

Eastern Federal Lands Access Program Project Application

General Information:

The Federal Lands Access Program was established in 23 U.S.C. 204 to improve state and local transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands for visitors, recreationists and resource users.

Instructions:

Proposed projects or studies must be located on a public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which the facility title or maintenance responsibility is vested with a State, county, city, township, tribal, municipal, or local government. The federal share for the Access Program in this call-for-projects is 100 percent based on amended program requirements established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. If there is a shortage of Access Program funds in the state, the PDC may discuss options with the applicant to leverage the match funds towards the project to advance the applied-for scope.

All projects must be submitted using this Eastern Federal Lands (EFL) Access Program Application form. The applicant must be the facility owner, have maintenance responsibility or must supply a letter from the facility owner/maintainer indicating the application is being submitted on their behalf. It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply the necessary information to complete the application to the best of their ability.

Project applications must be sponsored by the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) with an application signature and/or letter of support. Attachments such as cost estimates, maps, photos etc. may be included but are limited to 10 pages. Letters supporting the project do NOT count towards the 10 additional pages allowed for application support.

E-mail your completed application package to Efl.planning@dot.gov. If you need assistance in completing this application form or have questions about the program, please contact: Lewis Grimm, PE, FHWA-EFL Planning Team Leader at 703-404-6289 or Lewis.Grimm@dot.gov or the FHWA PDC member listed on the EFL FLAP web page for the respective state.

Implementation:

The Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) for each state will review project applications and prioritize them based on weighted selection criteria developed by the PDC. The selection criteria are reflective of needs in that state and Federal regulations and guidelines. Project approval resides with the PDC. The PDC will select a balanced program that maximizes funding and addresses critical needs, in consultation with applicable FLMAs.

Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) may be required depending on FHWA Division providing Stewardship and Oversight (S&O). The project MOA will indicate the project delivery method, funding sources/limitations, scope, schedule, and responsibilities of the project signatories.

Local public agencies that are certified by the State DOT may be permitted to deliver the projects contingent on the joint approval of the FHWA-EFL and the State DOT. Local project delivery will require State DOT S&O.

For partner delivered projects, fund obligations will be requested by phase by the State DOTs following the S&O process. Access program funds will not reimburse work performed prior to execution of the MOA and the PR-2 or FMIS obligation (i.e. Right of Way transfers or Engineering services).

Program goals, eligible activities, application tips and the Call for Projects Standard Operating Procedures (including the selection criteria) for this application are located under the appropriate state on the Federal Lands Highway website.

<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access>

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Project Name:		Route Number:	
Facility Owner:		Facility Maintainer:	
Requested Project Delivery Agency: ☐ Eastern Federal Lands (EFLHD) ☐ State DOT ☐ Local Agency ☐ Other			
Functional Classification: ☐ National Highway System ☐ Arterial ☐ Major Collector ☐ Minor Collector ☐ Local Road ☐ Other		Project Design Standards: ☐ AASHTO ☐ State DOT ☐ Local Government ☐ Federal Lands Highway (FLH)	
Type of Project Proposed: (Check all that apply) ☐ New Project ☐ Rehabilitation ☐ Expansion/Enhancement ☐ Other ☐ Design ☐ Preliminary Engineering ☐ Environmental (NEPA Document) ☐ Right of Way ☐ Construction ☐ Paving, road base or surface course projects ☐ Safety enhancements or structures ☐ Minor drainage ☐ Major concrete structures ☐ Bicycle/pedestrian facility ☐ Construction Contract ☐ Construction Engineering ☐ Planning/Technical Study or Research ☐ Other (e.g. Intermodal or transit facilities, ITS, HSIP, environmental mitigation) If Other, specify:		<u>Estimated Project Budget</u> Preliminary Engineering: Construction Engineering: Construction Cost: Right-of-Way: Other Costs: Total Project Cost: <u>Project Funding</u> Requested FLAP Funds: Partner Funds Other: Total Project Cost: \$0.00	
Project Location: City: County: State: Latitude/Longitude Congressional District(s)		Benefitting Federal Land Unit(s) Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) managing the above unit(s) ☐ Bureau of Land Management ☐ Fish and Wildlife Service ☐ Forest Service ☐ National Park Service ☐ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ☐ Other (e.g. DOD,) Specify	
Project Applicant: Name: Position: Agency: Phone: E-mail: Address:		FLMA Signature of Project Acknowledgement & Concurrence Name: Title: Phone: E-mail:	

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Prioritization Factors:

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| -FLMA, StateDOT, and facility owner agree that the project is an Economic/Visitation Generator. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| -Project is consistent with the metropolitan, statewide and/or regional planning process. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| -Project is consistent with currently adopted agency plans. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| -If local delivery is requested, the applicant is certified by the State DOT to administer local agency projects following Federal Highway Administration requirements. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |

Project Development Status

	Not Started	In Progress	Completed	N/A	Completion Date/Comments
Project on TIP/STIP	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Right of Way	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Utilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Preliminary Engineering	☐	☐	☐	☐	
NEPA Document	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Permits	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Anticipated Delivery Calendar Year:					
Latest Possible Delivery Calendar Year					

Resource Protection:

Please identify any impacts to known natural, cultural or physical resources associated with this project. (Check all that apply)

Negative	Positive
Impact	Impact

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| ☐ | ☐ | Wetlands/Water Resources |
| ☐ | ☐ | Threatened & Endangered Species |
| ☐ | ☐ | Species of concern/state listed |
| ☐ | ☐ | Other biological resources (fisheries, rookeries) |
| ☐ | ☐ | Wild & Scenic River (or other state classifications) |
| ☐ | ☐ | Non-attainment areas (air quality) |
| ☐ | ☐ | Historic & archeological resources |
| ☐ | ☐ | Native American areas/concerns |
| ☐ | ☐ | Wilderness or roadless areas |
| ☐ | ☐ | Parks & recreation areas/wildlife refuge [Section 4(f) 6(f)] |
| ☐ | ☐ | Hazardous materials/contamination site |
| ☐ | ☐ | Air, noise, and/or visual impacts |

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1. Project Description

Please provide a summary of the purpose and need for the proposed project. Provide a detailed description of the project activities that would be funded with Access Program funds. Describe the overall design concept, any unusual design elements, design standards, and any work affecting structures (bridges and major culverts). Include widths, surfacing type, earthwork needs or roadside safety features. Include options and funding breakdown for scaling/phasing the project, if applicable.

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2. Safety Benefits

Please describe how this project addresses issues related to safety. Will the project improve safety for all user groups (pedestrians, bicycles, motor vehicles, etc.)? Will this project improve identified crash sites or hazardous conditions (road safety audits or engineering assessments)? Please provide crash data if available.

3. Accessibility and Mobility Benefits

Please describe how the proposed project routes are connected to a FLMA inventory route. Describe how the project addresses the need on FLMA plan, State or County Comprehensive Plan. Include any public involvement efforts to date. Describe how the proposed project will fill missing links in the network, remove travel restrictions or bottlenecks. How will the plan improve mode choice, explore and enhance transit systems (i.e. operation and maintenance of transit facilities, etc.)? Will the project reduce traffic congestion; enhance visitor mobility and accessibility?

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4. Preservation Benefits

Will this project improve a National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) deficient bridge rating? How will the project improve surface conditions? Will the project reduce operating costs? How will the project contribute to the protection or enhancement of specific natural, cultural, historic, and/or scenic resources?

5. Economic Development Benefits

Please describe how this project will attract tourism/visitation. Will the project address more than one Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) area? How will this project influence economic development? How will this project address visitor mobility, access, and experience? Explain if/how the local or regional community is economically dependent on access to the federal land and the proposed transportation facility.

6. Sustainability and Environmental Quality Benefits

Please describe how the proposed project contributes to the environmental goals and objectives of the Federal Land Management Plan or other applicable land management plan. How will the proposed project avoid/minimize/mitigate potential impacts to environmental or cultural resources? Will the project improve fish passage and/or wildlife connectivity? How does the proposed project contribute to the use of sustainable energy sources for transportation?