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## 2026 Municipal Outreach Sessions

Through PennDOT Municipal Resources, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and its regional planning partners are strengthening their partnerships with communities by involving local government at the very beginning of the planning process so that land use, development, and transportation are better integrated and more effective.



### Did you miss the session in your area?

**The sessions were held March-May 2026, and recordings are available.**

Watch and Listen to Learn about Free Resources & Municipal Support.

**Learn about:**

- **What is Happening in Your District:** The Districts provide contacts and share projects successes and projects in planning.
- **PennDOT's One Map GIS Platform:** The demo provides practical uses for the mapping data.
- **Free Transportation Planning Resources:** The PennDOT Municipal Resources program shared the **free** one-on-one support, one-hour drop ins (webinars), newsletters, and tech sheets available to support municipal transportation planning.

**This workshop is intended for:**

- Municipal officials, planners, and engineers.
- Community leaders and advocates.
- Anyone interested in improving their local transportation systems.

Find your PennDOT District: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/regional-offices.html>

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## Community Charging Funding Rounds

PennDOT's [Community Charging Program](#) is gaining momentum, expanding electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure into the everyday places Pennsylvanians rely on. Building on early success, new projects are moving forward statewide—bringing convenient, reliable charging to local destinations and closing critical gaps between highway corridors and communities.

From main streets to workplaces and public spaces, these new installations are making EV charging more accessible and practical.

With additional funding rounds on the way, the program continues to strengthen Pennsylvania's EV network and support a cleaner, more connected transportation future.

Interested partners can review available resources, [complete the brief interest survey](#), and explore upcoming funding rounds on [PennDOT's Community Charging Funding Rounds website](#).

### EV CHARGING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

PennDOT is investing \$100 million of federal funding from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program in public EV charging stations throughout Pennsylvania. Any organization registered to do business in Pennsylvania is eligible to apply, and all locations available for public use are eligible.

**Complete the survey below if your organization is interested in being part of a NEVI project.**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
NEVI can fund up to 80% of the cost to build an EV charging station.

Throughout 2026, PennDOT will release 4 regional funding opportunities. Local transportation planning agencies determine the specific locations/areas within the region that are prioritized for investment, but all locations within the region are eligible to apply.

**Interested Organizations' Directory:** Any organization that it is interested in being part of a NEVI project may complete the survey. Applicable organizations include:

- Site hosts – property owners, local governments, parking facilities, and businesses that want an EV charging station to attract customers or visitors
- EV charging companies – charging station developers
- Installation contractors – construction companies that want to install EV chargers
- Others – charging network companies, design firms, charging equipment manufacturers, etc.

Survey responses will be available on pa.gov so others can reach out and work together in developing a project proposal.

Scan the QR code to take the Community Charging Survey.



Visit <https://forms.office.com/g/LJE4TWaf>

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## DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Accepting 2026 Applications through July 31

The [Multimodal Transportation Fund](#) provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth. Applications are accepted annually between March 1 and July 31.

Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.



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## Looking for Help with a Grant?

Are you working on a transportation grant and want to strategize with experts?

Or have you completed a grant application and would like a thorough review with feedback to strengthen it?

If you answered yes to either question, the PennDOT Municipal Resources team is available to provide free assistance.

Reach out today to get expert support for planning, developing, or improving your transportation grant applications. **This includes the SS4A grants.** Contact the program by completing the form, [PennDOT Municipal Resources Assistance](#) and you will be connected with a technical expert.



PennDOT Municipal Resources can help you get started with a grant. Photo: Microsoft stock photos

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

PennDOT Municipal Resources 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 Municipal Resources Transportation Planning Assistance request form by [clicking here](#).

If you answer yes to any of the questions below, reach out to [PennDOT Municipal Resources](#) 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 Municipal Resources, but would like to know more about the free training and assistance available to your municipality?



A map of the roads being reviewed during a technical assistance field visit. Photo: PennDOT Municipal Resources

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

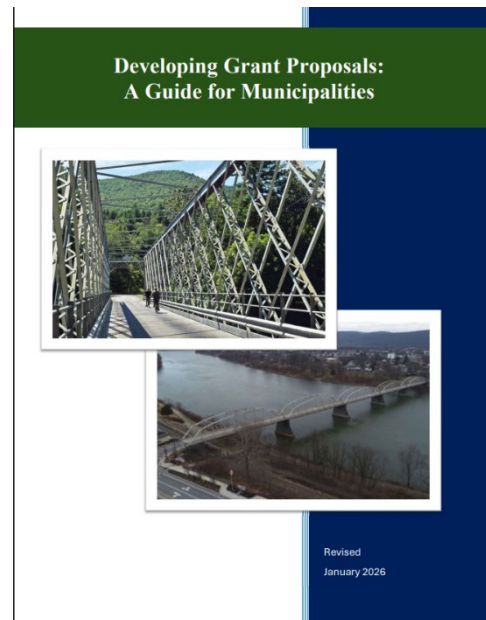
- Safety issues/concerns,
- Grant, preparation, development, and/or review,
- Bicycle/pedestrian accommodations,
- Transit/multimodal considerations,
- Stormwater management,
- Presence of/impacts from (current/future) freight-generating land uses
- Utility issues,
- Transportation operations considerations,
- 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, and
- Maintenance Agreement requirements.

This list provides only a sample of the types of support available. If your municipality needs assistance related to transportation planning, please contact the Municipal Resources program to discuss how the program can help.

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## 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.



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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/pennidot/apply-for-pennidot-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. 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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