



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of December 4, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4-I

PREPARED BY: Sandy Ebersole, Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT:

FY 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary Grant Program](#). The purpose of the program is to support projects that strengthen the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure to natural hazards such as climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. FHWA expects to award up to \$876 million in total funding through Planning Grants and Resilience Grants, comprised of up to \$576 million in FY 2024 and 2025 funding and up to \$300 million in FY 2026 funding. The deadline to apply for FY 2024 and 2025 funding is **February 24, 2025**.

There is up to \$86 million in total funding for Planning Grants, including up to \$56 million in FY 2024 and 2025 funding and up to \$30 million in FY 2026 funding. The minimum award size is \$100,000. There is no maximum award size; however, it is worth noting that in the FY 2022 and 2023 round of the program, the agency awarded grants of up to \$5.3 million each with \$45 million in total funding available.

There is no cost share requirement for Planning Grants, and there is generally a 20 percent nonfederal cost share requirement for Resilience Grants with potential exceptions for Tribal applicants. That nonfederal share may be reduced by seven percent where projects are prioritized on a Resilience Improvement Plan and by three percent in communities where a Resilience Improvement Plan has been developed and incorporated into the metropolitan transportation plan or long-range statewide transportation plan.

For more information, please see the [NOFO](#) or [Program Website](#).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.