

PennDOT’s Rapid Response Earns Top Honors at America’s Transportation Awards

PennDOT’s I-95/Cottman Avenue Emergency Response project won the 2024 America’s Transportation Awards Grand Prize. As the name of the award suggests, PennDOT was recognized for its rapid response to a fire caused by a fuel tanker truck crash, which closed a portion of a major highway in Philadelphia. Remarkably, the \$4.5 million project led to the roadway being reopened in just 12 days with the installation of temporary infrastructure. This achievement highlights PennDOT’s ability to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies, ensuring minimal disruption to a critical national corridor.

Sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), American Automobile Association (AAA), and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the competition highlighted innovative state DOT projects, with 106 nominations from 39 states. The winners were chosen through a combination of industry judges and public votes.

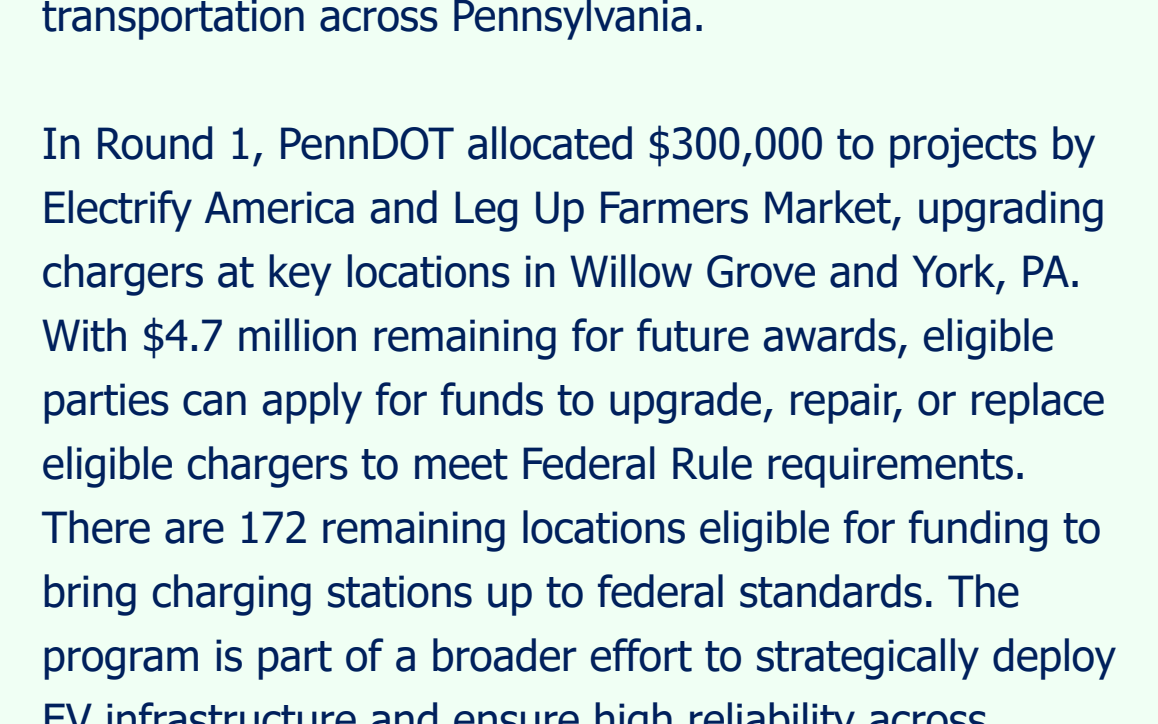


Pennsylvania Leads the Nation in Improving Bridge Conditions

Pennsylvania’s bridge improvements led to the nation’s largest reduction in poor-condition bridges from 2023 to 2024, significantly boosting safety and efficiency for drivers. With work advancing on over 400 bridges so far in 2024, PennDOT’s efforts are improving traffic flow and reliability for those who travel on our roadways. This progress is part of a broader initiative that has repaired more than 3,000 bridges since 2008.

Since taking office, Governor Josh Shapiro has secured over \$300 million in new infrastructure funding to maintain Pennsylvania’s roads and bridges. This initiative not only reduces the Pennsylvania State Police’s reliance on the Motor License Fund but also increases transportation funding while providing sustainable support for our law enforcement officers.

The state has also secured significant funding, including a \$500 million federal grant for the I-83 South Bridge, providing safer and more reliable transportation for Pennsylvanians. These transportation improvements are vital for economic growth, job creation, and community development across Pennsylvania.



Important Funding Opportunities to Support Your Work Are Open for Applications

New Funding for EV Charger Upgrades: Proposal Period Is Open

Round 1A of the Electric Vehicles Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) program opened on Nov. 11, 2024, and will close on Jan. 10, 2025. This initiative aims to upgrade, repair, or replace eligible electric vehicle (EV) chargers to enhance infrastructure reliability and promote cleaner, safer, and more reliable transportation across Pennsylvania.

In Round 1, PennDOT allocated \$300,000 to projects by Electrify America and Leg Up Farmers Market, upgrading chargers at key locations in Willow Grove and York, PA. With \$4.7 million remaining for future awards, eligible parties can apply for funds to upgrade, repair, or replace eligible chargers to meet Federal Rule requirements. There are 172 remaining locations eligible for funding to bring charging stations up to federal standards. The program is part of a broader effort to strategically deploy EV infrastructure and ensure high reliability across Pennsylvania.

For more details, visit PennDOT’s [EVC-RAA program web page](#) or send questions to ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov.

BIL Discretionary Grants Spotlight

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) page on PennDOT’s website [offers the latest news and information](#) on federal grant opportunities available through the IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Grant opportunities, application guides, and other resources on federal grant funding are added to the page as they become available, so please visit often to see if any of these grant funding programs would benefit your community.

The following is a list of federal grant programs currently accepting applications:

- Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program**

The [Low Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Program](#) aims to reduce pollution by using low-carbon construction materials in projects. This program will promote technology transfer and workforce development and encourage the development of effective systems for identifying these low-carbon materials. State Department of Transportation agencies are not eligible for this funding.

If you plan to submit a project for the LCTM Program, please email RA-PDTRANSFEDFUNDOPP@pa.gov to ensure PennDOT is informed.

- The deadline to apply is Monday, November 25, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

- Bridge Investment Program (BIP) - Large Bridge**

The goals of the [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\) - Large Bridge](#) grants are to:

- Improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges.
- Improve the overall condition of bridges in the United States.
- Provide financial assistance that leverages and encourages non-federal contributions from sponsors and stakeholders involved in the planning, designing, and constructing of eligible projects that will cost more than \$100 million.

The deadline for applying for FY 2026 funds in this rolling application process* is Friday, August 1, 2025, 11:59 p.m. EST.

**Submissions will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis until program funding is expended or the notice of availability is superseded.*

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)**

The [PROTECT program](#) will help build and maintain road, transit, port, and railway infrastructure that can better withstand severe weather events. PROTECT’s grant

funding provides for the continued operation and quick recovery of these transportation systems after extreme weather and aims to inspire innovation and best practices that other regions can replicate and adopt.

PennDOT will consider providing support for regionally supported grant proposals, as applicable, and may include providing data and subject matter expertise, as available.

- **Deadline for requesting PennDOT support is Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.**
- **Deadline to apply is Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, 11:59 PM EST.**

Additional PROTECT Grant Program Information and Resources

The application period for PROTECT's 2024-2025 grants opened in October 2024 and will remain open until Feb. 24, 2025. Virtual meetings are now available to provide guidance and support to applicants.

Upcoming webinars available for registration include:

- **PROTECT Notice of Funding Opportunity – How to Apply (for Tribes)**
 - Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
 - [Register here](#)
- **Preparing a Benefit-Cost Analysis for the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program**
 - Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST
 - [Register here](#)
- **PROTECT Notice of Funding Opportunity – How to Apply**
 - Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST
 - [Register here](#)

Webinar slides and recordings will be posted on the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) [PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program Website](#).

FHWA is committed to providing equal access to these online events for all participants. If you need alternative formats or other reasonable accommodations, please contact PROTECTDiscretionary@dot.gov at least two business days in advance of the webinar.

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