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## PennDOT Connects December 2025 Newsletter

### Green Light Go Grants: Pre-Application Scoping Forms Now Open for 2026

PennDOT is now accepting **Pre-Application Scoping Forms** for the 2026 [Green Light-Go: Municipal Signal Partnership Program](#). This program provides funding to municipalities to replace, synchronize, time, operate, and maintain traffic signals. To be eligible to apply for grant funding in March, municipalities must complete and submit a **Pre-Application Scoping Form** to the Bureau of Operations by **January 2, 2026**. Forms should be emailed to [GLG@pa.gov](mailto:GLG@pa.gov).

PennDOT will review submitted forms and provide comments ahead of the full application window, which will be open from **March 1 to March 31, 2026**, via the **DCED's Single Application for Assistance** portal. A **20% local match** is required for all projects. For additional information, visit the [program website](#). Questions may be directed to [GLG@pa.gov](mailto:GLG@pa.gov)

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#### Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program

The Green Light-Go: Pennsylvania's Municipal Signal Partnership Program, also known as the "Green Light-Go Program", is a competitive state grant program designed to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Established by Act 89 of 2013 and revised by Act 101 of 2016, the program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Maintenance and Operations.

The Green Light-Go Program is a reimbursement grant program and applicants are required to provide a minimum 20% match.

Apply for Funding

[Pre-Application Scoping Form](#)

[Green Light-Go Program Guidelines](#)

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Friday, October 10, 2025

**Green Light-Go Year 11 Application Period**

PennDOT is announcing the next round of the Green Light-Go Program (Year 11). Prior to application submission, applicants must complete and submit a [Pre-Application Scoping Form](#) in accordance with the [Green Light-Go Program Guidelines](#). Pre-Application scoping forms will be accepted via email ([GLG@pa.gov](mailto:GLG@pa.gov)) until **January 2, 2026**. PennDOT will review and provide comments on the Pre-Application Scoping Forms by **February 28, 2026**.

Full applications must be submitted electronically through the DCED Single Application for Assistance **between March 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026**. Instructions for completing the application are in the [Green Light-Go Program Guidelines](#).

It is anticipated awards from this application round will be announced in summer 2026 after passage of the 2026-27 state budget and the projects must be completed by spring 2029.

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## Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant

[The BUILD program](#) invests in transportation projects that make a real difference for local communities. These projects aim to enhance safety, sustainability, and quality of life while facilitating easier transportation. They also support jobs, tourism, and innovation, helping the region stay connected and competitive.

- *The deadline for requesting PennDOT support is Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026.*
- *The deadline to apply for this program is Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST.*

Local Governments are eligible to apply. Eligible projects are both Capital Projects including highway, bridge, and road and intermodal projects and Planning Projects used in developing comprehensive, land use, and transportation plans.

To learn more about the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program visit their website: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants>

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## FREE Transportation and Land Use Planning – One-on One Assistance and Training

PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach offers **free** one-on-one assistance and training to municipalities to better integrate local land use development and transportation goals into the state transportation planning process.



Any municipal staff member, government official or planning partner is eligible to request **free** planning assistance or personalized training. Simply fill out the PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach Training/Assistance request form by [clicking here](#). If you answer yes to any of the questions below, reach out to [PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach for assistance](#).

- Are you involved with municipal land use and transportation planning activities?
- Could your municipality use assistance to help shape future land use or transportation projects?
- Would you like to learn how to advance your community's planning and transportation-related goals?
- Have you heard about PennDOT Connects, but would like to know more about the free training and assistance available to your municipality?

PennDOT Connects helps local governments and regional/municipal planning organizations consider community needs during the planning process. Examples include:

- Safety issues/concerns
- Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations

- Transit/multimodal considerations
- Stormwater management
- Presence of/impacts from (current/future) freight-generating land uses
- Utility issues
- Transportation operations considerations
- Emergency services accommodations
- Planned development
- Long-range transportation plans
- Regional planning studies (e.g., corridor studies, resource management studies, watershed studies, etc.)
- Consistency with current community comprehensive or other plans
- Consistency with current and/or proposed zoning
- Other proposed transportation improvements
- Impacts on the natural, cultural, or social environment
- Right-of-way considerations
- Anticipated public opinion
- Community or cultural events in the candidate project area
- Maintenance Agreement requirements

## Guide for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant Applications

PennDOT has added a [guide for grant applications](#) to the website dedicated to the IIJA, and specifically the federal discretionary programs. Also, included are Grant Alerts that provide background on these opportunities including eligibility, application deadlines, and federal and Department of Transportation (USDOT) resources and guides to assist in applying for the specific programs.

Developing IIJA/BIL Grant Proposals:  
A Guide for Municipalities



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## Grants Resources

### USDOT Discretionary Grant Resources

The USDOT has developed a discretionary grant preparation checklist for federal fiscal year 2024 to help applicants prepare and chart a strategic pathway to apply for infrastructure investments. More than \$32 billion is available to the USDOT this fiscal year to provide competitive grant funding to local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, Tribal governments, U.S. Territories and state departments of transportation. The USDOT has published a list of anticipated dates for the upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for key programs within the IIJA and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), as well as adjacent programs that support IIJA and IRA objectives. This list is not comprehensive, and the agency will periodically update it with additional programs and revised dates as appropriate. Both resources can be found on PennDOT's IIJA page

at <https://www.pa.gov/en/services/penndot/apply-for-penndot-infrastructure-and-jobs-act--iija--grants.html>.

**USDOT Navigator:** <https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

**Federal Transit Administration IIJA Website:** <https://www.transit.dot.gov/IIJA>

**DOT Competitive Grants Dashboard:** <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>

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## Do You Know Your MPO or RPO?

PennDOT and its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Rural Planning Organization (RPO) partners have a long-standing relationship jointly preparing transportation studies, plans, and programs to make the best transportation project investments possible with available resources. This strategic alliance is now of even greater importance for PennDOT Connects implementation. Together, the MPO/RPO planning partners and PennDOT can effectively collaborate and communicate with municipalities — and other community stakeholders (e.g., transit operators, economic development agencies, etc.) — to improve transportation system performance and achieve more livable communities. The collaborative effort of municipalities, MPO/RPO planning partners, and PennDOT is key to ensuring that opportunities to improve transportation and communities are realized.

MPO/RPO contacts can be found [here](#). Use the “Sort & Filter” button to find your contact(s).

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## PennDOT Connects

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is committed to bettering our transportation system and our communities through collaborative planning. We must find creative solutions to sustain and expand mobility throughout the commonwealth. This means improving our planning process to reflect changing demographics and technological innovation. We are broadening the benefits we deliver and taking a more holistic approach to planning. We are tasking PennDOT staff and our planning partners to consider community needs at the beginning of the planning process to ensure the best allocation of our resources. This approach, PennDOT Connects, will make our planning processes more efficient and cost-effective to the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

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## Pennsylvania Department of Transportation PennDOT Connects Municipal Resources

[www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/research-planning-and-innovation/penndot-connects.html](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/research-planning-and-innovation/penndot-connects.html)

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