

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program Review of Fiscal Year 25 Projects

Objective

This document provides a high-level review of the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) [Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development](#) (BUILD) Fiscal Year 25 Funded Projects. This program funds projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system.

Program Summary

Previously established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the BUILD program is currently funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This program funds planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation.

Application Deadline	Applications must be submitted by February 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM ET . Applications are submitted through Grants.gov .
Funding Overview	For FY 25, <ul style="list-style-type: none">» \$1.5 billion in Total Funding» Minimum (Urban): \$5 million» Minimum (Rural): \$1 million» Maximum: \$25 million» Planning Grants: no minimum
Eligible Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Highway or bridge projects» Public transportation» Passenger and freight rail transportation projects including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry» The surface transportation components of an airport project» Intermodal projects whose components are otherwise an eligible project type

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the program » Projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land
Cost Sharing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 80% Federal Funding Limit (Urban) » Applicants can be eligible for up to 100% Federal Funding if the project is located in a rural area, a historically disadvantaged community (HDC), or an area of persistent poverty (APP). The USDOT provides this tool to determine rural eligibility
Priority Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The Department provides an interactive map to show Areas of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Communities.

FY 25 National-Level Summary

In FY 2025, BUILD Round 2, the Department received 815 eligible applications requesting over \$10 billion. Of that, 30 projects were awarded a total of \$488 million, and awards were made to projects in 27 states. Awards ranged from \$239,000 to \$25 million. Approximately 77% of funding went to highway and bridge improvements, 10% were allocated to transit upgrades to improve access and service reliability, and nearly \$3 million was allocated to support rail networks.

Note: In FY 25, approximately 30 awards were allotted to cities, municipalities, counties, and tribes. Of this, 17 awards were allocated to rural projects, and 13 awards were made to urban projects.

Table 1. National BUILD Award Data

Award Information	Award Total
Average Award	\$16,270,000
Largest Award	\$25,000,000
Smallest Award	\$233,138

Table 2. Award Information for Municipalities with Populations under 30,000

Municipality (Population)	Award Information
Haines Borough, AK (2,070)	\$2,822,774 will be allocated to plan and design the reconstruction of a dock at Portage Cove in Haines. It will also analyze parking needs and pedestrian connections at the dock. The project is expected to provide significant benefits to the community by reconstructing and expanding a dock that supports travel, safety, and economic growth.
Town of Paonia, CO (1,447)	\$1,884,901 will be allocated to reconstruct an intersection. The work will include installing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and ADA-compliant curb ramps. Sidewalks will be extended to connect with existing sidewalks, crosswalks will be painted, and RRFB pedestrian signals will be installed. Grooved pavement will also be added to alert traffic to reduced speed limits and school crossings.

Table 3. Award Information for Maryland

City, County or Entity	Award Information
Maryland Transit Administration, Washington County	\$2,832,390 for a project that will complete the NEPA process and finalize the design for a new administrative, maintenance, and transit vehicle storage facility in Hagerstown. The project will expand transit capacity to better serve a growing population, improve access to jobs and essential services, and provide infrastructure to manage stormwater runoff. It also aims to meet the community's transportation needs by increasing mobility options