



NADO TPCB Peer Exchange

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Supporting Our Local Partners

- **Implementing the Legislature's AZ SMART Funds Program**
- **Building Local Capacity Through COG/MPO Training**
- **Listening First: Next Move Arizona Statewide Engagement**

AZ SMART Program Overview

- Established by the Arizona Legislature
- Transportation Grant Program
- Helps Secure Federal Grants
- Supports Local Agencies and Tribal Governments
- Reimbursement Program
- Administered by ADOT
- Awarded by the State Transportation Board

Eligible Uses

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- **Design and Other Engineering Services (DOES)**
- **Required federal Match**
- **Grant Application Support for Small Jurisdictions**

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Design & Other Engineering Services (DOES)

- From scoping through final design
- Engineering studies, environmental clearances, design work
- Must apply within 2 years of award

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Match Funding

- Provides required non-federal match
- Only covers the amount required by the federal grant

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Grant Development & Submission (GDS)

- Reimburses up to 50% of grant-writing costs
- Intended for smaller jurisdictions
- Federal procurement standards are not required

Who Can Apply?

Eligible Applicants:

- Cities
- Towns
- Counties
- Tribal nations
- Non-Profits
- ADOT

Eligible Projects:

- Roads
- Bridges
- Transit/Rail
- Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Planning studies

Projects Must:

- Be Transportation-Related
- Be Tied to a Public Facility
- Remain Publicly Accessible

AZ SMART Funding Categories

Eligible Applicant	Category Funding
ADOT	20%
Counties with a population of 100,000 or more	20%
Counties with a population of less than 100,000	20%
Municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more	20%
Municipalities with a population of less than 10,000	20%

Priority Criteria & Scores

**Applications are
Evaluated Using Six
Priority Criteria**



Federal Grants Secured by AZ SMART Awardees

of AZ SMART Grants
Awarded to Date

49

AZ SMART Grants Awarded to
Date (\$)

\$58,645,890

\$ Federal Grants Received by
AZ SMART Awardees

\$174,601,750

AZ SMART Leverage of Federal
Grant Funding

2.98 times

COG/MPO Training - Capacity Building

- Addressed Knowledge Gaps in Planning, Funding and Financial Management
- Developed Training Program
- Built Local Capacity
- Strengthened Regional Partnerships

Arizona's Long-Range Transportation Vision

- Listen First, Plan Together
- Statewide Outreach
- Engaged COG, MPO, Local Government, Elected Officials
- Gathered Input Through a Variety of Events
- Community Feedback Guides Transportation Priorities

Questions/Discussions