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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 2024

ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGERS FOR RENTAL CARS SPRINGFIELD-BRANSON NATIONAL AIRPORT



WELCOME TO OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION'S

Monthly Update

Technical Planning Committee - October 16, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

Grant Writing Workshop - October 23, 2024 @ 2:00 PM

Board of Directors - November 21, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

Local Project Updates

- Resurfacing of Jackson St in Willard is scheduled to begin October 21st and will be completed in 3-4 days. Expect partial lane closures and slow traffic in the area.
- Shuyler Creek Trail construction contract was awarded
- The Chadwick Flyer overpass and adjacent segments will be out to bid soon
- EV Charger Project – OTO received 9 submittals from EVSE vendors to be prequalified, with 7 vendors being accepted. The construction bid will be issued soon!



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest grant announcements, resources, tools, and more. Keep Reading!

OTO Grant Writing Workshop

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Grant Writing Workshop

*Tips on Effective Grant Writing
including Federal Discretionary Grants*

→ Oct 23, 2024

→ 2:00 - 4:00 pm

→ @ OTO Offices

RSVP to ensure your seat!
nboyd@ozarkstransportation.org



GRANT

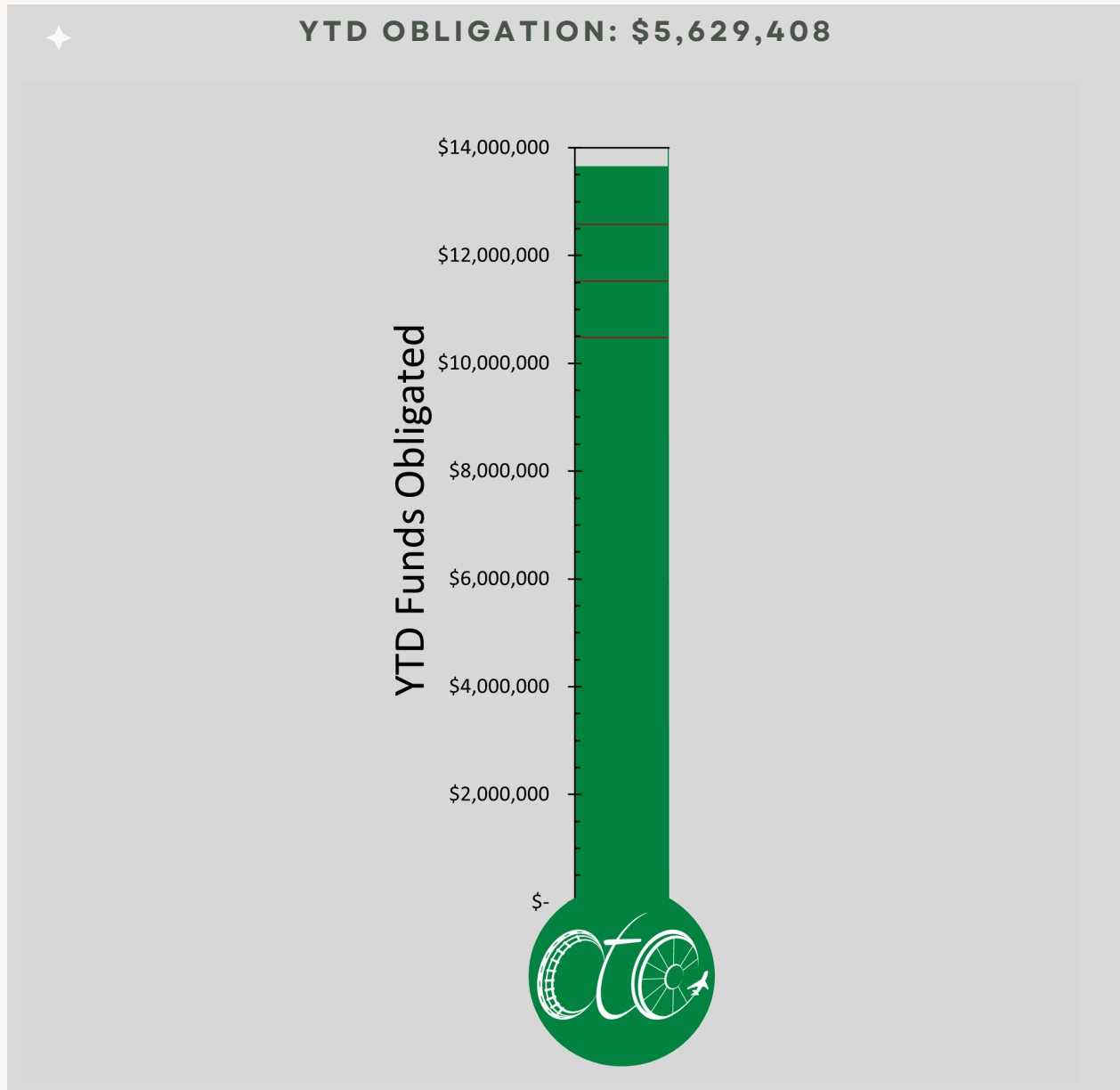
FUNDING

Narratives - Benefit Cost - Data



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Federal Funds Obligation Tracker



Federal Funds Balance - The OTO area was tasked with obligating \$11.5 million by September 30, 2024 or the allocated funds would go back to MODOT for use on MODOT roads. To limit the accumulation of funds, MODOT established a statewide goal that 120 percent of allocated funds are obligated each year. OTO's jurisdictions obligated \$13,652,417 million through September 30, 2025.

The green represents the amount that has been obligated by FHWA. This is approximately 130.3% of OTO's Annual Allocation! We appreciate everyone's hard work and diligence to get these funds obligated!

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program

FHWA announced \$800 million available to fund low carbon materials that create less pollution by reducing the levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions, including concrete (and cement), glass, asphalt mix, and steel.

Eligible Projects

Funds may be used for work that may be necessary to determine material eligibility, availability, and appropriateness for use on eligible projects. This may include, but is not limited to, training and education, processes to qualify and use low carbon materials such as collection of environmental product declarations (EPDs), identification of local or regional “substantially lower” embodied carbon thresholds, specification development, engineering materials testing, and placement costs associated with low carbon materials during construction.

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/lowcarbon/>

Application Deadline: November 25, 2024
@ 11:59 PM ET

Regional Bridge Program

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is requesting project applications for off-system structures. This program replaces the previous BRO program and will be funded using BRO funds and new funds available through the Bridge Formula Program (BFP).

Eligible Projects

Eligible Bridges are included on the 2024 BRO Eligible Bridge List with an estimate of replacement cost. The list can be found on the OTO grants webpage and MoDOT Call for Project webpage below.

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.modot.org/node/56603>

Application Deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024 @ 5:00 PM CST

Applications are to be submitted to the Southwest District Office.

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Planning Assistance Program

This program helps communities identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their main streets.

Eligible Projects:

- Ensuring local residents, including young people, have connections and opportunities related to nearby outdoor assets to foster community pride, good stewardship, and local economic benefits.
 - Creating or expanding trail networks to attract overnight visitors and new businesses and foster use by local residents.
 - Developing in-town amenities, such as broadband service; electric vehicle charging; housing; or shops, restaurants, or breweries, to serve residents and attract new visitors and residents with an interest in nearby outdoor assets.
 - Marketing local downtowns and Main Streets as gateways to nearby natural lands to capture and amplify outdoor recreation dollars.
 - Developing a community consensus on the management of outdoor assets to reduce potential conflicts and ensure sustainable use of resources.
 - Engaging in stewardship of outdoor recreation assets and mitigating and adapting to climate change and other environmental challenges.
- Ensuring that all residents and visitors, particularly those who have not historically been engaged in outdoor recreation and Main Street revitalization efforts, have equitable access to and can benefit from the growing outdoor recreation economy.

Project Size - Project award minimum \$1,000,000
- total state cap \$45,952,383

NOFO can be found here: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2024-15061.pdf>

Application Deadline: October 16, 2024 @ 11:59 PM ET

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Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

This program helps communities identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their main streets.

Eligible Applicants:

- Partnerships between:
 - a. Two community-based nonprofit organizations (CBO) or
 - b. Partnerships between a CBO and a federally recognized local government or institution of higher education.

Eligible Projects:

- Constructing new, expanded or enhanced bikeways, walkways or non-motorized urban trails that reduce vehicle miles traveled and related air pollution by providing safe routes for zero-emission travel between residences, workplaces, commercial and community centers and schools.
- Purchasing, constructing and/or installing infrastructure, equipment or facilities to create and/or support low or zero-emission transportation options.
- All applications must demonstrate that the projects will benefit disadvantaged communities.

No cost sharing or match is required as a condition of eligibility.

Project Size:

- Project Track I - awards between \$10-20 million
- Project Track II - awards between \$1-3 million.

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-08/environmental-and-climate-justice-community-change-grants-program-notice-of-funding-opportunity-nofo-august-2024.pdf>

Application Deadline: Open application until Thursday, November 21, 2024.

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Jobs Opportunities

CURRENT JOBS OPEN IN THE AREA

CITY OF REPUBLIC - DATA ENGINEER

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF REPUBLIC WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/REPUBLICMO](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo)

CITY OF OZARK - ASSISTANT PLANNER

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF OZARK WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://OZARKMISSOURI.COM/JOBS.ASPX?](https://ozarkmissouri.com/jobs.aspx?uniqueid=71&from=all&communityjobs=false&jobid=assistant-planner-154)

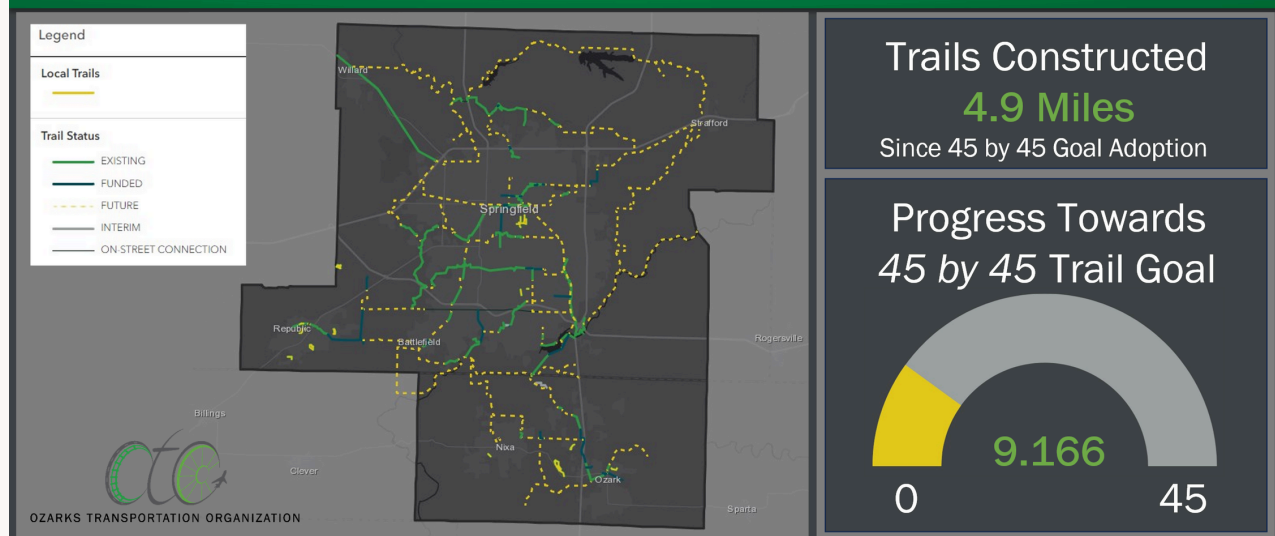
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CITY OF SPRINGFIELD - PLAN REVIEW SPECIALIST

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/SPRINGFIELDMO/JOBS/4629351/PLAN-REVIEW-SPECIALIST](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4629351/plan-review-specialist)

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) BASIC TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MODOT, LTAP IS HOSTING A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) BASIC TRAINING – PERSON OF RESPONSIBLE CHARGE THREE-PART SERIES TRAINING.

PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL AGENCIES USING TITLE 23 FEDERAL FUNDS REQUIRE THE LOCAL AGENCY TO HAVE A “QUALIFIED PERSON OF RESPONSIBLE CHARGE” WHO IS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PROJECT.

SESSION OVERVIEW CAN BE FOUND BELOW AND A REGISTRATION LINK (ONE LINK FOR ALL 3 SESSIONS) CAN BE FOUND ON THE MISSOURI LOCAL TRAINING & RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.MLTRC.ORG/ASSNFE/EV.ASP?ID=2573](https://www.mltrc.org/assnfe/ev.asp?id=2573)

PART I TOPICS COVERED: - NOVEMBER 13, 2024 - 12:30 PM TO 2:00 PM

GETTING STARTED

AUDITS AND REVIEWS

PLANNING A PROJECT

HIRING A CONSULTANT

PART II TOPICS COVERED: - NOVEMBER 19, 2024 - 12:30 PM TO 3:00 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS

DEVELOPING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROJECT ESTIMATE

BUYING RIGHT OF WAY

PART III TOPICS COVERED: - NOVEMBER 20, 2024 – 9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

BIDDING A PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT

FINAL CLOSE OUT OF A PROJECT



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