

Subject Federal transportation grants
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Overview

This bill provides for local and Tribal government technical assistance as well as non-federal match on federal transportation grants. It appropriates a total of \$258,400,000 for assistance and match purposes.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Federal transportation grants technical assistance.</p> <p>Sets requirements for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to provide technical assistance in application for federal discretionary (i.e., competitive) grants for transportation projects and activities.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definition. Defines a term.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Technical assistance grants. Directs MnDOT to create a process for technical assistance to local units of government and Tribal governments.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Prioritization. Requires a process for soliciting and screening assistance requests and awarding assistance. Identifies prioritization criteria to determine the recipients.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Limitations. Limits each assistance grant to a maximum of \$30,000. Prevents more than one grant per year to a local unit of government.</p>
2	<p>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) discretionary match.</p> <p>Sets requirements for MnDOT to allocate funds that provide non-federal match funding for discretionary grants awarded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) or associated federal laws. Effective the day after enactment.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.</p>

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Subd. 2. General requirements. Directs MnDOT to create a process to distribute available match funds. Sets a first-come, first-served distribution order. Identifies requirements governing the distribution.

Subd. 3. Uses of funds. Establishes authority regarding the match funds, including to authorize expenditure for the trunk highway system as well as other transportation modes and systems.

Subd. 4. Public information. Requires MnDOT to maintain information about the IIJA match funds on a website.

Subd. 5. Expiration. Makes the section expire June 30, 2029.

3 Appropriations; federal grants maximization.

Appropriates a total of \$258,400,000 from the general fund to MnDOT for technical assistance and federal IIJA grant matching, as follows:

- \$1,000,000 in each of FY 2024 and 2025 for technical assistance;
- \$214,400,000 million in FY 2024 for IIJA discretionary grant matches;
- \$42,000,000 in FY 2024 for IIJA discretionary grant matches for trunk highway projects.

Makes the discretionary grant matching funds available through FY 2027. Provides for cancellation of unspent money. Effective the day after enactment.



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