

Chapter 68 – 2003 Session Law

MnDOT Budget

Subd. 5.

Agency Management

(a) Agency Services	\$317,666,000	\$87,228,000
Appropriations by Fund	2024	2025
General	\$241,639,000	\$ 6,151,000
Trunk Highway	\$76,027,000	\$81,077,000

\$216,400,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) discretionary matches under article 4, section 111. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

\$13,790,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$190,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for matching federal aid, related state investments, and staff costs for the electric vehicle infrastructure program under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.47. Of this appropriation, \$13,600,000 in fiscal year 2024 is onetime and is available until June 30, 2027.

\$900,000 in each year is from the general fund for the purpose of establishing a Tribal affairs workforce training program related to the construction industry.

\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund for federal transportation grants technical assistance under article 4, section 110. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

\$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for information technology projects and implementation.

\$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund for grants to nonprofit organizations or carsharing operators to support the growth of carsharing in disadvantaged communities through programs, marketing, and community engagement. A grant recipient may use grant proceeds for capital and operational costs of a program. Eligible grant recipients must be based in Minnesota and be either a nonprofit organization or carsharing operator, with a preference given to nonprofit carsharing operators. Transportation management organizations are not eligible to receive grants under this paragraph.

Sec. 110.

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Subdivision 1.

Definition.

For purposes of this section, "commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

Subd. 2.

Technical assistance grants.

- (a) The commissioner must establish a process to provide grants for technical assistance to a requesting local unit of government or Tribal government that seeks to submit an application for a federal discretionary grant for a transportation-related purpose.
- (b) A transportation-related purpose includes but is not limited to a project, a program, planning, program delivery, administrative costs, ongoing operations, and other related expenditures. Technical assistance includes but is not limited to hiring consultants for identification of available grants, grant writing, analysis, data collection, technical review, legal interpretations necessary to complete an application, planning, pre-engineering, application finalization, and similar activities.

Subd. 3.

Evaluation criteria.

- (a) The commissioner must establish a process for solicitation, submission of requests for technical assistance, screening requests, and award of technical assistance grants.
- (b) The process must include criteria for projects or purposes that:
 - (1) address or mitigate the impacts of climate change, including through:
 - (i) reduction in transportation-related pollution or emissions; and
 - (ii) improvements to the resiliency of infrastructure that is subject to long-term risks from natural disasters, weather events, or changing climate conditions;
 - (2) are located in areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities as measured and defined in federal law, guidance, and notices of funding opportunity;
 - (3) improve safety for motorized and nonmotorized users;
 - (4) are located in townships or in cities that are eligible for small cities assistance aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 162.145;
 - (5) support grants to Tribal governments; and
 - (6) provide for geographic balance of grants throughout the state.

Subd. 4.

Requirements.

- (a) A technical assistance grant may not exceed \$30,000.
- (b) The commissioner may not award more than one grant to each unit of government in a calendar year. The commissioner may award multiple grants to a Tribal government in a calendar year.
- (c) From available funds in each fiscal year, the commissioner must reserve:
 - (1) at least 15 percent for Tribal governments; and
 - (2) at least 15 percent for cities that are eligible for small cities assistance aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 162.145.

(d) Money reserved under paragraph (c) that is unused at the end of a fiscal year may be used for grants to any eligible recipient in the following fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 111.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) DISCRETIONARY MATCH.

Subdivision 1.

Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

(c) "Federal discretionary grant" means federal funds under a discretionary grant program enacted or authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Public Law 117-58, and federal funds under any subsequent federal appropriations acts directly associated with a spending authorization or appropriation under the IIJA.

(d) "Federal grant recipient" means an entity that receives a federal discretionary grant under the applicable federal program.

Subd. 2.

General requirements.

(a) The commissioner must establish a process to allocate funds made available for purposes of this section.

(b) The commissioner must allocate available funds in the order of (1) requests submitted by federal grant recipients, followed by (2) announcement or notification of the federal grant award. The commissioner may allocate funds for a federal discretionary grant awarded prior to the effective date of this section.

(c) The commissioner must only allocate available funds:

(1) to a federal grant recipient for match requirements under federal discretionary grants;

(2) for a transportation-related purpose, including but not limited to a project, a program, planning, program delivery, administrative costs, ongoing operations, and other related expenditures; and

(3) in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (i) the amount necessary for the federal match requirements, or (ii) \$10,000,000.

Subd. 3.

Uses of funds.

(a) From available funds under this section, the commissioner may:

(1) expend funds for the trunk highway system;

(2) allocate funds among any transportation modes and programs, including but not limited to local roads and bridges, transit, active transportation, aeronautics, alternative fuel corridors, electric vehicle infrastructure, and climate-related programs; and

(3) make grants to a federal grant recipient, which as appropriate includes but is not limited to federally recognized Tribal governments, local units of government, and metropolitan planning organizations.

(b) Funds under this section are available regardless of the eligible uses of federal funds under the federal discretionary grant award.

Subd. 4.

Public information.

The commissioner must maintain information on a public website that details funds allocated under this section. The information must include:

(1) a summary of federal grant recipients, projects including a general status, and the amounts of match funding requested and provided;

(2) identification of any unfunded requests; and

(3) a fiscal review that provides breakouts by type of project or purpose, transportation mode, federal program, and region of the state.

Subd. 5.

Expiration.

This section expires June 30, 2029.