

Scenic Highway Grants

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Each year, the Federal Highway Administration [FHA] provides grant money for byway-related projects through the National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant Program. Eligible applicants can submit grant applications directly to the FHA, or they may apply through the state where they reside.

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Eligible Applicants

The National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant Program is open only to eligible applicants. These include the following: (a) State governments (b) County governments (c) City or township governments (d) Special district governments (e) Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education (f) Federally-recognized and non-federally-recognized Native American tribal organizations (g) Non-profits with or without 501(c)(3) status (h) Individuals According to Grants.Gov, eligibility also depends on the following: "Applicants must submit projects that are associated with one of America's Byways, a National Scenic Byway, or All-American Road; a State or Indian tribe scenic byway in an effort to work toward national designation; the development of a State or Indian tribe byway program; or along a State or Indian tribe designated byway." Specific criteria can be found at bywaysonline.org/grants/ Federal agencies, local units of government, and non-profit organizations must coordinate their applications with their State Departments of Transportation (DOT). Indian tribe governments have the option of submitting byway grant applications through the state or directly to the FHA Division office in their State.

Types of Eligible Projects

• Safety improvements: This can include safety improvements due to traffic patterns changing on a scenic byway. • Planned development of a corridor management plan: If an area has had increased tourism, lodging and other amenities may be needed on a scenic byway. • Improvements to a State or Native American Tribal Scenic Byway: This includes the planning, designing and development of the byway. • Construction of new facilities. • General Improvements for recreational purposes. • Protection: This type of project allows for protection of historical, cultural, recreational, etc. areas on the byway. • Tourist Information: These will provide information to tourists about the area. • Marketing program.

Application Process

Application Process • Register with Grants.gov • Submit application to bywaysonline.org/grants/application/ Requirements • Must be within two miles of Scenic Byway. • Applications must be completed and submitted online. For more information on the National Scenic Byways Program Grant, go to bywaysonline.org/grants/application/information/.

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Resources

- [Scenic Byways Grant Application Deadlines and Information](#)

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