

APRIL 2025

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ozarks Transportation Organization's Monthly Update

Local Project Update

- Resurfacing of approximately 16 miles of various local roads in Springfield continues. Please watch for work zones.
- Construction of the Chadwick Flyer overpass has begun!
- The first phase of I-44 was started and the official groundbreaking ceremony is April 4th, at 10:30am at the Crossway Baptist church.



Springfield Resurfacing Project

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings at OTO Offices
2208 W CHESTERFIELD BLVD SUITE 101
SPRINGFIELD, MO

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory
Committee

APRIL 15, 2025
1:00 PM

L RTP Visioning
APRIL 16, 2025
11:30 AM

Technical Planning Committee

APRIL 16, 2025
1:30 PM

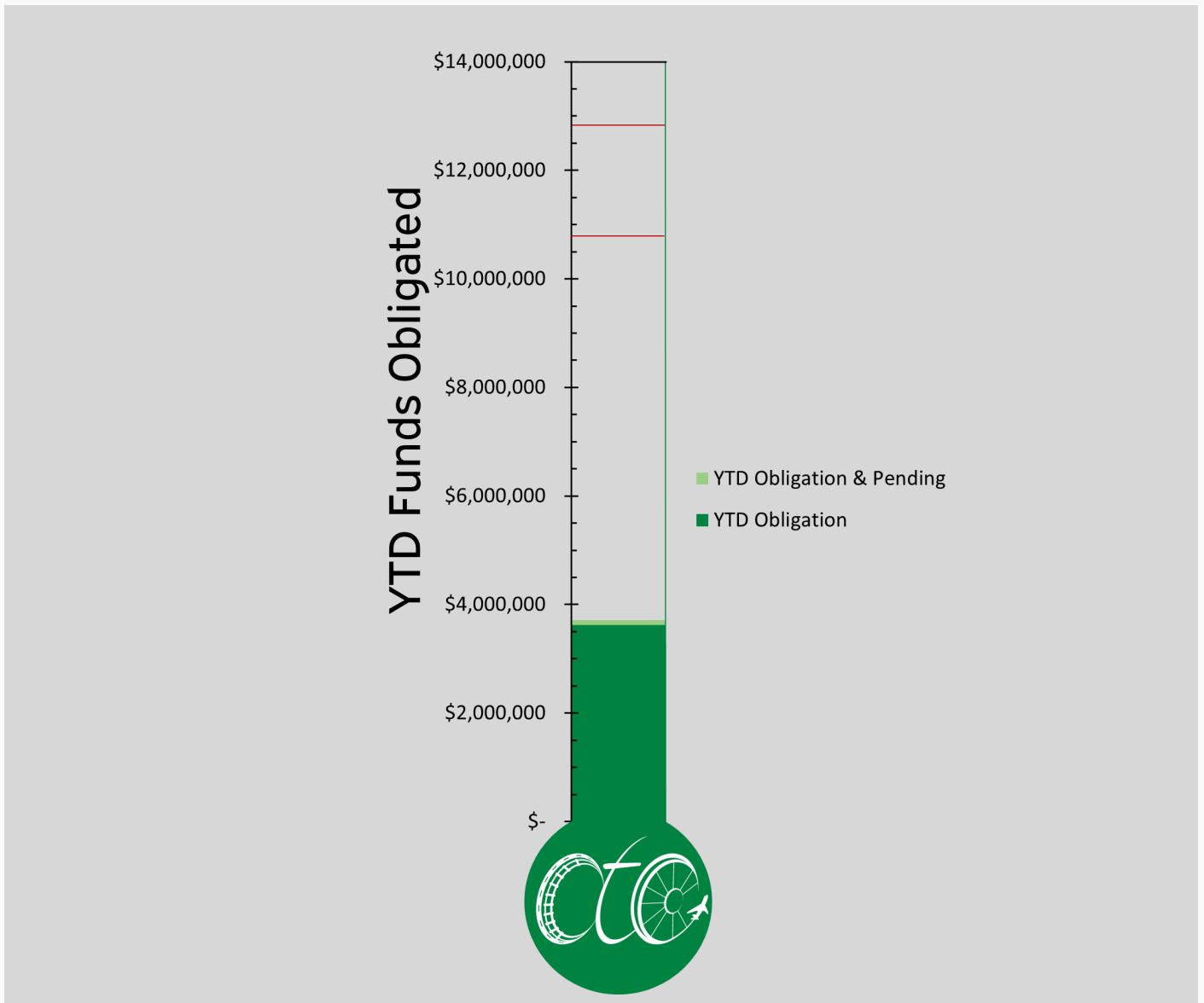
Executive Committee

APRIL 23, 2025
12:00 PM





OBLIGATION UPDATE



THE OTO AREA MUST OBLIGATE ANOTHER \$7.1 MILLION BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 OR MODOT WILL TAKE FUNDING TO USE ON MODOT ROADS.

In the past, MoDOT has limited OTO to no more than three years of accumulated funding as a balance. To limit the accumulation of funds and to maximize August redistribution, MoDOT has now established a statewide goal that 120 percent of allocated funds are obligated each year, with 100 percent as the minimum amount to be obligated. As OTO received \$10.7 million for FY 2025, the minimum amount to be obligated is \$10.7 million, with a goal of \$12.6 million.



2025 OTO Sidewalk/Trail Call for Projects

OTO

The OTO has issued a Call for Projects for the 2025 OTO Sidewalk/Trail Funding. The estimated amount of funding available through FY 2027 is about \$3.2 million. The amount awarded through this call for projects will be dependent upon the types of applications received.



OTO will set aside 10% of the available CRP/TAP funding for Sidewalk and Trail Engineering projects. These projects will only include funding for preliminary engineering (PE)/design of a sidewalk or trail project and will be evaluated separately with the same scoring criteria.

Eligible Projects: Construction, planning, and design of transportation-related bicycle and pedestrian off-road trails and sidewalks, and associated infrastructure: crosswalk enhancements, including under- and over-passes.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

Applications have to be submitted online through **OTO's TIP tool**. The guidebook includes a description on how to create an account and the 2025 OTO Sidewalk/Trail Funding Application Walkthrough provides a step-by-step guide with screenshots on how to submit an application.

Trail and Sidewalk Opportunities

OTO WEBSITE
[HTTPS://WWW.OZARKSTRANSPORTATION.ORG/OUR-RESOURCES/GRANTS](https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/our-resources/grants)



FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

US DOT

The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy and our goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach.

Implementation Grants provide Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Eligible projects and strategies can be infrastructural, behavioral, and/or operational activities.

Implementation Grants may also include supplemental planning and demonstration activities to inform an existing Action Plan, and project-level planning, design, and development activities.

Applicants must have an eligible comprehensive safety action plan (referred to as an "Action Plan") to apply for an Implementation Grant.

Eligible Projects:

- Develop a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan).
- Conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan.
- Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- Perform planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- Implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.

Award Size: Implementation Grants - \$2.5 million to \$25 million
Planning and Demonstration Grants - \$100 k to \$5 million

Application information can be found here:
<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358587>

Application Due Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Applications must be submitted via VALID EVAL, an online submission proposal system used by USDOT.

OTO Safety Action Plan Complete

JURISDICTIONS CAN
REFERENCE THEIR
PROJECTS IN THE OTO'S
SAFETY ACTION PLAN TO
APPLY FOR SS4A
IMPLEMENTATION
GRANTS

[HTTPS://WWW.OZARKSTRANSPORTATION.ORG/OUR-RESOURCES/REPORTS-AND-STUDIES#B-SS4A-SAFETY-ACTION-PLAN](https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/our-resources/reports-and-studies#B-SS4A-SAFETY-ACTION-PLAN)





Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP)

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
(MODNR)

MoDNR is now accepting applications under the ORLP program for projects that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks and form connections between people and outdoors.

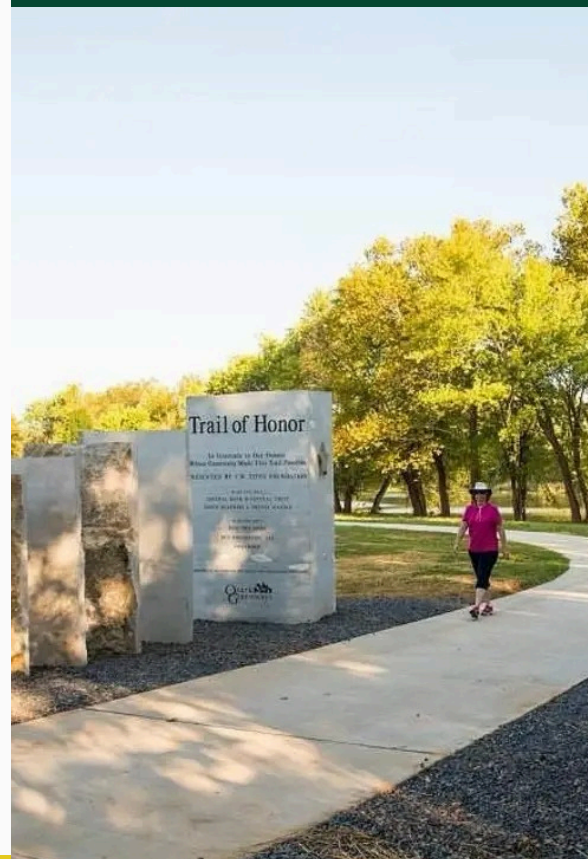


Eligible applicants include state agencies and local governments, including special purpose districts. The state agency or local government must be located within a community that is determined to be underserved and that had a population of 25,000 or more in the 2020 census. **Awards will range from \$300,000 to \$15 million.** 50% non-Federal cost share required.

Application Deadline: Bi-Annual, next deadline is August 19, 2025

<https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>
The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks has been designated the lead funding agency in Missouri. The federal NOFO can be found here: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/357672>

NOFOS
published
prior to
January 20
2025 may
include items
that may be
updated.





MoDOT Long Range Transportation Plan

PUBLIC INPUT

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is in the process of updating its current Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and State Freight and Rail Plan (SFRP). MoDOT is soliciting feedback from Missourians on transportation priorities to help determine the goals for the state's 25-year transportation vision. MoDOT values your insights and perspectives, which are crucial in shaping the future of transportation in our state.

Make your voice heard and take the survey:

[Home](#) | [MoDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan and State Freight & Rail Plan](#)

For more information, visit their website: [Long-Range Transportation Plan and State Freight and Rail Plan Updates](#) | [Missouri Department of Transportation](#)

MoDOT Freight Enhancement Program FY 2026

MODOT GRANT

Freight Enhancement funds must be used for transportation purposes other than roads. Freight enhancement funds are limited to capital projects such as the construction of improvements or purchase of equipment that support the 2022 State Freight and Rail Plan's identified goals objectives, strategies, actions or needs. Applications are due May 7, 2025 with \$1,750,000 available (max \$700,000 for a projects) with 20% local match. Projects must be delivered by June 15, 2026.

Application information can be found here:

<https://www.modot.org/media/51373>

MoDOT
breaks
ground on
major I-44
project this
Friday, April 4

CROSSWAY BAPTIST
CHURCH





Job Openings

SMCOG - Senior Planner <https://www.smcog.org/jobs>

SMCOG - Associate Planner <https://www.smcog.org/jobs>

City of Springfield - Environmental Specialist
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4786556/environmental-specialist?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Springfield - Senior City Planner
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4865570/senior-city-planner-economic-vitality?page=3&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Springfield - Environmental Services Intern
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4583676/environmental-services-intern-water-quality-engineering>

City of Republic - Data Engineer
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4643945/data-engineer?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Republic - GIS & Data Coordinator
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4807025/gis-data-coordinator?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Republic - Public Works Director
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4699589/public-works-director?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Missouri State University - Community Focus Data manager - OPHI
<https://jobs.missouristate.edu/postings/80826>

Missouri State University - Community Focus Facilitator - OPHI
<https://jobs.missouristate.edu/postings/80906>