

# TRANSPORTATION

The following information on the funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information. Please note: not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocates more than \$45 billion for our nation's highways, bridges and transit systems. Nearly all of these funds will be distributed to the states based on existing formulas. The State of Texas is estimated to receive more than \$2.6 billion as its federal share. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will administer the transportation funds. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**Grant:** **Highway Improvement Programs**  
**Amount:** \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.  
**Type:** Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub-allocated by population areas.  
**Administrator:** Texas Department of Transportation  
**Purpose:** For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.  
**Website:** <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>  
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>  
**Contact:** Texas Department of Transportation  
Office of Government and Public Affairs  
(512) 463-8588  
<http://www.dot.state.tx.us>

**Grant:** **Transit Capital Assistance**  
**Amount:** \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.  
**Type:** Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula.  
**Administrator:** Federal Transit Administration  
**Description:** These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities  
**Website to find state and district info:** [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

**Grant:** **Fixed Guideway Modernization**  
**Amount:** \$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.  
**Type:** Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.  
**Administrator:** Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3558.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html)

**Grant:** **Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)**  
Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.  
Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities.  
Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3590.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html)

**Grant:** **Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants**  
Amount: \$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.  
Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.  
Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Website: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

**Grant:** **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) - Discretionary Grants**  
Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System. Grants can range from \$20 million up to \$300 million to support high impact transportation projects.  
Type: Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments.

Deadline: September 15, 2009  
Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation  
Websites: <http://www.dot.gov/>  
[http://www.dot.gov/citizen\\_services/grants\\_loans/](http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/)

**Grant:** **Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service**  
Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.  
Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.  
Agency: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation  
Website: [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>

<http://www.grants.gov>

**Grant:** **Capital Grants to Amtrak**  
**Amount:** \$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements.  
**Type:** Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the NE corridor.  
**Agency:** Federal Railroad Administration  
**Purpose:** To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars)  
**Website:** [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov)  
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>  
<http://www.amtrack.com> (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

**Grant:** **Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements**  
**Amount:** \$1.1 billion  
**Type:** Competitive grants.  
**Agency:** Federal Aviation Administration  
**Purpose:** Grants to airports that are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improvements to critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within two years and serve to supplement and not supplant planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources.  
**Website:** <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

**Grant:** **Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems**  
**Amount:** \$200 million  
**Type:** Competitive grants.  
**Agency:** Federal Aviation Administration  
**Purpose:** Upgrade the FAA's power system, which includes: modernizing aging air traffic control centers; replacing air traffic control centers and TRACONS; installing airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment.  
**Website:** <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

**Grant:** **Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards**  
**Amount:** \$100 million  
**Type:** Competitive grants  
**Agency:** Department of Transportation  
**Purpose:** Grants for investments and improvements.  
**Website:** <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

**Grant:** **Port Security**  
**Amount:** \$150 million

Agency: Federal Emergency Management  
Description: Assists ports in enhancing maritime domain awareness, enhancing risk management capabilities to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from attacks involving improvised explosive devices, weapons of mass destruction and other non-conventional weapons, as well as training exercises and Transportation Worker Identification Credential implementation. Suspends the 25% matching funds requirement.  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.fema.gov/recovery](http://www.fema.gov/recovery)

**Grant: Tribal Transit**  
Amount: \$17 million  
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Transportation, FTA  
Description: Provides capital assistance to Indian tribes for public transportation projects. Allowable uses include maintenance of existing projects as well as new construction. Funds may be used for buses, rail systems, projects that improve access to public transportation facilities, and other capital-related projects.  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.fta.gov/index.html](http://www.fta.gov/index.html)

**Grant: Public Transportation Security**  
Amount: \$150 million  
Agency: Federal Emergency Management  
Description: Provides grants to enhance security measures for high-threat urban rail, bus and ferry public transportation agencies that have developed a security plan or undergone a security assessment under the 9/11 Act. Railroad Security Assistance (RSA) provides grants to state and local governments; railroad carriers, security-sensitive rail shippers, Amtrak, railroad car owners for security training for railroad frontline employees, the completion of vulnerability assessments, the development of security plans and the acquisition of GPS tracking on railroad cars.  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.fema.gov/recovery](http://www.fema.gov/recovery)

**Grant: Surface Transportation Grants**  
Amount: \$300 million  
Agency: U.S. Dept. of Transportation  
Description: Eligible projects include a wide range of transportation types, including highway, bridge, transit, rail and port; must demonstrate why their projects have national, regional, or metropolitan significance. Grant amounts must be between \$20 million and \$300 million although the minimum was be waved for projects in smaller areas. One possible avenue for funding is the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. State and local governments are eligible, including transient agencies. Selected projects will be announced by February 17, 2010.

Deadline: Application due 8-16-2009  
Type: Competitive Grants  
Website: [www.dot.gov/recovery](http://www.dot.gov/recovery)

**Grant:** **Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER)**

**Amount:** \$100 million

**Agency:** Federal Transit Administration (U.S. Dept. of Transportation)

**Description:** The program will provide direct funding to public transportation for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems.

**Deadline:** Project Proposals must be submitted by 5/22/2009

**Type:** Competitive Grants

**Website:** [www.fta.dot.gov/index.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index.html)