



Historic Investment in Transportation Funding for Michigan

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

In 2021, Congress passed legislation that:

- Provides a 42% increase in dedicated federal funding for our state's transportation infrastructure.
- New funding opportunities for local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Tribes, and other public entities, including more than a dozen new programs.
- The first-ever national investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the United States. Funding to build charging stations across Michigan will create jobs and make it easier for more families to drive quality electric vehicles being made in Michigan.

Dedicated Funding for Michigan Transportation

Michigan is set to receive \$7.9 billion in dedicated funding for roads, bridges, and highways with funds being set aside for local governments. The vast majority of dedicated funds coming to the state of Michigan will be provided through federal-aid highway programs. For more details, visit the Federal Highway Administration's [website](#).

For more information on funding that will be allocated to local governments, please contact your local Metropolitan Planning Organization or Rural Task Force. For projects that may involve the state highway system, please contact your regional Michigan Department of Transportation [office](#).

Michigan is also expected to receive \$1 billion in dedicated funds for public transportation and approximately \$363 million for infrastructure projects at airports across the state. For upcoming details on potential transit funds in your community, please visit the Federal Transit Administration's [website](#).

For details on federal funding amounts for airports in your area, please visit the Federal Aviation Administration's [website](#).

New Competitive Federal Grants

In addition to dedicated funds for roads and bridges, the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act extends and creates new competitive grant programs that states, local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Tribal governments, and other entities can directly apply for. For information on how to directly apply for these grant opportunities, visit the Federal Highway Administration's [website](#). This website will be updated as notice of funding opportunities and other details become available.

The competitive grant programs funded through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act include:

Bridge Investment Program (\$12.5 billion) – This new competitive grant program will assist state, local, federal, and Tribal entities in rehabilitating or replacing bridges, including culverts. Large projects and bundling of smaller bridge projects will be eligible for funding.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or group of states; metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000; unit of local government or group of local governments; political subdivision of a state or local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check the Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Safe Streets for All (\$5 billion) – This program will provide funding directly to local and Tribal governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** For localities to develop or implement a “comprehensive safety action plan” aimed at preventing transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Metropolitan planning organization; political subdivision of a state; Tribal government; multijurisdictional group of eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants (\$2.5 billion) – This grant program will provide \$2.5 billion in for charging and fueling infrastructure.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** \$1.25 billion in funding will build out charging and fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors; \$1.25 billion in funding will provide Community Charging grants for convenient charging where people live, work, and shop.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or political subdivision of a state; metropolitan planning organization; unit of local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian Tribe; a territory of the United States; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (\$2 billion) – This new competitive grant program will improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Funding projects outside an urbanized area with a population of over 200,000 including: a highway, bridge, or tunnel project; a highway freight project; a highway safety improvement project, including a project to improve a high risk rural road; a project on a publicly owned highway or bridge that provides or increases access to an agricultural, commercial, energy, or intermodal facility that supports the economy of a rural area; or a project to develop, establish, or maintain an integrated mobility management system, a transportation demand management system, or on-demand mobility services.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; regional transportation planning organization; a unit of local government; Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; multijurisdictional group of entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (\$1.4 billion) – In addition to formula grants to states, PROTECT will provide \$1.4 billion in competitive grants to eligible entities to increase the resilience of our transportation system.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Planning Grants, Resilience Improvement Grants, Community Resilience and, Evacuation Route Grants, At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration

- **Eligibility:** State or political subdivision of a state; metropolitan planning organization; unit of local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; Indian tribe; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (\$1 billion) – This new competitive program will provide grants for state, local, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Tribal governments to remove barriers to access and mobility, including funding for planning, design, and removal or mitigation of barriers, and reconstruction of street grids or other infrastructure.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** (1) To study the feasibility and impacts of removing, retrofitting, or mitigating an existing eligible facility (a highway or other transportation facility that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors); (2) to conduct planning activities necessary to design a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility; and (3) to conduct construction activities necessary to carry out a project to remove, retrofit, or mitigate an existing eligible facility.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; local government; Tribal government; metropolitan planning organization; nonprofit organization; eligible facility owner.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program (\$1 billion) – This new grant program will fund states, Tribes, and local governments for culvert replacement and removal projects. Priority would be given to projects aimed to improve fish passage for anadromous fish.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.

- **Use of Funds:** A new program aimed at removing, replacing, or restoring culverts, which will enable the recovery of salmon passage and habitats.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; unit of local government; Indian Tribe.

Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility Deployment (\$300 million) – This program will provide grants to install and operate advanced transportation technologies that will improve safety, mobility, intermodal connections, and performance. This program was previously referred to as the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Grants to eligible entities to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or local government or political subdivision thereof. Transit agency, Metropolitan planning organization, Multijurisdictional group made up of the above eligible applicants with a signed agreement to implement the initiative across jurisdictional boundaries, consortium of research or academic institutions.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration’s [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Congestion Relief Program (\$250 million) – This new competitive grant program will provide grants in large urban areas for projects to advance innovative, multimodal solutions to relieve congestion and improve transportation operations and performance.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.

- **Use of Funds:** Funds from a grant under the program may be used for planning, design, implementation, and construction activities of a project or an integrated collection of projects including deployment and operation of an integrated congestion management system; deployment and operation of a system that implements or enforces high occupancy vehicle toll lanes, cordon pricing, parking pricing, or congestion pricing; deployment and operation of mobility services, including establishing account-based financial systems, commuter buses, commuter vans, express operations, paratransit, and on-demand microtransit; and incentive programs that encourage travelers to carpool, use non-highway travel modes during peak period, or travel during nonpeak periods.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** A state, for the purpose of carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1 million; a metropolitan planning organization, city, or municipality, for the purpose of carrying out a project in an urbanized area with a population of more than 1 million.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

MEGA Projects (\$5 billion) – This new National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program will support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** The Secretary may provide a grant under the program only for a project that is— (A) a highway or bridge project carried out on— (i) the National Multimodal Freight Network; (ii) the National Highway Freight Network; or (iii) the National Highway System; (B) a freight intermodal (including public ports) or freight rail project that provides a public benefit; (C) a railway-highway grade separation or elimination project; (D) an intercity passenger rail project.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** States, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, political subdivisions of states, port authorities, Tribal governments, or Amtrak in partnership with another entity.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (\$500 million) – The SMART Grant program will be a programmed competition that will deliver grants to states, local governments, and Tribes for projects that improve transportation safety and efficiency.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To pursue smart transportation projects that increase transportation efficiency and safety and will advance connected vehicles, intelligent transportation systems integration, and support technological transportation advancements in communities nationwide.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation.
- **Eligibility:** State; political subdivision of a state; Tribal government; public transit agency or authority; public toll authority; metropolitan planning organization; two or more eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check DoT's [website](#) for updates.

Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities (\$400 million) – This new competitive grant program will provide grants to reduce emissions from ports, including through electrification projects.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To fund projects that reduce emissions at ports, including through the advancement of port electrification.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** To be determined.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Marine Highway Program (\$25 million) – Grants through the program are distributed for projects that mitigate landside congestion, expand transportation options, and realize public benefit and external cost savings by awarding Marine Highway grants to qualified applicants to implement designated Marine Highway projects.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To support the development and expansion of documented vessels or port and landside infrastructure.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Maritime Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State governments (including state departments of transportation), metropolitan planning organizations, port authorities, and Tribal governments, or private sector operators of marine highway services within designated Marine Highway Projects.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check the Maritime Administration’s [Marine Highway Grants Program](#) website for updates.

Rail Programs

Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program (\$3 billion) – This new grant program will provide states, Tribes, and local governments planning and construction funds for highway-rail grade crossing separation projects that will improve safety and mobility.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Railroad Administration.
- **Eligibility:** States, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other United States territories and possessions; political subdivision of a state; federally recognized Indian tribe; unit of local government or a group of local governments; public port authority; metropolitan planning organization; group of eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check FRA’s [Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Safety Programs

Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program (\$1 billion) – These grants will help community-owned utilities to replace outdated gas pipelines in order to reduce injuries and fatalities and prepare our pipeline infrastructure for cleaner fuels.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To repair, rehabilitate, or replace a natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) avoid economic losses.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Municipality or community-owned utility (not including for-profit entities).
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check PHMSA's [Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Programs (\$746.6 million) – Provides funding for additional grant programs for states, law enforcement agencies, and safety organizations to enhance motor carrier safety activities and projects, including driver training and commercial driver licensing programs.

- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- **Eligibility:** States, Tribes, local governments, driver training organizations, or safety organizations.
- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check FMCSA's [Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Aviation Programs

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Terminal Program (\$5 billion) – This discretionary grant program will provide funding for airport terminal development and other landside projects.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.

- **Use of Funds:** Grants for on-airport rail access projects and projects for relocating, reconstructing, repairing, or improving an airport-owned air traffic control tower, projects that increase capacity and passenger access; projects that replace aging infrastructure; projects that achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and expand accessibility for people with disabilities; projects that improve airport access for historically disadvantaged populations; projects that improve energy efficiency, including upgrading environmental systems, upgrading plant facilities, and achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation standards; projects that improve airfield safety through terminal relocation; and projects that encourage actual and potential competition.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Aviation Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Airport that is eligible to receive a grant from the discretionary fund under section 47115(a) of Title 49.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in February. Deadline TBD. Continue to check FAA's [Airport Terminals Grant Program website](#) for updates.

Environmental Protection Agency Programs

Clean School Bus Program (\$5B) – The Environmental Protection Agency will offer a total of \$5 billion between fiscal years 2022 and 2026 to fund the replacement of dirtier school buses with low- or no-carbon school buses. Each year, \$500 million will be available exclusively for electric school buses and \$500 million will be available for electric buses and multiple types of cleaner alternative fuel school buses. EPA can offer grants and rebates to assist fleets in purchasing new, cleaner school buses and the associated charging and fueling infrastructure. EPA will ensure a broad geographic distribution of awards.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** The replacement of existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission alternative fuel buses.
- **Agency:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.
- **Eligibility:** State and local governments, eligible contractors and nonprofit school transportation associations.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check EPA's [Clean School Bus Program website](#) for updates.

New Funding For Existing Programs

Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants (\$8 billion) – Grants will provide funding to state and local government for freight infrastructure projects of regional or national significance.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** Highway freight projects carried out on the National Highway Freight Network; highway or bridge projects carried out on the National Highway System (NHS), including projects that add capacity on the Interstate System to improve mobility or projects in a national scenic area; railway-highway grade crossing or grade separation projects; or a freight project that is (1) an intermodal or rail project, or (2) within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility. A project within the boundaries of a freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility must be a surface transportation infrastructure project necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, or access into or out of the facility and must significantly improve freight movement on the National Highway Freight Network. Improving freight movement on the National Highway Freight Network may include shifting freight transportation to other modes, thereby reducing congestion and bottlenecks on the National Highway Freight Network. For a freight project within the boundaries of a freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility, federal funds can only support project elements that provide public benefits.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State or group of states; metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000; unit of local government or group of local governments; political subdivision of a state or local government; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federal land management agency that applies jointly with a state or group of states; Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of public entities.

- **Applying:** Deadline TBD. Continue to check Federal Highway Administration's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Portal](#) for updates.

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Grants (\$7.5 billion) – The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes funding for the RAISE (formerly TIGER) grant program, which invests in local surface transportation projects:

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grant.
- **Use of Funds:** Capital and planning projects such as repairing or improving infrastructure to a state of good repair; projects that implement safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, including improving grade crossings or providing shorter or more direct access to critical health services; projects that connect communities and people to jobs, services, and education; and, projects that anchor economic revitalization and job growth in communities.
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation.
- **Eligibility:** States; District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes; transit agency; multi-state or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in late January. Deadline TBD. Continue to check DoT's [RAISE Grant website](#) for updates as they become available.

Port Infrastructure Development Program (\$2.25 billion) – The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act increases investment in America's coastal ports and inland waterways, helping to improve the supply chain and enhancing the resilience of our shipping industry. The law overall doubles the level of investment in port infrastructure and waterways, helping strengthen our supply chain and reduce pollution.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** To improve facilities within, or outside of and directly related to operations or an intermodal connection of coastal seaports, inland river ports, and Great Lakes ports.

- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Transportation: Maritime Administration.
- **Eligibility:** State; political subdivision of a state, or a local government; public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states; special purpose district with a transportation function; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; multistate or multijurisdictional group of eligible entities; lead entity described here jointly with a private entity or group of private entities, including the owners or operators of a facility or collection of facilities at a port.
- **Applying:** Applications will begin in February. Deadline TBD. Continue to check the Maritime Administration’s [Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant website](#) for updates.

Economic Development and Facilities

Strategic Economic and Community Development – The Strategic Economic and Community Development program supports projects that promote and implement strategic community investment plans. These plans use the unique strengths of rural communities to advance prosperity. USDA Rural Development helps finance these projects to build community prosperity by using community assets, identifying resources, convening partners and leveraging federal, state, local or private funding.

- **Funding Type:** Direct Loans, Loan/Grant mix, Guaranteed Loans, and Grants
- **Agency:** USDA Rural Development
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible for SECD, a project must:
 - Be eligible for the covered program
 - Be carried out in a rural area
 - Support a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral strategic community investment plan

Consideration will be based on how well the project supports a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sectoral plan, and
(2) Whether the plan contains evidence of collaboration among multiple stakeholders; leverages applicable regional resources, monetary and non-monetary investments from strategic partners, including private and philanthropic organizations and government entities; and includes clear objectives with measurable performance metrics and actions steps for implementation. Interested participants are encouraged to have their plans reviewed by their state's staff early in the process for feedback and possible modification prior to submitting the formal application.

- **Applying:** To apply, applicants should contact their nearest USDA office. Applicants who are applying for SECD funding through a loan guarantee program may submit forms under the [OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative](#) application guidelines. Community Connect applicants must submit SECD applications electronically at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect>

Priority may be given to applications submitted through the following programs:

- [Community Connect Grants](#)
- [Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#);
- [Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program](#);
- [Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program](#);
- [Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees](#);
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)

For more information please contact your local USDA-RD office.

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program – This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

- **Funding Type:** Low-interest direct loans, grants, loan/grant mixes and guaranteed loans.

- **Use of Funds:** Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and / or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
 - Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
 - Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
 - Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
 - Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
 - Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
 - Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses
- **Agency:** USDA Rural Development
 - **Eligibility:** Eligible borrowers include:
 - Public bodies
 - Community-based non-profit corporations
 - Federally-recognized Tribes

What is an eligible area?

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest [U.S. Census Data](#) are eligible for this program.

- **Applying:** Applications for this program are accepted year round, and applicants should contact their local USDA RD office to discuss their specific project. Additional information for applicants can be found [here](#).

Good Jobs Challenge (\$500 million) – As part of the American Rescue Plan, the Good Jobs Challenge program aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have

hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.

- **Funding Type:** Competitive grants.
- **Use of Funds:** The program will fund proposals with one or more of the following three phases of the system and/or sectoral partnership lifecycle, as applicable to regional needs:
 - System Development funding to help a System Lead Entity or Backbone Organization establish and develop a regional workforce training system or sectoral partnerships.
 - Program Design funding for sectoral partnership(s) to identify the skills needed by industry and workers, develop the skills training curriculum and materials, and secure technical expertise needed to train workers with the skills needed by businesses, including providing professional development and capacity-building to trainers and educators. Employer commitments to hire should also be secured in this phase.
 - Program Implementation funding to deliver workforce training and wrap-around services that will place workers into quality jobs through a new or expanded sectoral partnership(s).
- **Agency:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.
- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include:
 - District Organization
 - Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
 - State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
 - Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
 - Public or private non-profit organization or association, including labor unions, acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State
- **Applying:** Deadline February 10, 2022. Visit the [Good Jobs Challenge website](#) for updates and how to apply.