

National scenic byway grants

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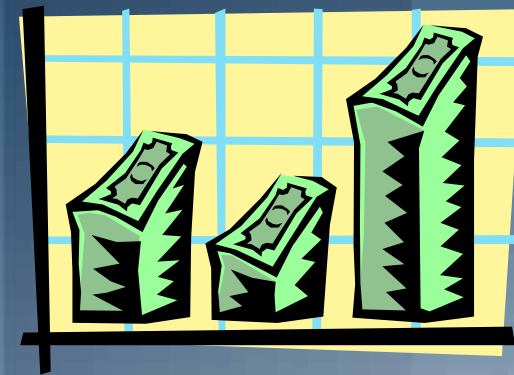
Eligible Activities

- Development of State scenic byway programs
- Development and implementation of a corridor management plan
- Marketing
- Construction of bike/pedestrian paths, overlooks, and interpretive facilities
- Develop tourist and interpretive information
- Recreational access improvements
- Resources protection
- Safety improvements



Authorization

Fiscal Year	Authorization
2005	\$26.5 M
2006	\$30.0 M
2007	\$35.0 M
2008	\$40.0 M
2009	\$43.5 M



Funding

FY 2006 Funding:

- 45 States submitted 417 projects requesting a total of \$53.4 million.
- \$25.5 million provided to 309 projects in 45 States.

FY 2007 Funding:

- Expect about 46 States to submit 300-350 projects requesting a total of about \$50.0 million.
- About \$32 million will be available – after obligation limitation and rescission deductions.

FY 2008 Funding:

- Expect to solicit applications later this year.



Selection Criteria

The following statutory criteria are found in 23 USC 162:

- Projects on routes designated as either an All-American Road or a National Scenic Byway.
- Projects that would make routes eligible for designation as either an AAR or a NSB.
- Projects associated with developing State or Indian tribe scenic byway programs.



Evaluation

The following criteria also are considered in the evaluation of candidate for this program:

- State & byway priorities
- Project benefits
- Timely expenditure of previously awarded scenic byway funds
- Leveraging of private or other public funding.



Grant Program Principles

- How will your byway travelers benefit from the proposed project?
- What part of your byway's story will the proposed project help tell or enhance?
- How will the proposed project help strengthen your byway organization?



Prescott Visitor Center on the Great River Rd. in WI



Grant Program Principles

To what extent does the proposed project reflect:

- Multi-year priorities
- Coordinated efforts
- Alternative sources of funding
- Objectives from your corridor management plan



Questions to Ask Yourself

- What is the project?
- Categories?
- Community?
- Who benefits?
- Management?
- Matching funds?
- Benefits?



Recreational Trails Program

- Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails;
- Development and rehabilitation of trail side and trail head facilities and trail linkages;
- Purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment;
- Acquisition of easements or property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors;
- State administrative costs related to program administration; and
- Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as those objective related to the use of recreational trails.



Transportation Enhancement Program

- Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles;
- Safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
- Scenic or historic highway programs;
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification;
- Historic preservation;
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities;
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising;
- Archaeological planning and research;
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff; and
- Establishment of transportation museums.



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- FY 2007 – transition year – use SF-424 (general project information) in addition to bywaysonline.org application.
- FY 2008 – Federal Highway Administration expects to use Grants.gov for the complete application.
- FHWA will import Grants.gov application into bywaysonline.org.
- States and FHWA will use bywaysonline.org to complete review.
- Seamless – simple as possible – we'll see ...

