 (20% match)
	\$16,415,864

Collier County

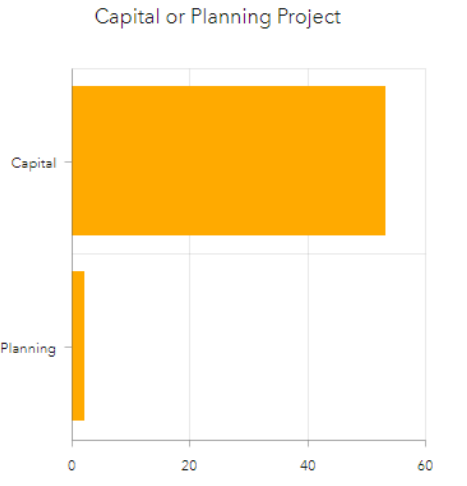
Florida Discretionary Federal Grant Awards Dashboard

User Guide

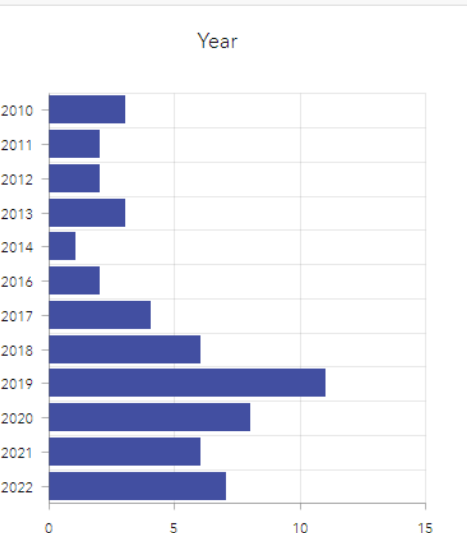
Data as of 11/17/2022.

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FAA Grants are not included. Please view FAA resources at these locations: [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure and 2022 Airport Improvement Program \(AIP\)](#).

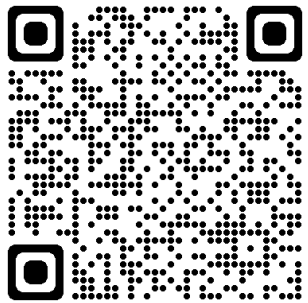
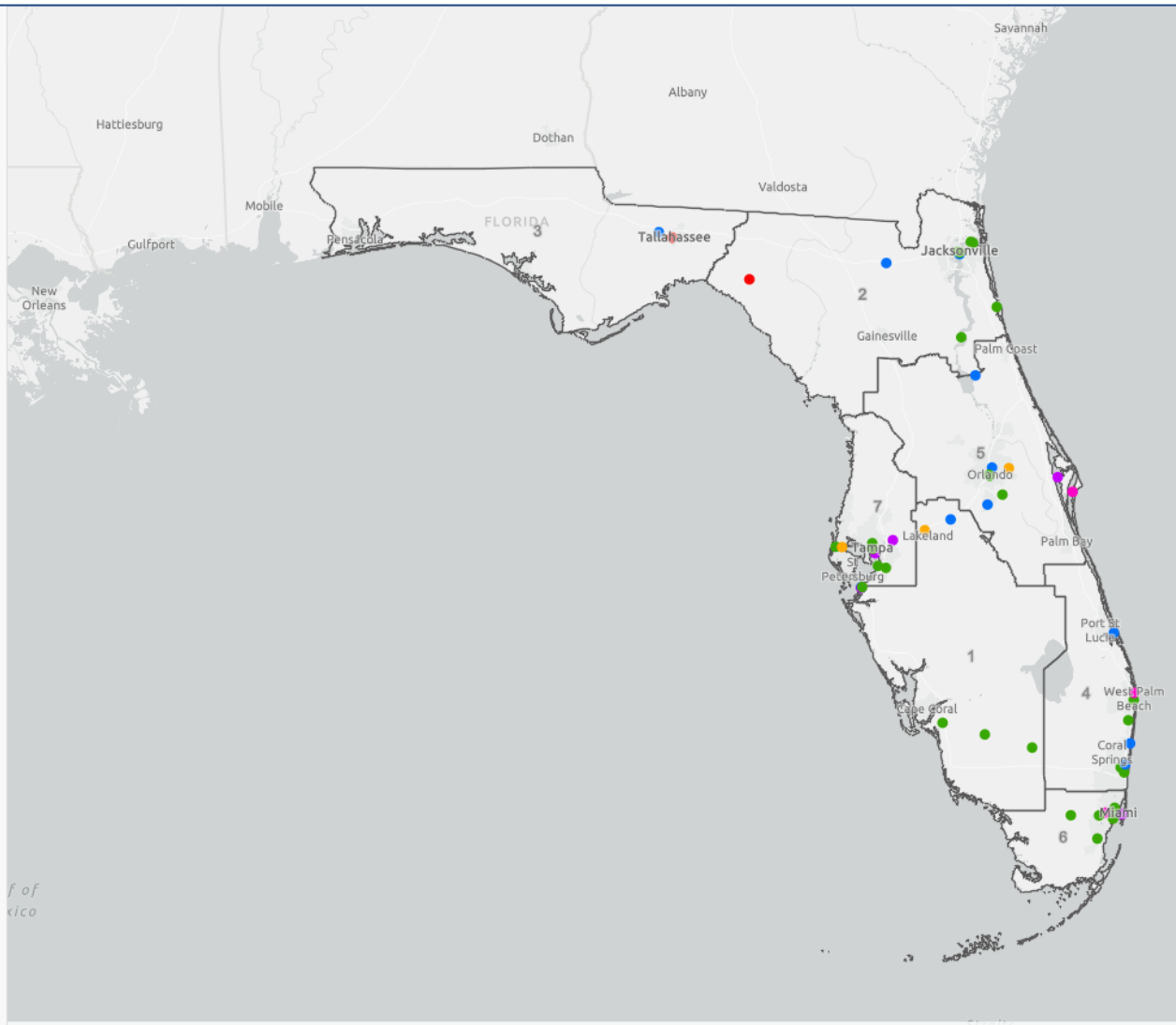


Type



Proposed Award Total
\$775.1M

Proposed Project Cost
\$2B





Partnership and Coordination

- Coordinate with state and regional agencies
- Identify roles, time, effort, and expectations
- Ensure planning consistency if regional
- Formalize with an agreement

New USDOT Guidance

Key Messages

- Promote diverse outreach methods
- Provide meaningful access and reasonable accommodations
- Ensure communities have an equitable voice

The cover of the guidance document features a dark blue background with a white circular graphic containing several photographs of diverse people in various settings: a man speaking into a microphone, a woman in a wheelchair, a group of people in a meeting, and a woman looking thoughtful. The U.S. Department of Transportation logo is in the top left. The title and date are in the bottom right.


U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Promising Practices for Meaningful
Public Involvement in Transportation
Decision-Making**

October 2022

Document all Outreach

- ✓ Demonstrates consistency with guidance for meaningful public involvement
- ✓ Confirms compliance with federal laws





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Space Shuttle Endeavor at Kennedy Space Center

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):

An Introduction from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Florida Division

January / February 2023



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): A unique opportunity for local entities

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Space Shuttle Endeavor at Kennedy Space Center

- Large funding amounts for formula funds
- Large funding amounts for discretionary grants, including more opportunities for local entities to access new funding
 - pass-through (typically via State DOT)
 - direct recipient



FHWA Division Role in Grants Administration



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FHWA currently plays a role in more than 40 discretionary grant programs

- USDOT (OST) grants categorized as Tier 1, 2, or 3 based on OST involvement
 - Tier 1 may be administered by other modes
 - FHWA grant recipients will largely work with FHWA Division Office
 - Divisions provide:
 - Technical support to HQ Grant Program managers for evaluating grant application submittals.
 - Program information and technical assistance to applicants.
 - Stewardship and oversight of all grants once announced
- *Note that Division Offices cannot review or provide input on actual grant application narratives.

Meeting Federal Procedures

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Federal funding comes with expectations for meeting federal procedures:

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Grant Application Requirements	Professional Services and Construction Procurement Requirements
Planning requirements/consistency	Design and Construction Standards
Environmental Requirements (NEPA)	Reporting and invoicing requirements (pre-, during, and post- construction)
Right-of-way Acquisition Requirements	Records Retention



Grant Application Common Pitfalls



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- Not addressing the objectives, program goals, or timeframes identified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Not adequately addressing NEPA.
 - NEPA is ALWAYS applicable, even if the Class of Action is a Type 1 Categorical Exclusion. Do not suggest NEPA does not apply in the application.
- Not providing data to support the Need to be addressed by the project.
- Using generalized data not relevant to the proposed project area.
- Not demonstrating an understanding of Federal requirements in the development and delivery of the project.



Beware of slip hazards....



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Space Shuttle Endeavor at Kennedy Space Center

- ✍ Underestimating time needed for critical tasks
 - ✍ Registering in Grants.gov; Preparing Grant Agreement, ROW acquisition, NEPA evaluation, Design phases, etc.
- ✍ Coordinating with Partners (shared vision, planning consistency)
- ✍ Understanding which Federal requirements apply
- ✍ Ensuring project team support and appropriate roles for all tasks



Florida Division Points of Contact

Florida Division Office

FHWA FL Division BIL Core Team: Cathy Kendall, Greg Hall, Joseph Sullivan

- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Division Lead: Carlos Gonzalez
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transp. (SMART) Division Lead: Frank Corrado
- NEPA Questions: Luis Lopez, Joseph Sullivan
- ROW Questions: Brian Telfair



Florida Division Agency Websites

Florida Division Office

- Florida Division Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fldiv/>
- USDOT BIL Grant Programs: <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-grant-programs>
- FHWA BIL Home Page: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>
- FHWA FLDIV Official Mailbox: Florida.FHWA@dot.gov





Break (10 Minutes)



Grants 101

Photo Source: TheUnderline.org

Federal Grant Steps

Learn

Register on Grants.gov, gather information, review grant opportunities

Identify

Identify partnerships, priorities, match sources, ROW and environmental needs

Apply

After all of this is complete, you are ready to apply for the grant

Deliver

Step 1: Learn



FOR APPLICANTS



Check Your Eligibility

Are you or your organization eligible for a grant? Learn how to check your eligibility here.

[Check Your Applicant Eligibility »](#)



Get Registered

To apply, you need to register an account with Grants.gov. Begin registering today.

[Applicant Registration »](#)

[Organization Registration »](#)



Apply for Grants

Ready to apply? Create a workspace to apply for a grant.

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[Workspace Overview »](#)



Track Your Application

Enter your Grants.gov tracking number to follow the progress of up to five applications at a time.

[Track Your Application »](#)

Before the NOFO

First Steps

Multimodal Competitive Programs

PROGRAMS	AMOUNTS	AVIATION	FREIGHT & RAIL	SEAPORT	SPACEPORT	TRANSIT
Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	\$7.5 Billion	✓	✓	✓		✓
Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (NEW)	\$15 Billion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)	\$5 Billion	✓	✓	✓		✓

New Competitive Programs – Local Interest

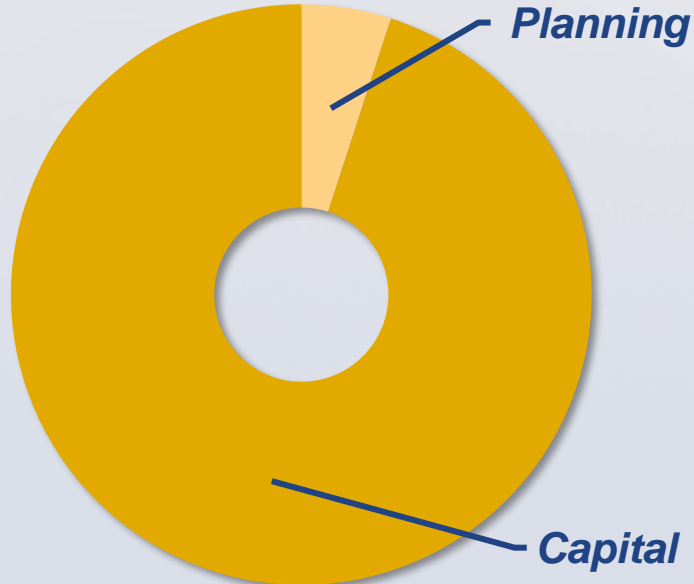
PROGRAMS	AMOUNTS (5 YEAR)
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) (NEW)	\$1.4 Billion
Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (NEW)	\$350 Million
Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (NEW)	\$5 Billion
Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Program (NEW)	\$1 Billion
EV and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure (NEW)	\$2.5 Billion
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (NEW)	\$1 Billion

2023 Notice of Funding Opportunities

Opening Date	NOFO	Operating Administration/Office
Winter 2023	Charging and Fueling Infrastructure	Federal Highway Administration
March - April 2023	Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Program	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
April 2023	Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program	Office of the Secretary
April 2023	Ferry Programs: Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program; Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program; Passenger Ferry Boat Program	Federal Transit Administration
May 2023	Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program	Federal Transit Administration
Spring 2023	Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (Mega, INFRA, and Rural) ★	Office of the Secretary
Spring 2023	Thriving Communities	Office of the Secretary
Late Spring 2023	Reconnecting Communities Program and Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program	Office of the Secretary/Federal Highway Administration
Late Spring/Early Summer 2023	Fueling Aviation's Sustainable Transition through Sustainable Aviation Fuels (FAST-SAF) and Technology (FAST-Tech) Programs	Federal Aviation Administration
July 2023	All Stations Accessibility Program	Federal Transit Administration
July 2023	Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	Federal Transit Administration
Summer 2023	Bridge Investment Program ★	Federal Highway Administration
Summer 2023	Railroad Crossing Elimination Program ★	Federal Railroad Administration
Fall 2023	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Grant Program ★	Federal Railroad Administration
Fall 2023	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program	Office of the Secretary
Winter 2023 - 2024	National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants	Federal Highway Administration

Planning and Capital Grants

RAISE Grant Funding



Planning

- Smaller funding pool
- Fewer requirements
 - Benefit-Cost Analysis
 - NEPA

Capital

- Often 80/20 match
- Majority of the funding pool
- More information needed in application
- FDOT's primary target



Project Tips

- Find a grant that fits your project, don't make your project fit a grant
- Coordinate with potential partners
- Confirm project readiness
- Mitigate risks early
- Understand program evaluation criteria

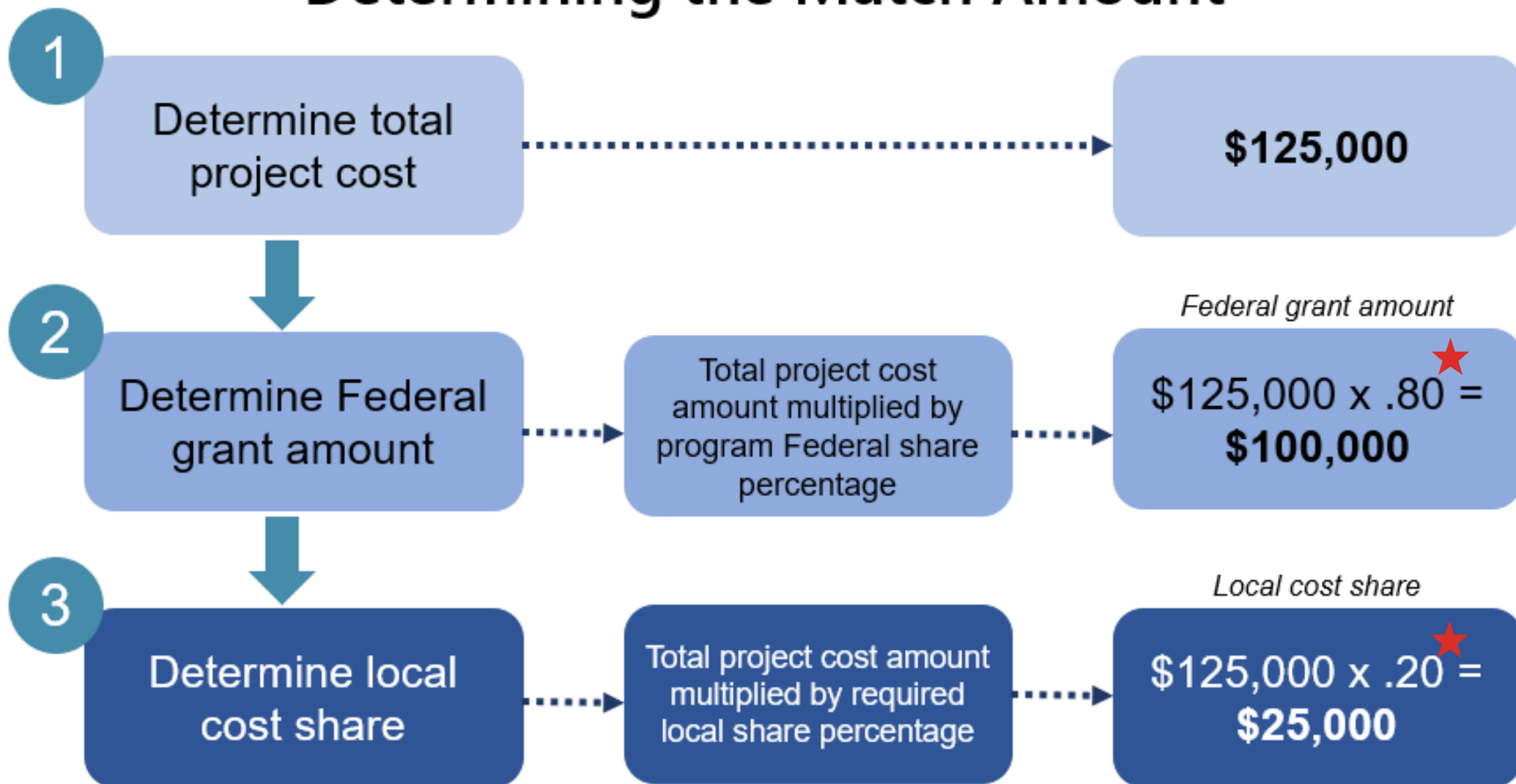
Step 2: Identify

Eligibility and Readiness

- Project programmed with local cost share
- Consistent with planning documents
- Aligns with local, state, and federal priorities
- Competitive with scoring criteria
- Public benefits exceed costs

Project Phases	Locally Funded Schedule	Federally/State Funded Schedule
Environmental Review	6 - 12 months	0 – 3+ years
Final Design	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years
Land Acquisition / Right of Way	6 - 12 months	1.5 - 2 years
Utilities Relocation	6 - 12 months	6 - 12 months
Construction	1 - 2 years	1 - 4 years
TOTAL	3.5 – 7 years	7 - 13 years

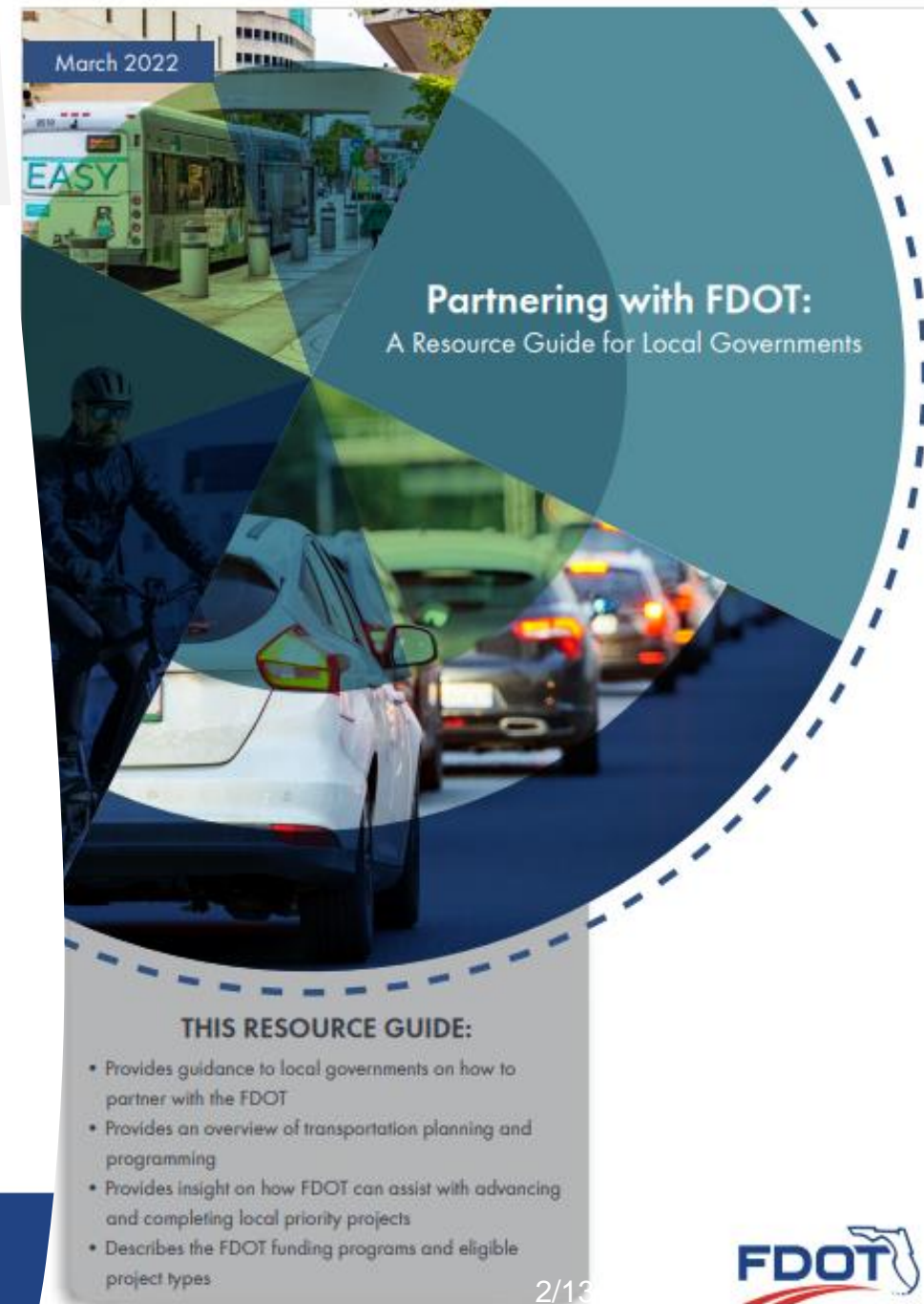
Determining the Match Amount



Note that this is an example 

Find Matching Funds

- Identify partners that can potentially provide match
- Funds must be state or local
- Think outside of the box




March 2022

Partnering with FDOT:
A Resource Guide for Local Governments

THIS RESOURCE GUIDE:

- Provides guidance to local governments on how to partner with the FDOT
- Provides an overview of transportation planning and programming
- Provides insight on how FDOT can assist with advancing and completing local priority projects
- Describes the FDOT funding programs and eligible project types

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Planning Consistency

- Document consistency with long-range plans
 - statewide transportation plan
 - state freight plan
 - metropolitan plans
 - transportation improvement program
 - capital improvement plan (non-MPO)
- Request letter of consistency from FDOT



Workforce Development

- Include how the project will
 - Create good-paying jobs
 - Expand workforce opportunities
 - Plan for worker training and education
- Partner with Florida's Statewide Workforce Development Program





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Project Champions

- Every project needs a local champion to move it from concept to reality
- Champions may come from a non-profit, local resident, agency, or other
- Champions convene stakeholders and generate local/political support





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JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

April 14, 2022

Hydi Webb
Port Director & CEO
PortMiami
1015 North America Way,
Miami, Florida 33132

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant, FY 2022
PortMiami Net Zero Program: Cargo Supply Chain Master Plan Project

Dear Mrs. Webb:

This letter confirms the Florida Department of Transportation and Miami Dade County have previously executed a contract to provide funding for PortMiami's Upland Cargo Improvements. The project programming is included in a prior Transportation Improvement Program/State Transportation Improvement Program.

FPID 440616-1-94-02

- Contract Executed in State Fiscal Year 2020/2021
- Contract Expiration: June 30, 2026
 - State Funds: \$18,340,024
 - Local Funds: \$18,340,024

Please note only work started after execution of a contract amendment would be eligible for federal reimbursement if PortMiami is successful with their application.

Once completed, this capital investment in surface transportation will improve the safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, and efficiency of the movement of goods in the Southeast.

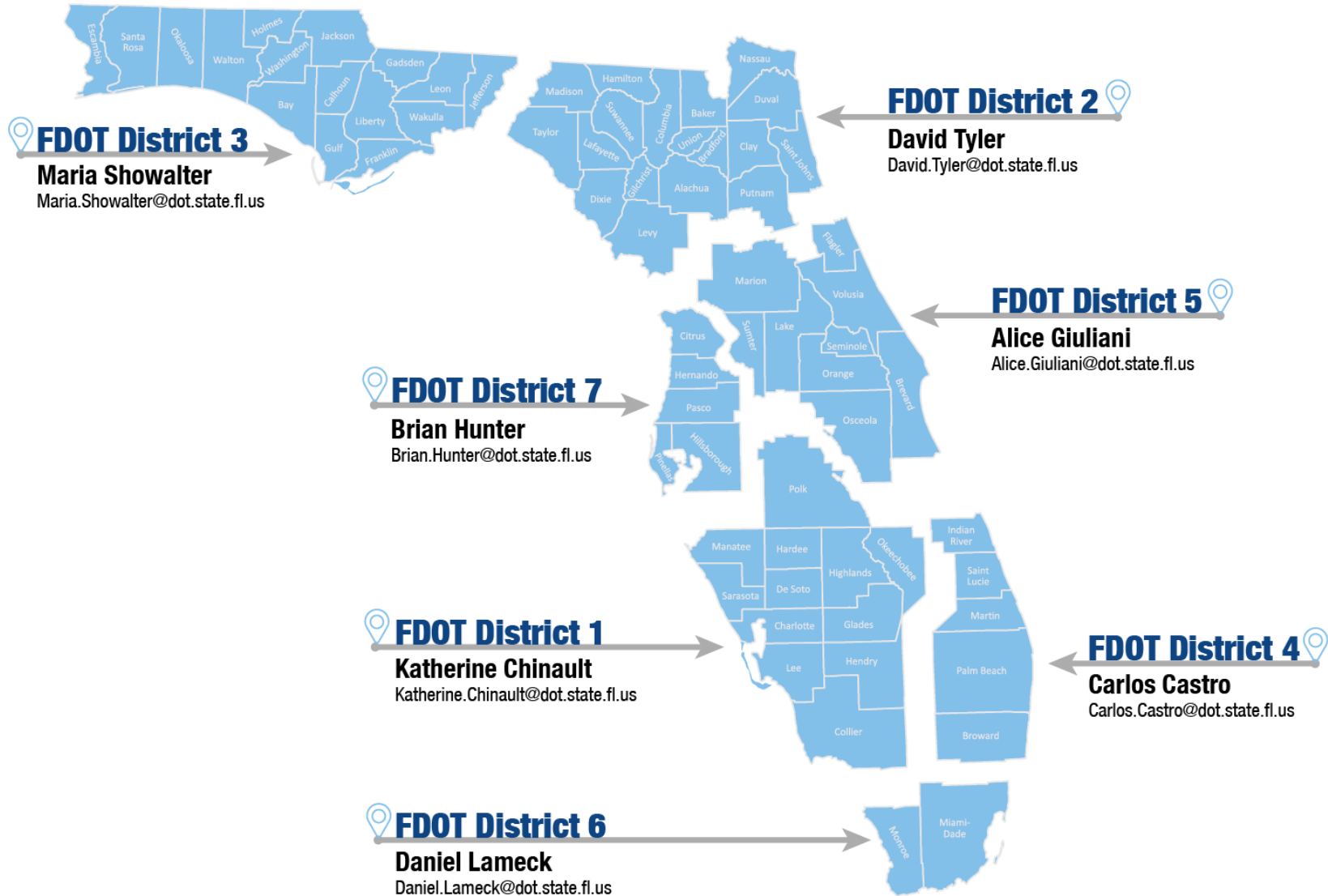
Sincerely,

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Stacy L. Miller, P.E.
District Six Secretary

Letters of Consistency

- Issued by FDOT for local projects
- Projects consistent with Work Program or Florida Transportation Plan
- Coordinate through local District
- Reach out early in application development process



Grant Coordinators

Step 3: Apply

Components of the Application

- Project Planning and Scope
- Project Performance and Execution
- Funding Indicators
- Project Impact



Narrative Tips

Tell The Story

- Compelling to reader
- Comprehensive details
- Tailor to the opportunity

Demonstrate

- Funding need
- Commitment to project
- Impact on community
- Include visuals



Photo Source: Collier County

PLANNING DATA RESOURCES



Mobility Data
Integration Space



The FDOT
Source Book



FDOT Mobility
Monitor



Equity Data
Resources



Hurricane Ian
Evacuation Analysis



GIS Resources





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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Ensures agencies consider the significant **environmental consequences** of their proposed actions and **inform the public** about their decision making



FDOT NEPA Assignment Renewal May 26, 2022

- **FDOT** assumed legal responsibility and liabilities for ensuring compliance with environmental requirements for NEPA from FHWA
- **FDOT** provides approval for federal aid projects involving FDOT and local agencies with a LAP agreement
- **FHWA** will approve NEPA documents for local agencies who receive funds directly from the federal government



NEPA Considerations

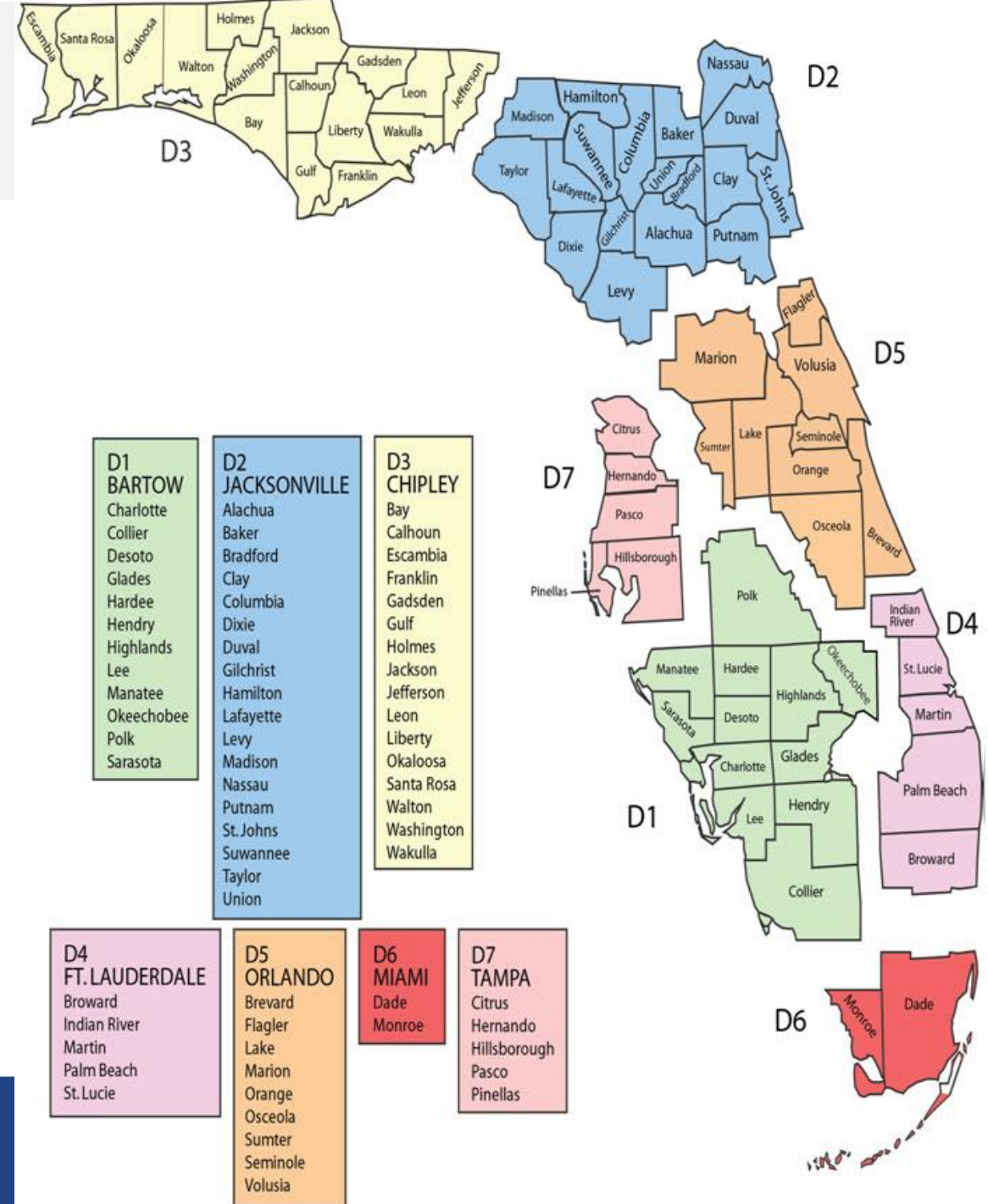
- Is the grant the primary source for **funding** the project?
- What is the **scope** of the project? (Note that larger projects will require more time for NEPA documentation)
- When should the NEPA begin to meet the needs of the project **schedule**, as required by the grant?
- Does the local agency want to enter into a **LAP agreement** with FDOT to administer grant funds?





Contacts

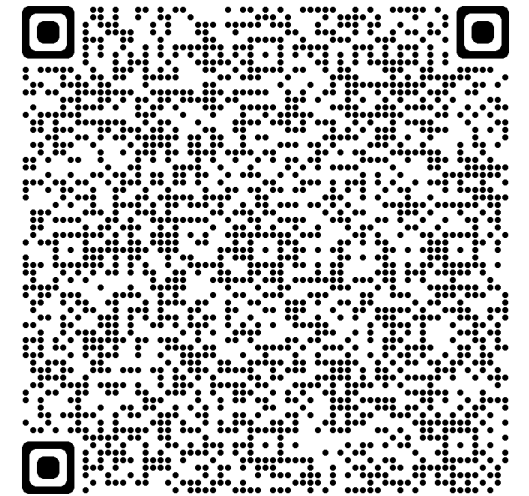
- FDOT Environmental Management
 - Jennifer Marshall, Director
Jennifer.Marshall@dot.state.fl.us
 - Local District Environmental Management Office
- FHWA
 - Joe Sullivan (Joseph.Sullivan@dot.gov)
 - Districts 1,2,3,7
 - Luis D. Lopez (Luis.D.Lopez@dot.gov)
 - Districts 4,5,6



Local Agency Program Delivery

- Local agencies may apply for a federal aid project to be delivered through the LAP process
- Project delivery options include:
 - LAP Certification of your agency
 - Project delivered by another LAP Certified agency
 - FDOT delivers the project on behalf of the agency

Self Assessment Tool



Reach out to your LAP coordinator as soon as possible



LAP Tips and Tricks

- Proactively prioritize projects
- Allow time for ROW
- Prepare for environmental requirements
- Bundle low-cost projects to maximize federal funding
- Space out delivery of high dollar, high risk projects
- Ensure ADA Design Accessibility

Step 4: Deliver



Pieces of Project Delivery





Pre-NOFO Summary of Steps

- ✓ Register on Grants.gov
- ✓ Create Unique Entity Identifier
- ✓ Review grant opportunities
- ✓ Establish partnerships
- ✓ Receive letters of support and consistency
- ✓ Identify match sources
- ✓ Address right of way & environmental needs
- ✓ Watch for the NOFO



RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

Grant Information Session

RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN GOALS



Recommend strategies to enhance infrastructure and operational resilience



Recommend design changes for existing and new facilities



Enhance partnerships to address multijurisdictional resilience needs

RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN STRATEGY AREAS



Planning/PD&E



Design &
Construction



Operations



Asset
Management



CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY

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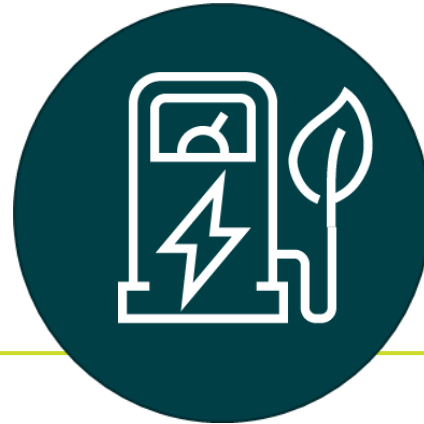


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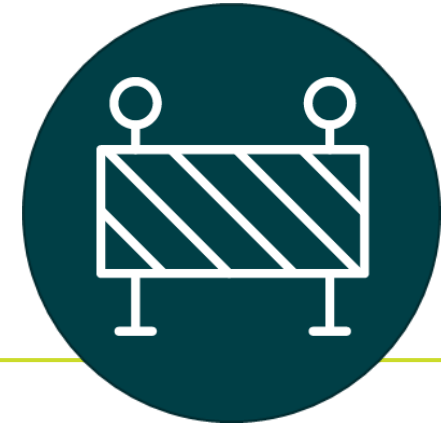
Reduce transportation emissions by:



Reducing
single-occupant
vehicle trips



Facilitating the use of
vehicles or modes of
travel that result in
lower emissions



Facilitating approaches
to construction that
result in lower
emissions

Carbon Reduction Strategy Approach

Data and Research

**Internal and
External Outreach**

Tools and Guidance

**Objectives and
Strategies**



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Q&A

*ONE LIFE LOST IS **TOO MANY***

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FATALITIES

&



SERIOUS INJURIES

*ON FLORIDA'S ROADS **EACH DAY***



Questions?

Ask your District Experts!