

# Let Iteris Experts Help You Win and Put to Use IIJA Transportation Funding

The Iteris Consulting and Planning teams continue to offer expert advice and concrete next steps to agencies interested in tapping federal transportation grant funding opportunities through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or BIL).

Iteris staffers have years of experience helping agencies find, secure and leverage grant funding for their transportation improvement projects. Whether you need grant writing assistance, project planning help, or technology solutions for an existing project, you can consult an Iteris expert.

Please fill out the online Grant Help Request form at <a href="iteris.com/iija">iteris.com/iija</a>, or contact a specialist directly:

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### Three Grant Phases Explained

Typically, USDOT announces funding and then awards the winning IIJA applicants in three phases:

- The initial **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** is open to all agencies eligible for a given grant (commonly state and local DOTs, MPOs and municipalities).
- Action (a.k.a., Planning, Demonstration or Prototyping) grants provide funding to develop, complete or supplement an initial comprehensive action plan.
- Implementation grants provide federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an action plan.

Iteris helps with all three phases. In addition to grant fund procurement, Iteris planning- and action-phase activities can tap into a comprehensive reservoir of solutions companywide, beginning with user-friendly traffic analytics software requiring no hardware, then building on that data through advanced sensor, connected vehicle and human consulting solutions.

In addition, Iteris Managed Services offers smart work zone congestion and safety management for funded projects that protect workers, lower cost and are more efficient than traditional maintenance-of-traffic (MOT) methods.

The Iteris approach to advanced work zone MOT is revolutionizing construction closure planning. During



roadway construction projects, traditional MOT is based on working hours or lane "takes," and requires temporary sensor installation. Iteris advanced work zone management monitors traffic conditions 24/7 without field hardware. The result is more efficient, safer, more accurate and less costly roadway construction projects.

# Examples of Well-funded Grants in the IIJA Program

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) is a federal grant program that supports city, MPO, county and other local government initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly known as the Vision Zero program. SS4A makes available 5 billion dollars over 5 years, through FY26.

### **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation**

(SMART) grants are awarded on a competitive basis to conduct projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies that improve transportation efficiency and safety. The SMART FY23 Planning & Prototyping Grant awardees were recently announced.

### **Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation**

(ATTAIN) provides competitive grants to deploy, install and operate advanced transportation and congestion management technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity and infrastructure return-on-investment. Areas of focus include improving emergency evacuation, integrating corridor management systems, adopting parking variable pricing systems and enhancing HOV toll lanes or congestion pricing.

## **Key upcoming SS4A dates:**

May 16, 2024: Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. August 29, 2024: Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes. in paid wim

