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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SEPTEMBER 2024



CHADWICK FLYER TRAIL PHASE III REST AREA



WELCOME TO OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION'S

Monthly Update

Board of Directors Meeting - September 19, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

Legislative Breakfast - October 10, 2024 @ 7:30 AM

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

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

Local Project Updates

- Chadwick Flyer Phase II – Project under construction and paving completed!
- Resurfacing Projects – Springfield and Willard resurfacing projects will begin construction soon.
- Wilson's Creek Trail – Work is substantially complete on this project.
- 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!
- Shuyler Creek – Bids were opened on this project last week! More to come!



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



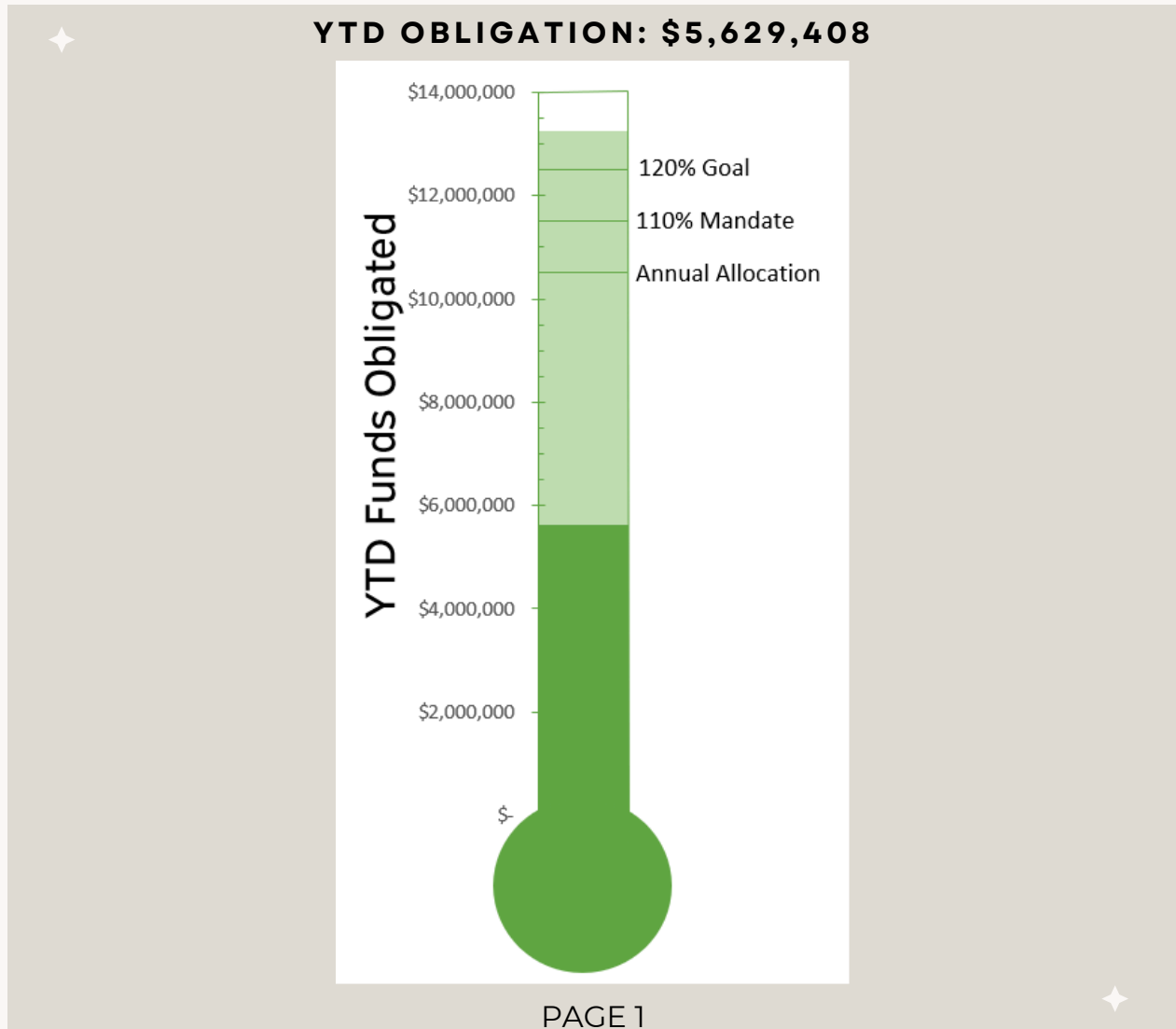
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Federal Funds Obligation Tracker



Federal Funds Balance - The OTO area must obligate \$11.5 million by September 30, 2024 or the allocated funds will go back to MODOT for use on MODOT roads. To limit the accumulation of funds, MODOT has established a statewide goal that 120 percent of allocated funds are obligated each year. OTO's jurisdictions have obligated \$5.6 million through August 31, 2025.

The dark green represents the amount that has been obligated by FHWA. The light green represents the amount requested for obligation on OTO projects. These pending obligations have been submitted to MoDOT Financial Services for approval by MoDOT and FHWA. The amount of pending and obligated federal funds for OTO projects is \$13,239,480 as of 9am on September 5, 2024. This is approximately 126% 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

Reconnecting Communities

The BIL established the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. The goal of the program is to advance community-centered transportation connection projects that improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration.

There are two application tracts for this grant:

1. Construction Grants
2. Community Planning Grants

Project Size - minimum award is \$5 million to \$100 million.

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rcn-program/rcn-notice-funding-opportunity>

Application Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 PM ET

Grant Writing Clinics:

 September 13

Registration can be found here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscuutqjsqEtB5_r3wCm3NPZlxXgR_BWg#/registration

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Railroad Crossing Elimination Program

The program aims to improve the safety and mobility of highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossings, enhance rail infrastructure, and reduce the impact of freight movement on underserved communities.

Eligible Projects:

- Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or a combination
- Track Relocation
- The improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures that improve safety, provided that they are related to a separation or relocation projects
- Planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project

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: September 23 @ 11:59 PM ET

MoDOT Cost Share Program

Eligible Projects

State highway and bridge projects.

Project Size - MoDOT partners at 50% on approved projects.

Application Deadline: September 23, 2024

Other Grant Applications Closing in September

- **Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)**
Deadline September 23, 2024 @ 11:59 PM ET

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.

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Jobs Opportunities

CURRENT JOBS OPEN IN THE AREA

OZARK GREENWAYS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE OZARK GREENWAYS WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.OZARKGREENWAYS.ORG/NEWS/WE-ARE-HIRING/](https://www.ozarkgreenways.org/news/we-are-hiring/)

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)

MODOT - INTERN (PLANNING DEPARTMENT)

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE MODOT WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://MOCAREERS.MO.GOV/HIRETRUE/CE3/JOB-BOARD/5EFFE9B2-4B89-494B-AC76-C45E25190768/83B0E53D-B91B-4595-B522-5AB64C0D19EC?JB=1](https://mocareers.mo.gov/hiretrue/ce3/job-board/5effe9b2-4b89-494b-ac76-c45e25190768/83b0e53d-b91b-4595-b522-5ab64c0d19ec?JB=1)

CITY OF OZARK - ASSISTANT PLANNER

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF OZARK WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://OZARKMISSOURI.COM/JOBS.ASPX?UNIQUEID=71&FROM=ALL&COMMUNITYJOBS=FALSE&JOBID=ASSISTANT-PLANNER-154](https://ozarkmissouri.com/jobs.aspx?uniqueid=71&from=all&communityjobs=false&jobid=assistant-planner-154)



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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE MASTER PLAN OF AGING

THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES IS CURRENTLY DOING ITS STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE MASTER PLAN OF AGING. THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT INCLUDES A SURVEY THAT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY ANYONE THAT FITS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: AN ADULT AGE 50 OR OLDER; AN ADULT AGE 18 OR OLDER WITH A DISABILITY; OR AN UNPAID CAREGIVER AGE 18 OR OLDER TO AN ADULT. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AND THE [SURVEY](https://health.mo.gov/seniors/masterplanaging/) AT [HTTPS://HEALTH.MO.GOV/SENIORS/MASTERPLANAGING/](https://health.mo.gov/seniors/masterplanaging/).

INPUT CAN BE ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2024.

SAFE STREETS SAFETY ACTION PLAN POP UP DEMONSTRATION

THERE WILL BE A POP UP DEMONSTRATION OF THE DESTINATION SAFE STREETS SAFETY ACTION PLAN. MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING LOCATION AND TIMES WILL BE POSTED ON THE OTO WEBSITE. UPDATES COMING!

POP UP: OCTOBER 7, 2024



CITY OF REPUBLIC AWARDED A SS4A PLANNING GRANT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF REPUBLIC FOR BEING AWARDED \$240,000 FOR A SS4A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FOR AN ADA TRANSITION PLAN!!