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Pipeline Safety One-Call Grant Program

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Applicants must be registered at www.grants.gov to apply online. It is highly recommended that applicants begin the registration process as soon as possible to avoid delays in submission. Additionally, applicants must have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and be actively registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.SAM.gov prior to submitting their application in order to receive an award under this grant.

Furthermore, applicants are encouraged to register for an account with FedConnect at www.fedconnect.net before applying. FedConnect is a messaging platform where applicants can communicate directly with PHMSA. Your organization's Marketing Partner ID number (MPIN), which can be retrieved from SAM, is required to create an account. For instructions on how to register in FedConnect and how it works, click on the link to access the [FedConnect: Ready, Set, Go! Tutorial](#) on the FedConnect home page.

Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA)

20.721 "One-Call Grants"

PHMSA NOFO Number:

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SECTION A – BASIC INFORMATION

Federal Agency Name: U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Funding Opportunity Title: “Fiscal Year 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity:
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Executive Summary

The Pipeline Safety One-Call Grant Program provides funding to State agencies to promote damage prevention, including changes to their State underground damage prevention laws, related compliance activities, training, and public education. This grant program is for States that have a certification or agreement with PHMSA to conduct pipeline safety inspections.

This grant program is codified at 49 U.S.C. § 6106.

A.1 Funding

PHMSA anticipates awarding \$1,058,001 under the FY 2026 One-Call NOFO. The amount of each One-Call grant may not exceed \$60,000 per grant recipient.

Recipients may request 100 percent of the total amount of the award upon execution of the grant agreement.

A.2 Period of Performance

The period of performance is 12 months from the effective date of award for each grant. Applicants may only apply for funding that can be reasonably expended within this time frame and for projects that can be completed within the period of performance. For One-Call grants awarded for FY 2026, if a grantee requests an extended period of performance, PHMSA will handle the request in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.308(g)(2) and applicable Federal requirements.

A.3 Type of Award

This is a discretionary grant.

Agency Contact Information

Questions related to the content of this funding opportunity can be submitted via the Message Center in FedConnect.

For technical issues or questions related to FedConnect, e-mail fcsupport@unisonglobal.com, submit questions through the portal on the website, or call 1-800-899-6665, option 2.

If an applicant has technical difficulties submitting the application through grants.gov, the applicant should contact grants.gov at 800-518-4726 or e-mail support@grants.gov.

Technical Primary Point of Contact

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SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY

B.1 Eligible Applicants

This grant opportunity is only open to State agencies that are authorized to conduct pipeline safety inspections per a [49 U.S.C. § 60105](#) certification or a [49 U.S.C. § 60106](#) agreement with PHMSA.

To be eligible for a One-Call grant, a State must submit an application demonstrating compliance with the minimum standards established in [49 U.S.C. § 6103](#). PHMSA requires that the application include sufficient detail to clearly evidence this compliance; failure to provide the requested information may result in rejection of the application. To qualify for funding under this program, a State may *not* provide any exemptions to municipalities, State agencies, or their contractors from One-Call notification system requirements. *See* 49 U.S.C. § 6103(a)(2). A State is also eligible to receive a One-Call grant award if the State maintains an alternative One-Call notification program that provides protection for public safety and excavators that is equivalent to, or greater than, protection provided under a program that meets the minimum standards set forth in section [49 U.S.C. § 6103](#).

B.2 Cost Sharing or Matching

There are no requirements for cost sharing or matching.

B.3 Funding Restrictions

- Advance written approval: Changes in project scope, budget, objectives, project period, or key personnel will require advance written approval by the PHMSA Grant Officer.
- Funds provided under grant awards may not be used for lobbying, advocacy, or in direct support of litigation.
- Construction is not an allowable activity under this announcement.
- Funds should not be used to cover costs associated with the normal operations of the One-Call center, which includes database maintenance and replacement of outdated systems.
- All PHMSA awards are subject to the terms and conditions in the grant agreement and the cost principles in [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E – Cost Principles](#).
- Reimbursement of Federal pre-award costs is not allowed unless explicitly approved in writing by PHMSA. Funds may not be used for expenses claimed and/or reimbursed by another Federal assistance program.

SECTION C – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

C.1 Statement of Purpose

This funding opportunity is associated with [Assistance Listing 20.721](#). Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) aims to reduce damage to underground pipelines by excavators. Excavation damage has historically been a leading cause of pipeline accidents resulting in fatality and injury.

The Pipeline Safety One-Call Grant Program provides funding for State agencies' damage prevention efforts—including training, changing State underground damage prevention laws, related compliance activities, and public education—to help reduce damages to underground pipelines. Data on excavation damage performance is collected annually from pipeline operators with the expectation that these efforts help reduce damage trends.

C.2 Statute and Program Authority

The One-Call grant program is codified at [49 U.S.C. § 6106](#).

SECTION D – APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

D.1 Address to Request Application Package

PHMSA requires applicants for this funding opportunity to apply electronically through [grants.gov](#). Applicants must download the application package associated with this funding opportunity.

The application package contains the required electronic forms and the ability to upload attachments for the budget narrative, budget justification, project narrative, assurances, and certifications. The applicant must submit the information outlined in the Application Guide in addition to the program-specific information below.

If you are a hearing-impaired person, please contact FR/TTY at 1-800-877-8339 or e-mail PHMSA-Accessibility@dot.gov.

D.2 Content and Standard Forms for Application Submission

Each application must consist of the following required documents:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
2. Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
3. Certification Regarding Lobbying

4. Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances
5. Budget Narrative and Estimates
6. Project Narrative

Applications should be well written, single-spaced, 12-point standard font (e.g., Times New Roman) and free of mathematical errors in the line-item budget and budget narrative. Project narratives should have the sections clearly identified and follow the structure requested in this NOFO. The application forms and templates are available on grants.gov in the Forms Package and under the “Related Documents” tab with detailed instructions on the application process. Applicants should also review **Section F, Application Review** information, to ensure the narratives contain all information which PHMSA will evaluate.

Budget Narrative

Grant Funds, Sources, and Uses of Project Funds – This budget must list the amount and percent of both the total Federal funding requested and any additional non-Federal funds, if any, that will be used to pay for the project.

The amounts requested for each budget category must be justified in a budget section under each project in applicant responses to this announcement. Budget Narratives must address the following items:

- If your budget includes *personnel costs*, please include a complete breakdown, including personnel title/position, hourly rate, and the number of hours expected to be spent by each person on the proposed project.
- If your proposal includes *travel costs*, please include adequate details on how the cost has been calculated including travel fare, etc.
- If your proposal includes *equipment costs*, please include adequate details on how the cost has been calculated, including information on each specific equipment piece(s) required and their individual costs.

Applications that contain a request for indirect costs should include a budget narrative detailing the proposal for indirect costs, where allowable. The budget narrative should include a signed copy of the applicant’s approved negotiated rate agreement that is valid as of the date of the application, if this is not already on file with PHMSA State Programs Division. If the applicant does not have an approved indirect cost rate agreement, the applicant may be eligible to charge a *de minimis* rate of up to 15 percent as provided by 2 CFR § 200.414.

Sharing of Application Information – Except for information properly marked, PHMSA may share application information within the Department or with other Federal agencies if it is determined that sharing is relevant to the respective program’s objectives. [Click here for more information.](#)

SECTION E – SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

E.1 Submission Dates and Times

Complete applications must be received electronically through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. EST on June 19, 2026. DO NOT PHYSICALLY MAIL ANY APPLICATIONS. Applications received after this deadline may not be considered. PHMSA will only accept one application per applicant.

Questions Due Date and Time: June 17, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. EST.

NOTE: All questions can be submitted via the Message Center in FedConnect or send questions to the Technical Point of Contact in Section A of this NOFO. PHMSA is not responsible for answering questions that are received after the Questions Due Date and Time.

To begin the process, applicants must be registered with [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to apply. It is highly recommended that applicants begin the registration process as soon as possible to avoid delays with submission. Failure to comply with the application requirements as described in this section may prevent an application from being reviewed.

Accessing Grant Systems

1. **Grants.gov.** For new users, go to <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-registration> or go to the main page at www.grants.gov and select “Register.” New user registrations for grants.gov can take up to two weeks to complete. For additional questions on how to register, contact grants.gov support at 800-518-4726 or e-mail support@grants.gov.
2. **FedConnect.** Applicants are encouraged to register for an account with FedConnect at <https://www.fedconnect.net> before applying. Your organization’s Marketing Partner ID Number (MPIN), which can be retrieved from SAM, is required to create an account. For instructions on how to register in FedConnect and how to use the portal, click on the link to review the [FedConnect: Ready, Set, Go! Tutorial](#). For other technical issues or questions, e-mail fcsupport@unisonglobal.com or call 1-800-899-6665, option 2. The FedConnect Support Center is staffed Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. EST, except Federal holidays.

E.2 Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM)

PHMSA may not make an award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements. If an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time PHMSA is ready to make an award, PHMSA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive an award and use that determination as a basis for making an award to another applicant. PHMSA recommends that applicants review the SAM

database at www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/ to ensure that their UEI number is updated and “active.”

Each applicant is required to:

- Register in SAM (SAM.gov) before submitting their application.
- Provide a valid UEI in their application.
- Maintain an active SAM registration and UEI with current information when it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration.

SECTION F– APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

F.1 Criteria

When identifying projects, applicants should consider how the project will increase safety. PHMSA will evaluate applications through administrative, technical, and programmatic reviews based on the evaluation criteria below.

Merit Criteria:

PHMSA developed merit criteria to rate and select competing applications. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of award. PHMSA may, at its discretion, award a grant based on an application in its entirety, award only portions of a grant based on its application, or not award a grant at all.

Criterion 1. Relevance to Established Funding Priorities

PHMSA will evaluate work proposed under each project in the application, particularly regarding projects that enhance public safety, minimize risks to excavators, and prevent disruption of vital public services. When evaluating public service disruption prevention, PHMSA will specifically look for projects that reduce the incidence of excavation damage to underground facilities through the voluntary adoption and efficient implementation of One-Call notification programs.

Funding priorities are established and communicated to all potential grant recipients by distribution of the One-Call Grant Application Guidelines, which are updated annually.

Criterion 2. Costs and Project Scope

PHMSA will evaluate the prospective work under each element in the application and to assess whether the proposed projects will:

- Establish clear goals, objectives, milestones, and estimates of project costs.

- Use funds efficiently and effectively.
- For each planned target, PHMSA will evaluate the type of measure, the number of Expected output measures, and the expected locations, if known. Applicants should use the following table format:

Pipeline Safety One-Call Grant: Planned Output Measures			
Output Measure Type	What to Report	Planned Target	Cost
(Compliance Monitoring, Communication, or Training)	Training Title	# of Planned Trainings e.g., 20 trainings statewide	Expected Cost

F.2 Review and Selection Process

Please thoroughly read the [Review and Selection Process](#).

The Department intends to apply principles from [DOT Order 2100.7 \(Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in DOT’s Policies, Programs and Activities\)](#) and [DOT Order 2100.9 \(Ensuring Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities\)](#) when evaluating applications and making award selections. To the maximum extent permitted by law, DOT will prioritize projects that are in alignment with the principles outlined in DOT Orders 2100.7 and 2100.9.

The Department seeks to fund projects that advance the priorities of this Administration as described in DOT’s mission statement and across executive orders.

Please note that to comply with the requirements of [2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E](#), PHMSA’s Agreement Officer and Grant Specialist may request additional information pertaining to your application during the application review and evaluation process.

F.3 Risk Review

Prior to making an award, PHMSA is required to review and consider any information about the responsibility and qualification of the applicant that is accessible through SAM (see [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#)). An applicant may review information in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through SAM and comment on any information about itself that a Federal awarding agency previously entered. PHMSA will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to any other information available in SAM, in making a judgment about the applicant’s integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards as part of the risk review required by [2 CFR § 200.206](#).

SECTION G – AWARD NOTICES

G.1 Anticipated Announcement and Federal Award Dates

Applicants chosen for funding will receive electronic notification of the Federal award. Upon notification, the applicant's Authorized Representative must sign and return the award within the timeframe prescribed by PHMSA. PHMSA plans to make awards no later than September 30, 2026, with a proposed period of performance start date on the award agreement.

G.2 Federal Award Notices

PHMSA's grant awarding official will award grants to responsible and eligible applicants who submit the most qualified applications under the procedures set forth in this NOFO. Funds will be administered on a reimbursement basis. All funds provided by PHMSA must be expended solely for the purpose for which the funds are awarded in accordance with the approved application and budget, regulations, terms and conditions of the award, applicable Federal cost principles, and the Department's financial assistance regulations.

PHMSA intends to award multiple grants under this NOFO, subject to application quality and amounts requested. PHMSA can fund all or part of the application or reject it entirely.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified that their application was not selected for funding.

The grant award agreement, signed by both the PHMSA Agreement Officer and the recipient's Authorized Representative, is the authorizing document and will be provided through electronic means to the Authorized Representative. The grant award agreement will provide pertinent instructions and information including, at a minimum, the following:

1. The legal name and address of the recipient
2. Title of project
3. Name(s) of key personnel chosen to direct and control approved activities.
4. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) assigned by PHMSA.
5. Period of Performance
6. Total amount of financial assistance approved for the project.
7. Legal authority(ies) under which the award is issued.
8. Assistance Listing Program (formerly CFDA) number and name.
9. Applicable award terms and conditions.

10. Approved budget plan for categorizing allocable project funds to accomplish the stated purpose of the award and other information or provisions deemed necessary by PHMSA.

SECTION H– POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

H.1 Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The administration of this award by PHMSA and the Recipient will be based on the following Federal statutory, regulatory and Executive Order requirements:

1. [49 U.S.C. § 6106](#) One-Call Grant authorizing language.
2. [2 CFR Part 200](#) - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.
3. [49 CFR Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."](#) 49 CFR Part 20 will be incorporated by reference into any award under this program and is available at www.ecfr.gov/ by clicking on Title 49 CFR Part 20.
4. Civil Rights and Title VI - As a condition of a grant award, grant recipients should demonstrate that the recipient has a plan for compliance with civil rights obligations and nondiscrimination laws, including [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) and implementing regulations (49 CFR Part 21) (including any amendments thereto), the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#) (ADA), and [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), all other civil rights requirements, and accompanying regulations. This should include a current Title VI plan. DOT's and the applicable Operating Administrations' Office of Civil Rights may work with awarded grant recipients to ensure full compliance with Federal civil rights requirements. See "Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances" for the form by the same name that must be completed and returned by the grant applicant.
5. [49 CFR Part 32, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace \(Financial Assistance\)."](#) which implements the requirements of Public Law 100-690, Title Subtitle D, "Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988." 49 CFR Part 32 will be incorporated by reference into any award under this program and is available at: www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/ by clicking on Title 49 CFR Part 32.
6. Compliance with Federal Law and Policies - The applicant assures and certifies, with respect to any application and awarded Project under this NOFO, that it will comply with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of Federal funds.
7. Federal Anti-Discrimination - Except where prohibited by court order, pursuant to [Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination And Restoring Merit-Based](#)

[Opportunity](#), as a condition of grant award, each Recipient must agree that its and its regulations' compliance in all respects with the equal protection principles of the U.S Constitution and all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws and regulations is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code.

Except where prohibited by court order, pursuant to Section 3(b)(iv)(B) of [Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination And Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity](#), , as a condition of grant award, each Recipient must certify that it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives that violate the U.S. Constitution or any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

To the extent a court order bars the implementation or enforcement of one or more of the provisions with respect to a particular applicant or recipient, the Department will not implement or enforce the relevant provision(s) against that applicant or recipient for as long as the order remains in place.

H.2 Reporting Requirements

Final Reports - Grant recipients must submit a Final Progress Report and Final Financial Status Report (Standard Form 425) no later than 120 days after the end of the grant period of performance.

The Final Progress Report must include:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.
- A description of how the funds were used to improve the State damage prevention program.
- The reasons for delays or missed milestones if established objectives were not met, if applicable.
- Documentation of actual expenses and detailed cost breakdown to support SF-425 submission.

See chart below, as a template, of the summary activities and outputs that may take place during the period of performance:

Pipeline Safety One-Call Grant :Actual Outputs				
Measure Type	Description	Count	Count of Participants	Recordkeeping
(Compliance Monitoring, Communication, or Training)	Title of Training	Count of sessions	# of participants	Records of training and training participants should be maintained by the grantee.

All applications and reports may be made available to the public upon request.

Performance and Program Evaluation: Program Evaluation is an assessment using systematic data collection and analysis of one or more programs, policies, and organizations intended to assess their effectiveness and efficiency (5 U.S.C. § 311). Recipients and subrecipients are encouraged to incorporate program evaluation including associated data collection activities from the outset of their program design and implementation to meaningfully document and measure their progress. Allowable data and evaluation costs are specified in 2 CFR 200.455(c).¹ As a condition of grant award, grant recipients may be required to participate in an evaluation undertaken by DOT or another agency or partner. The evaluation may take different forms such as an implementation assessment across grant recipients, an impact and/or outcomes analysis of all or selected sites within or across grant recipients, or a benefit/cost analysis or assessment of return on investment. DOT may require applicants to collect data elements to aid the evaluation and/or use information available through other reporting. Grant recipients must agree to: (1) make records available to the evaluation contractor or DOT agency staff; (2) facilitate and provide access to program records, and any other relevant documents to calculate costs and benefits; (3) in the case of an impact analysis, facilitate the access to relevant information as requested; and (4) follow evaluation procedures as specified by the evaluation contractor or DOT agency staff.

¹ <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRred1f39f9b3d4e72/section-200.455>.