

693JJ322NF00008, Amendment 2

2022 NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM

GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Opening Date: March 16, 2022

Webinar: March 31, 2022

Letter of Intent Due: April 25, 2022 (note change)

Application Due: June 20, 2022 (note change)

The purpose of this Amendment is to make the following changes to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 693JJ322NF00008, and to provide clarifications:

1. On the title page of Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 693JJ322NF00008, change the date due for Letters of Intent from April 11, 2022 (see Amendment 1) to April 25, 2022.

Clarifications:

- The Letter of Intent must identify the State DOT or Tribal Government applying for funding.
 - The application point of contact is the State/Tribal Coordinator or other State/Tribal representative that will be responsible for submitting the application on grants.gov.
 - Any planned passthrough entities should be listed as partner or cooperating agencies.
 - Local governments and byways organizations cannot be awarded as direct recipients.
2. Announcing the posting of an updated Letter of Intent form under the Related Documents tab. This form was updated with the new due date. Previously submitted Letters of Intent do not need to be resubmitted. Previous versions of this form are acceptable.
 3. On the title page of Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 693JJ322NF00008, change the Application date due from May 16, 2022 to June 20, 2022.

Clarifications:

- **Eligible Applicants** – State DOTs and Tribes are the only eligible applicants, and awardees. Tribes may apply through the State DOT or as direct recipients. Other entities may partner with a State DOT or Tribal government to submit the Letter of Intent and Application, but the eligible applicant must be a State DOT or Indian Tribe. If awarded, the State DOT/Tribe may enter into an agreement with another State agency (Tourism, Natural Resources, etc.), Federal Land Management Agency (Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, etc.), or local government/byway organization to administer the funds. The application project narrative must detail any cooperating or partner entities involved in or likely to be involved in the funding and/or implementation of the project. The State DOT/Tribe will be required to provide regular Federal-Aid Stewardship and Oversight of projects once awarded and submit quarterly progress reports to the FHWA Division Office.
- **Large scale projects \$500,000 or larger** – Under the Policy Considerations identified in Section E. of the NOFO, FHWA will give priority consideration to applications that address one or more of the following priorities: the majority of the project's costs will be spent within (or on the boundary of) a Census-designated rural area; at least part of the project falls within an economically distressed community per the U.S. Economic Development Administration; the total cost of the project is \$500,000 or larger; and/or applicant has identified cost sharing and leveraging of non-Federal funds beyond the required 20 percent non-Federal match of total project costs. The preference for large scale projects is one of four equally-weighted policy considerations and does not exclude applicants from submitting projects that have a total project cost of less than \$500,000.
- **Grouping Projects** – States and Tribes may group related activities as a consolidated project. For example, a State/Tribe could submit a project that included developing

strategies to maintain historic sites along a specific byway, restoring a specific historic site to use as the byway interpretive facility, and updating directional signage to the various historic sites along that byway. Likewise, a State could also submit a project to develop a marketing program that would include marking activities for all the byways across the state.

4. Announcing the posting of the Webinar presentation slides under the Related Documents tab, and at:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/scenic_byways/grants/nspb_2022_grants_overview_webinar.pdf
5. Announcing the posting of a link to the recording of the NSBP Webinar under the Related Documents tab, and at https://usdot.zoomgov.com/rec/share/XV-nujxdm4OF3wTb-SGkTINUCYN_6CealMf5jHnqNMPN2e-YfgHeGHoczJuz0Bg3.zFQTfS63oC4FYtmT (The passcode is: Ba3*2g^y)

No other changes to the NOFO.