

Program	The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program supports planning, capital construction, and technical assistance to equitably and safely restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development.
FY22 Deadline	NOFO release expected in the summer of 2022
FY22-26 Funding Available	\$1 B
FY22 Funding	\$195 M (\$50 M for Planning and \$145 M for Capital Construction)
Award Size	FY22: \$50 M (Planning) and \$145 M (Capital CON) total nationwide
Eligible Projects	<p><u>Planning grants</u> may be used to study the feasibility and impacts of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing eligible facility or to conduct planning activities necessary to design a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning studies of: current traffic patterns on the eligible facility proposed for removal, retrofit, or mitigation and the surrounding street network; transportation network capacity; alternative roadway designs or other uses for the right-of-way; impacts to the mobility of freight and people; impacts to the safety of the traveling public; cost; anticipated economic impacts and environmental impacts both human and natural. • Public engagement activities to provide the public opportunities to provide input into a plan to remove and convert an eligible facility. • Other transportation planning activities required in advance of a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility to restore community connectivity, as determined by DOT. <p><u>USDOT Technical Assistance</u> for building organizational or community capacity in underserved, overburdened, and disadvantaged communities.</p> <p><u>Capital construction grants</u> may be used for projects for which all necessary studies and other planning activities have been completed to remove, retrofit, mitigate, or to replace an existing eligible facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an existing eligible facility.
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •States •Units of local government •Federally recognized Tribal governments •Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) •Nonprofit organizations <p>•The Facility Owner of the eligible facility under consideration must serve as the recipient or partner for capital construction grants.</p>