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Yesterday the Federal Highway Administration announced the FY'11 solicitation for candidate projects for 11 discretionary grant programs. This solicitation is being made because the FY'11 DOT Appropriations bill, which finally passed just last month, does not include any project earmarks in the various discretionary program categories which Congress usually entirely earmarks.

Eligible applicants will have until **Friday, June 3, 2011** to submit applications for the appropriate program(s) to their local FHWA Division Office. In particular, FHWA is inviting applications that align with DOT's strategic goals, including livability, state of good repair, and safety.

Listed below are the approximate amounts of funding available for the 11 programs. The actual amount available for award in each program is subject to reduction pending final calculations of Federal-aid highway program funding distributions.

- [Delta Region Transportation Development](#) - \$10 million
- [Ferry Boat](#) - \$47 million
- [Highways for LIFE](#) - \$20 million
- [Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment](#) - \$4.5 million
- [Interstate Maintenance](#) - \$100 million
- [National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation](#) - \$9 million
- [National Scenic Byways Program](#) - \$43.5 million
- [Public Lands Highways](#) - \$98.5 million
- [Rail Highway Crossing Elimination in High Speed Rail Corridors](#) - \$21.5 million
- [Transportation, Community and System Preservation](#) - \$61 million
- [Truck Parking Facilities](#) - \$7.5 million

FHWA administers discretionary programs through its various offices. Each program has its own eligibility and selection criteria that are established by law, by regulation, or administratively. A web page with links to information and the specific contacts for each program is available at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary>. Contact information for each local FHWA Division Office can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/about/field.cfm>.
