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**ROADMAP TO PROGRESS: INVESTING IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
THRIVING COMMUNITIES**
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Let us help you reimagine and transform your community.

MaineDOT has a long history of partnering with local communities to develop programs and deliver projects that bring out a shared vision and accentuate shared priorities. While we will continue to invest in core infrastructure needs, we are now also allocating resources toward revitalizing the places that make Maine special: our iconic village centers and downtown areas.





MAINEDOT'S COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES

- Village Partnership Initiative
- Municipal Partnership Initiative
- Planning Partnership Initiative
- Business Partnership Initiative

Soon to be launching....

- Urban Partnership Initiative
- Pilot/Demo Partnership Initiative

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/pga/cbi/>

SPECIAL FEDERAL FUNDING READINESS CRITERIA

MaineDOT considers projects to be ready to apply for special federal funding if they meet five criteria:

1. There must be local and/or regional consensus around the solution to the problem and some form of demonstrated support. In most cases some public process will be needed to get to a point of readiness. At times this may need to be an endorsement, resolve or commitment of funding from a local elected body.
2. Often, MaineDOT provides part of the required match (on average 10% of total project costs) for projects that the Department has been meaningfully involved with from the start. There needs to be a local commitment for the remainder of the match before the project can move forward.
3. Planning project scope and preliminary design needs to be far enough along to ensure that the project can be built as conceived. Right-of-way, environmental permitting and physical constraints must be evaluated.
4. The planning and design must be sufficient to generate reliable project costs.
5. Analysis of the project must be robust enough to ensure that the project is sustainable and will not create significant unintended consequences. The project should also provide good value for the taxpayer money invested.

FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

To facilitate coordination on **discretionary grant applications** and **Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)** requests, MaineDOT has developed a [Special Federal Funding Support Request Checklist \(PDF\)](#) and requests that all Maine local cities and towns complete and submit this form for the following circumstances:

- You are submitting a discretionary grant application or CDS request for a transportation improvement project on the MaineDOT state or state-aid highway system.
- You are requesting that MaineDOT sign a Letter of Support for a discretionary grant application or CDS request.
- You are requesting that MaineDOT become a funding partner for a discretionary grant application or a CDS request.
- You are requesting that MaineDOT be listed as the lead delivery or submitting agency for a discretionary grant program or CDS request.

FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Traditional core highway programs that support roads, bridges, freight, transit, and rural transportation:
 - National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)
- New formula programs:
 - Bridge Replacement, Rehabilitation, Preservation and Construction Program
 - Carbon Reduction Program
 - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program
 - National Vehicle Electric Formula Program
- Traditional discretionary grant programs:
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
 - Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA)
 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)
- New discretionary grant programs with focuses on:
 - Bridges
 - Ferries
 - Electric vehicle infrastructure
 - Culverts
 - Resilient infrastructure
 - Rural surface transportation projects
 - Safety
 - Reconnecting Communities