



September 8, 2022

RE: I-10 & I-40 Planning Funds

Metropolitan and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations:

The Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for Planning Funds to be used along the I-10 and I-40 corridors. The funds are eligible to all Local and Tribal entities and all 5 eligible NMDOT districts. Eligible projects are in the following categories: (1) Planning along the I-10 and I-40 Corridors.

The Projects will be vetted through the General Office based on the following project prioritization criteria:

1. Planning: Is this project identified as a priority on a local or regional planning or programming document? Is this project consistent with local or regional plans?
2. Project: Does the project integrate multimodal safety? Does the project integrate community economic development?
3. Project readiness: If awarded, will the applicant be able to start spending the money within 6 months from receiving the fully executed project agreement?
4. Funding: If awarded, are there any other funds committed to this project?

The application package shall include the following:

1. Cover letter application including: (1) brief overview of project including prioritization criteria 1 & 2; (2) the timeframe in which the potential grantee is prepared to spend the funds, if received (project readiness); and (3) verification that funding requested will be enough to complete the phase of work submitted.
2. Project Feasibility Form (PFF) signed by District representative if the project does not have a signed PFF, then the potential grantee must work with your office on the PFF.
3. Resolution of Sponsorship from their governing body.
4. Map of project location including mile posts; and
5. A letter of support from owners of the right-of-way, which includes getting a letter from the District if the project is partially or fully within NMDOT right-of-way.

This is a one-time solicitation. All federal processes must be followed and will be disclosed on grant agreements. Federal guidelines may be found on the NMDOT website under Business Support, T/LPA Documents and Information, T/LPA Handbook for Federal Projects. The funds will be reimbursement and must be fully expended by June 30, 2024.

Complete applications must be submitted to [https://grader.dot.nm.gov/public/folder/aoW9cvnXY0Cx2\\_Q4xviliQ/Applications](https://grader.dot.nm.gov/public/folder/aoW9cvnXY0Cx2_Q4xviliQ/Applications) no later than close of business November 18, 2022. Selected applicants will be contacted directly.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Mallery Manzanares at [Mallery.manzanares@state.nm.us](mailto:Mallery.manzanares@state.nm.us) or 505.467.9396.

Sincerely,

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