



Broward MPO Grants Updates & Discussion

May 2025

Federal Grants and Intergovernmental Updates for Broward

Coordination is Key

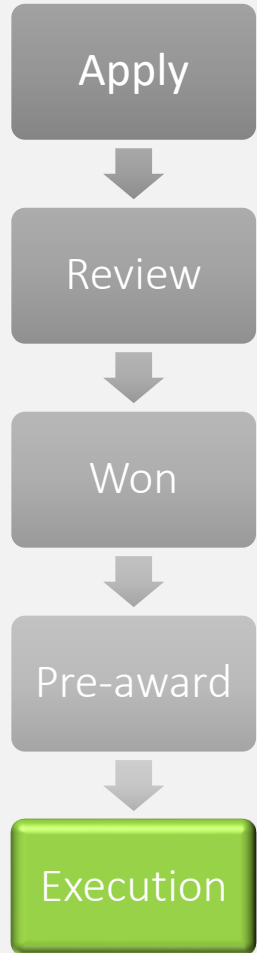
- Federal Government is highly interested in projects regional in nature and/or involving coordination with multiple jurisdictions
- TAC meetings, MPO Board meetings & monthly grants coordination meetings
 - Second Tuesday of each month
 - Bring project ideas, coordinate with partners

Sign up for the MPO's Monthly Grants Coordination calls using the QR Code or via the link below:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcequqjwoHNSJf5NI5cAd-rjrWAYhX9EW>

Thriving Communities Program (TCP) Award



Receiving capacity building, planning, and technical assistance for Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods toolkit. Connected Communities Vision Kit.

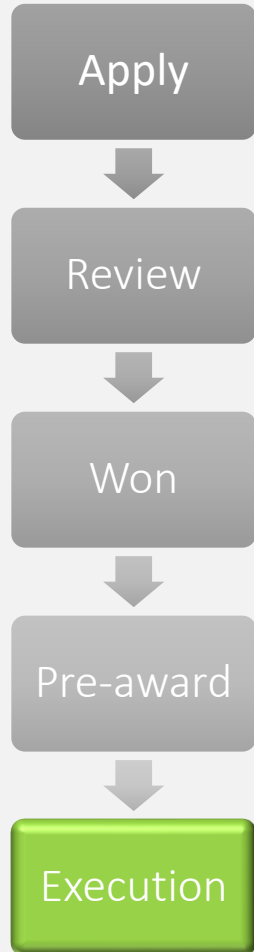


Current Status: Finalizing toolkit to be distributed via MPO website at the end of May 2025.



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Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation



Awarded \$2M in SMART grant funding to develop the SMART METRO, an innovative transportation modeling platform that will use Artificial Intelligence technology to create a regional digital twin that integrates data and models for effective transportation solutions.



Next Steps: The BMPO is working with USDOT on the project's Data Management and Evaluation Plans.

Current Status: The SMART Grant Agreement has been executed, and the SMART METRO digital twin is in progress. The prototype technology of the SMART METRO digital twin is currently in development.

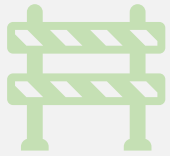


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Railroad Crossing Elimination Program



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration



Awarded \$15,440,000 in RCE grant funding to support final design and construction activities for the Broward County Sealed Corridor Project. The project will include safety enhancements, such as exit gates and medians, at 21 grade crossings along Florida East Coast Railway's rail line, a freight rail corridor shared with Brightline's intercity passenger rail service.



Next Steps: Grant Execution and obligation of funds by USDOT's Office of the Secretary.

Current Status: BMPO is updating language in the Grant Agreement to align with the new administration as requested by the FRA. The Final Design procurement process is progressing for the project and notice to proceed is anticipated to be ready to be issued by Grant Execution date.



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Reconnecting Communities



Planning grant to determine feasibility of linking roads below grade along the FEC railroad corridor. Project is Fort Lauderdale Roadway-Railroad Underpass Feasibility Study. \$1.5M ask with Fort Lauderdale committing \$375K in local match

Next Steps: Developing a public participation plan and coordinating with partner agencies to establish staff working works

Current Status: Project given notice to proceed. Completed kickoff meeting with our consultant team.

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Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP)



The purpose of PPPP is to support data-driven approaches to planning that, upon completion, can be evaluated for public benefit. The program provides funding to develop and implement a publicly accessible, transparent prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans.



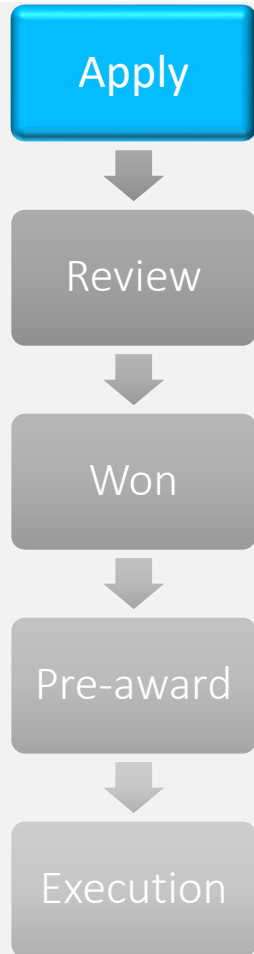
Next Steps: Waiting on FHWA division point of contact for kickoff.

Current Status: Won. Met with internal team to discuss the schedule and budget. Working on drafting the scope of work.



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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



Planning and Demonstration Grants provide Federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. They also fund supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities that inform the development of a new or existing Action Plan.



Current Status: Broward County with the Broward MPO plans on applying for the SS4A Implementation Grant. Application deadline June 26, 2025.



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Open Grant Applications (As of 05/16/2025)

Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
09/27/2023	<u>Bridge Investment Program – Large Bridge</u>	08/01/2025
12/20/2023	<u>Bridge Investment Program – Planning and other Bridge Projects</u>	10/01/2025
12/20/2023	<u>Bridge Investment Program – Bridge Projects</u>	11/01/2025
01/31/2025	<u>Port Infrastructure Development Program</u>	09/10/2025
03/28/2025	<u>Safe Streets and Roads for All</u>	06/26/2025
05/14/2025	<u>Buses and Bus Facilities Program</u>	07/14/2025
05/14/2025	<u>Low- or No- Emission Program (Buses)</u>	07/14/2025

Upcoming Grant Applications (As of 05/16/2025)

Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
Spring 2025	All Stations Accessibility Program	
Spring 2025	Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM)	
Spring 2025	Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities	
Spring 2025	Ferry Programs: Electric or Low Emitting Ferry; Ferry Service for Rural Communities; Passenger Ferry Boat Program	
Spring 2025	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	

Upcoming Grant Applications (As of 05/16/2025)

Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
Spring 2025	Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (NEC)	
Spring 2025	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT)	
Summer 2025	Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development	
Summer 2025	Congestion Relief Program	
Summer 2025	Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)	

Upcoming Grant Applications (As of 05/16/2025)

Opening Date	NOFO	Closing Date
Fall 2025	Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (Community & Corridor charging) & NEVI 10% set-aside	
Fall 2025	Corridor Identification and Development Solicitation	
Fall 2025	Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (National)	

Questions and Discussion

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