

WSP Washington Update - February 21, 2020 - Interim Update - FY'20 BUILD Grant NOFO

US DOT has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY'20 round of the BUILD (formerly TIGER) discretionary grant program. Congress appropriated \$1B for this round of funding, to be divided evenly between projects located in urban and rural areas. At least \$15M will be awarded for planning grants. Applications are due May 18, 2020.

For projects located in urban areas, grants can be no smaller than \$5M and no larger than \$25M. In rural areas, grants can be no smaller than \$1M million. There is no minimum award size on planning grants. No more than 10 percent of total project funds can be awarded to projects in a single state. Per congressional direction, US DOT must use the FY'17 project criteria.

The full NOFO is posted here: https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2020-02/BUILD%202020%20NOFO_0.pdf.

There will be a webinar series to aid applicants, although dates have not yet been announced. Here is a link to information on the webinar topics. <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/outreach>.

US DOT has compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions(FAQ) available here: <https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2020-02/2020%20BUILD%20Application%20FAQs.pdf>