

2023 Mega Project Discretionary Grant

This is only a summary; applicants should not rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.

Submission Deadline 08/21/2023	Period of Performance Must begin construction and obligate by September 30, 2026	Start Deadline Begin construction no later than September 30, 2026	Expenditure Deadline Obligate by September 30, 2026
Eligible Applicants	State; Political Subdivision of a State; metropolitan planning organization, unit of local government, political subdivision of a State, special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, Tribal Government; partnership between Amtrak and 1 or more entities, a group of entities described in any of the previously listed		
Program Description	Mega was created to fund major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs. The program provides grants on a competitive basis to support multijurisdictional or regional projects of significance that may also cut across multiple modes of transportation.		
Unique Program Items	Mega awards can be between \$100M - \$500M and above, making it the largest grant award program available from USDOT. 50% will be awarded to projects that cost between \$100M to \$500M. 48% will be awarded to projects over \$500M in total cost. Mega applications must include a data collection and analysis plan (Mega Data Plan).		
Eligible Projects	Eligible projects include highway, bridge, freight, port, passenger rail, and public transportation projects of national and regional significance. These could be bridges or tunnels connecting two states, new rail and transit lines that improve equity and reduce emissions, and freight hubs integrating ship, train and truck traffic while improving environmental justice.		
Eligible Costs	Approximately \$1.8B in FFY 2023 and FFY 2024 funding.		
Additional Information	Grant funding will not exceed 60% not to exceed 80%; Can use tapered match, but final non-federal contribution cannot be less than 20%. An award funding only some project components may make other project components subject to Fed requirements as described in Section F.2.ii. (pg 88). For example, the NEPA review for the funded project component may need to include evaluation of all project components as connected, similar, or cumulative actions.		