

# IIJA Discretionary Grants Update

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# Review of IIJA Discretionary Grants

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- ❖ Grant Awards are available through the duration of the IIJA – Federal Fiscal Year 2026
- ❖ States that receive awards have three years to obligate award funds – ie. An award received in FFY26 would have until FFY28 to obligate funds on authorized projects.
- ❖ Vermont AOT has selected to pursue discretionary grant opportunities based on the following criteria:
  - ❖ Projects have a high likelihood of being competitive for grant awards
  - ❖ Projects already exist in the Capital Program or project pipeline

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Grant Type	Program	Amount Requested	VTRANS Projects
Wildlife Crossings Program	Federal Highway Administration	1,620,000	Waterbury IM CULV(109)
PROTECT Resilient	Federal Highway Administration	9,041,900	Worcester BF 0241(59), Worcester BF 0241(56),
Bridge Investment	Federal Highway Administration	104,000,000	Hartford NH 020-2(45), Readsboro BF 0102(16), Chester BF 025-1(45)
Rural Grant	Office of the Secretary	25,764,000	Readsboro BF 0102(16)
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	Office of the Secretary	51,000,000	Hartford NH 020-2(45), Swanton NH 036-1(9), Chester BF 025-1(45) (Candidate for next year)

# Discretionary Grant Funding Outlook

	State Fiscal Year				
	STIP 2024	STIP 2025	Estimate 2026	Estimate 2027	Estimate 2028
IIJA: Core Highway Programs	295,720,049	287,147,452	290,082,986	297,335,061	304,768,437
IIJA Act: General Fund Bridge Program	45,990,000	48,035,819	49,236,714	-	-
IIJA Act: General Fund Electric Vehicle Program	4,243,152	4,243,152	4,243,152	-	-
<i>IIJA: Sub-Total:</i>	<i>345,953,201</i>	<i>339,426,423</i>	<i>343,562,853</i>	<i>297,335,061</i>	<i>304,768,437</i>
INFRA Competitive Program Minimum:	-	-	8,588,000	8,588,000	8,588,000
Bridge Competitive Program Minimum:	-	-	33,333,333	33,333,333	33,333,333
RAISE Grants	-	-	-	25,500,000	25,500,000
Other Competitive Grants:	-	-	1,620,000	7,020,950	7,020,950
Rail Competitive Grants:	-	-	-	-	-
Airport Improvement Program:	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Federal Funding:</b>	<b>345,953,201</b>	<b>339,426,423</b>	<b>387,104,186</b>	<b>371,777,344</b>	<b>379,210,720</b>
<b>State Match Required</b>	<b>51,997,894</b>	<b>56,802,113</b>	<b>64,719,837</b>	<b>62,157,347</b>	<b>63,400,131</b>
<b>State Match Available</b>	<b>51,997,894</b>	<b>56,802,113</b>	<b>52,523,523</b>	<b>53,363,523</b>	<b>54,203,523</b>
<b>State Match Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,196,314)</b>	<b>(8,793,824)</b>	<b>(9,196,608)</b>