FMCSA Grant Application Process

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provides several financial assistance opportunities, through five discretionary grant programs, to support activities and projects that enhance motor carrier safety and/or advance innovative transportation technology. Interested parties must apply and compete for funding.

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STEP 1

Visit Grants.gov

The site includes all the information you need to prepare, apply for, and track grants.

- Equip yourself with information and materials you need at the Grants Learning Center: grants.gov/learn-grants.

STEP 2

View Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

FMCSA posts all available grants on Grants.gov as NOFOs.

- Subscribe to FMCSA grant announcements through Grants.gov.

Use the Search Grants function to view NOFOs.

- Type "FMCSA" in the Keyword(s) box.
- To view grants available to Minority Institutions of Higher Education (MIHEs), select "Private Institutions of Higher Education" and/or "Public and State Institutions of Higher Education" under the "Eligibility" criteria.

STEP 3

Complete Registration Steps

Takes several weeks to complete. Approval times vary.

1. All applicants must register with SAM.gov.
2. All Applicants must register on Grants.gov through Workspace to apply to NOFOs.

Complete these steps early to avoid missing an application deadline.

STEP 4

Complete the Application

Application submission deadlines are published in the NOFO.

Complete the application through your Workspace account.

- Check out the Grants.gov blog for application tips.
- Save your application often while it's in progress.
- Ensure all required documents listed in the NOFO are uploaded successfully in grants.gov including project and budget narratives.

Make sure to compare your organization's capabilities with the eligibility and technical requirements.

STEP 5

Await Award Decision

Announced by September 30. Track your application submission at Grants.gov.

- All applications are reviewed by FMCSA for statutory and regulatory compliance, programmatic value, financial soundness, and potential for success.

Application Review

FMCSA typically conducts the following application review steps:

1. Initial screening to ensure application is complete and eligible
2. Programmatic review and assessment of the application substance
3. Financial review of proposed budgets

Want Additional Support?

Visit Grants.gov Online Help or ai.FMCSA.DoT.gov/Grants/default.aspx for more information.