

TIGER Grant

What is a TIGER Grant?

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated nearly \$4.6 billion for seven rounds of TIGER to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

The DOT receives hundreds of applications every year and only a handful are selected. The types of projects can be grouped into one of six categories: transit, planning, rail, port, bicycle & pedestrian and road.



Funding

Congress has dedicated nearly \$4.6 billion over seven rounds in the TIGER Grant's existence: \$1.5 billion for TIGER I, \$600 million for TIGER II, \$527 million for TIGER III, \$500 million for TIGER IV, \$474 million for TIGER V, \$600 million for TIGER VI, and \$500 million for TIGER VII. The applicant must match at least 20% of the amount requested. The minimum award amount for rural areas is \$1 million. For urban areas the minimum award amount is \$5 million.



Who is Eligible to get a TIGER Grant?

TIGER Grants can provide capital funding directly to any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments, MPOs, or others in contrast to traditional Federal programs which provide funding to very specific groups of applicants (mostly State DOTs and transit agencies). Applicants must detail the benefits their project would deliver for five long-term outcomes: safety, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, quality of life and environmental sustainability. DOT also evaluates projects on innovation, partnerships, project readiness, benefit cost analysis and cost share.



The MAASTO TPIMS TIGER Grant Proposal



Award Overview

In 2015, eight MAASTO states – Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin – submitted and won a \$25 million TIGER Grant award for a

regional Truck Parking Information Management System (TPIMS). The project will provide commercial truck drivers with the information they need to find parking along their routes by utilizing multiple forms of communications, including dynamic messaging signs, cell phone applications, state 511 travel information sites and other on-board communication technology. The TPIMS project will improve truck safety, efficiency and way-finding, as well as to better align with the needs for truck drivers.

MAASTO Breakdown by State	Federal TIGER Grant Award	State Contribution	Total
Indiana	\$4,149,750.50	\$608,580.00	\$4,758,330.50
lowa	\$3,396,323.36	\$498,086.00	\$3,894,409.36
Kansas	\$3,319,800.40	\$486,864.00	\$3,806,664.40
Kentucky	\$2,780,262.83	\$407,738.00	\$3,188,000.83
Michigan	\$2,741,195.22	\$402,009.00	\$3,143,204.22
Minnesota	\$1,210,326.85	\$177,500.00	\$1,387,826.85
Ohio	\$5,356,717.98	\$785,587.00	\$6,142,304.98
Wisconsin	\$2,045,622.84	\$300,000.00	\$2,345,622.84
Total	\$25,000,000.00	\$3,666,364.00	\$28,666,364.00

Project Funding

The Regional TPIMS Project has a total estimated capital cost of \$28.6 million (in 2015 dollars). The Regional TPIMS is funded through a \$25 million Federal TIGER grant and state contribution funds as shown in the table above. The multi-state collaboration will provide cost efficiencies and innovations in design, procurement and deployment of TPIMS across the MAASTO region.



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