
Local Transportation Project Funding

What is a local transportation project?

A local transportation project is generally a project on a road owned and operated by local government that is not designated as a state highway or route.

How are local projects funded?

State and federal funds are administered through the following programs. See inside this folio for more detail on each program and contact information.

Department of Transportation Local Programs Division

- Administers state and federal grant programs and dedicated federal funds for local projects.
- Grant programs: bicycle and pedestrian safety, safe routes to schools.
- Dedicated federal programs: Transportation enhancement, strategic safety and high risk rural roads, local bridge, and discretionary programs.

Transportation Improvement Board

- Administers state grants to counties and cities for local projects.
- Grant programs: urban and small city arterial, urban corridor, urban and small city sidewalk, small city preservation.

County Road Administration Board

- Administers state grants to counties for arterial road projects.
- Grant programs: rural arterial program and county arterial preservation program.

Other Programs

- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board - Freight related projects.
- Traffic Safety Commission - Traffic safety related projects.
- Utilities and Transportation Commission - Railroad grade crossings.
- Public Works Trust Fund - Local government road projects.

Description of Programs

Department of Transportation Local Programs Division

Contact information:

- ↗ How to apply for funds: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/> · 360-705-7370
- ↗ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Teresa Berntsen, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7301 · berntsen_te@leg.wa.gov

The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Local Programs Division administers state and federal grant programs and discretionary funds for local projects.

	Grant Program	Type of Projects Funded
Federal Programs	Transportation Enhancement	Projects in one of twelve qualifying activities that strengthen local economy, improve quality of life, enhance travel experience, or protect the environment.
	Strategic Safety & High Risk Rural Roads	Projects that meet designated crash criteria, focused on fatal and serious injury crashes.
	Local bridge program	Projects that improve the condition of bridges through replacement, rehabilitation, and preventative maintenance. Focus on structurally deficient bridges.
State Programs	Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety	Pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, completing existing bicycle lanes and sidewalks, and providing safe routes to transit.
	Safe Routes to School <i>(also funded by federal dollars)</i>	Pedestrian and bicycle safety projects near schools such as pedestrian and bicycle paths, sidewalks, and safe routes to school and transit.

Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board

Contact information:

- ↗ How to apply for grants: <http://www.fmsib.wa.gov/> · (360) 586-9695
- ↗ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Teresa Berntsen, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7301 · berntsen_te@leg.wa.gov

The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) administers state funds for transportation projects that enhance freight mobility and mitigate the impact of freight movement on communities. The FMSIB focuses on projects that leverage the greatest dollars from other funding sources. Funds are distributed through a biannual competitive application process.

Transportation Improvement Board

Contact information:

- ✎ How to apply for grants: <http://www.tib.wa.gov/> · (360) 586-1140
- ✎ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Christie Parker, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7322 · parker_ch@leg.wa.gov

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) distributes grant funding to cities and counties for local transportation projects through an annual competitive application process.

Grant Program	Type of Projects Funded
Small City Arterial Program	Projects that preserve and improve the arterial roadway system in cities with populations less than 5,000.
Small City Preservation Program	Chip seal and overlay of existing pavement and sidewalk maintenance in incorporated cities with populations less than 5,000.
Urban Arterial Program	Road projects that improve safety and mobility.
Urban Corridor Program	Road projects with multiple funding partners that expand capacity.
Small City Sidewalk Program	Pedestrian projects in cities with populations less than 5,000 that address safety, access to generators, and system continuity. Projects must be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
Sidewalk Program	Pedestrian projects on federally classified routes that address safety, access to generators, and system connectivity. Projects must be consistent with the ADA.

County Road Administration Board

Contact information:

- ✎ How to apply for grants: <http://www.crab.wa.gov/> · (360) 753-5989
- ✎ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Christie Parker, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7322 · parker_ch@leg.wa.gov

The County Road Administration Board (CRAB) administers state grants to counties through a biennial competitive application process.

Grant Program	Type of Projects Funded
Rural Arterial Program	Improvements to county roads in federally designated rural areas of the county, such as correcting adverse geometry, addressing narrow widths and safety hazards, and addressing major structural failures.
County Arterial Preservation Program	Projects to help counties preserve their existing paved arterial road networks.

Traffic Safety Commission

Contact information:

- ↗ How to apply for grants: · <http://www.wtsc.wa.gov/business/grants.php> · (360) 753-6197
- ↗ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Teresa Berntsen, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7301 · berntsen_te@leg.wa.gov

The Traffic Safety Commission administers state and federal funds for a variety of traffic safety projects. Funds are generally distributed through an annual competitive application process.

Utilities and Transportation Commission

Contact information:

- ↗ How to apply for grants: <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/railsafetygrant> · (360) 664-1257
- ↗ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Teresa Berntsen, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7301 · berntsen_te@leg.wa.gov

The Utilities and Transportation Commission administers state funds for projects that mitigate public safety hazards at railroad crossings and along railroad rights-of-way. Funds are distributed through an annual competitive application process.

Community, Trade, and Economic Development Public Works Board

Contact information:

- ↗ How to apply for loans: http://www.pwb.wa.gov/Program_Information.asp · (360) 586-4120
- ↗ For a list of current projects funded under this program: Jerry Long, House Office of Program Research · 360-786-7306 - long_je1@leg.wa.gov

The Office of Community, Trade, and Economic Development administers the Public Works Trust Fund, which provides financial assistance to local governments for roads, sewer, bridges, water, and solid waste/recycling systems. Funds for construction are distributed through an annual competitive application process. Funds for planning and emergencies are available upon Board approval.