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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 2024

WILSON'S CREEK BOULEVARD TRAIL



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Monthly Update

Board of Director's Meeting - July 18, 2024

Local Project Updates

- Chadwick Flyer Phase II (City of Ozark) bids were opened on April 18th and we look forward to construction getting started!
- Wilson's Creek Trail - This project is currently under construction along Route ZZ from Republic High School to Farm Road 182. Progress continues!
- EV Charger Project - An RFP is anticipated for Summer 2024 for design and installation services.
- Shuyler Trail - The tentative bid date is August 13, 2024.
- The following Preliminary Engineering and Design Projects have selected consultants and are working towards contract negotiations:
 - City of Ozark - Phase I of N Ozark Greenway Trail, Western Expansion Finley River Trail, Chadwick Flyer Trail Phase I/Jackson Street Connection
 - Ozark Greenways - Fassnight Creek Greenway - Skate Park to Fort, South Creek Greenway - Posenke Gap, Ward Branch Greenway - National Avenue to Fremont Avenue.



In this newsletter you will find:

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

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

Eligible Projects

There are two application tracts for this grant:

1. Corridor Charging: To deploy electric vehicle charging and hydrogen/propane/natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated alternative fuel corridors.
2. Community Charging: To install electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel in locations on public roads, schools, parks, and in publicly accessible parking facilities.

Project Size - minimum award \$500,000 and maximum award \$15 million.

Application Deadline: August 28, 2024

MoDOT Cost Share Program

Eligible Projects

State highway and bridge projects.

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

MoDOT SW District Coordination Date:

June 23, 2024

Application Deadline: September 23, 2024

Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)

Eligible Projects

ATIIP projects will help improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off- road active transportation infrastructure; help protect the environment; and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities.

Project Size - average award is \$100,000 to \$15,000,000

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/active-transportation-infrastructure-investment-program-atiip>

Application Deadline: July 17, 2024

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OTO Transportation Alternatives Program

The estimated amount of funding available through FY 2027 is about \$3.5 million. OTO will set aside at least 10% of the available TAP/CRP funding for Trail and Sidewalk Engineering projects. These projects will only include funding for preliminary engineering (PE)/design of a sidewalk or trail project.

Eligible Projects:

Construction, planning, and design of transportation-related bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including:

- trails
- sidewalks
- crosswalks, overpasses, underpasses, and related improvements

Right-of-way is not eligible.

Project Size - Projects over \$100,000 preferred - total available \$3.5 million

Application link and instruction are on the OTO Grant Webpage:

<https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/our-resources/grants>

Application Deadline: Thursday, August 1, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

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 0 to \$100 million.

NOFO can be found here:

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

Application Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time)

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Railroad Crossing Elimination Program

**Official NOFO is being released tomorrow,
July 10, 2024.**

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

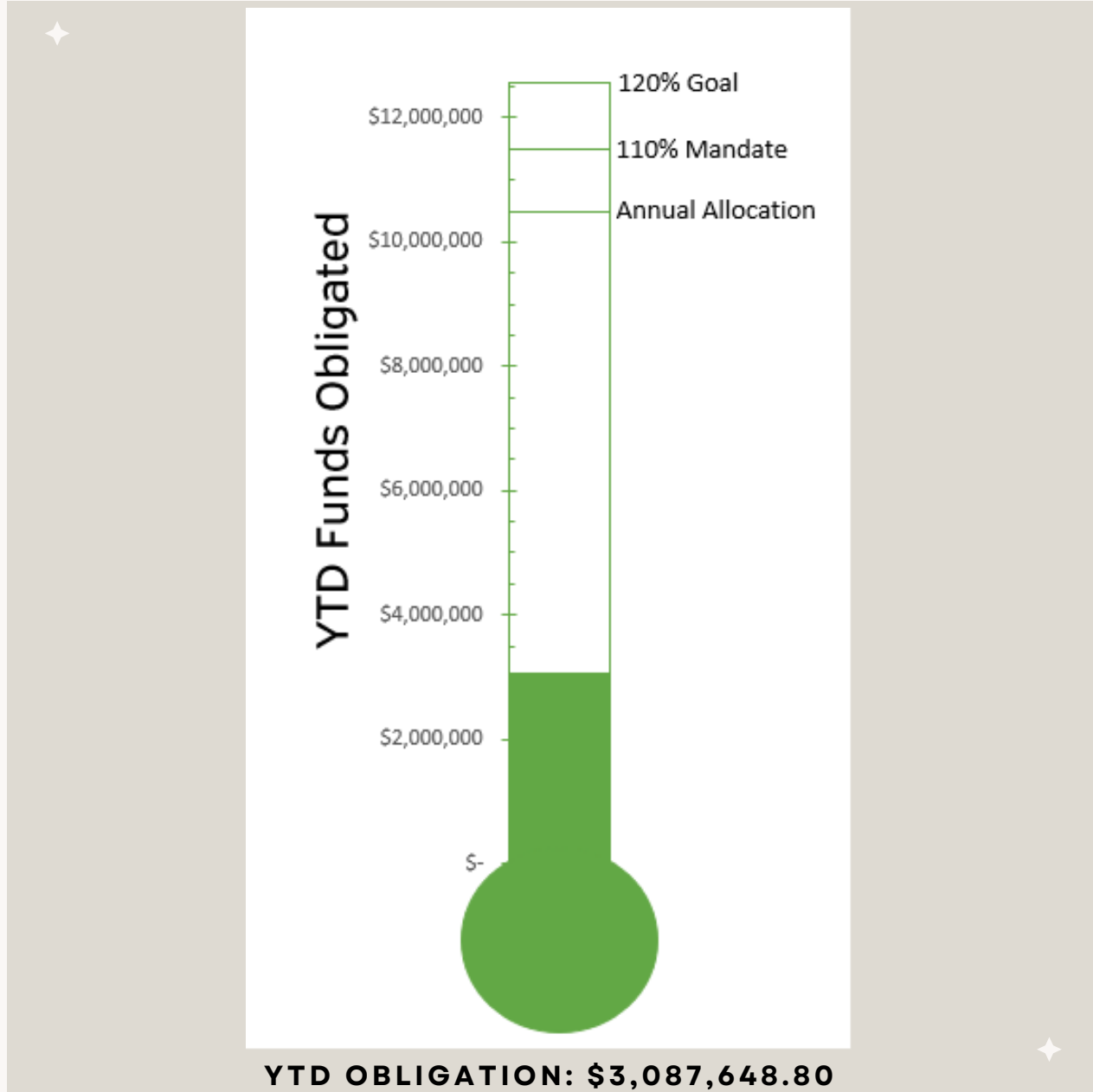
NOFO can be found here: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2024-15061.pdf>

Application Deadline: September 20
(Tentative)

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Federal Funds Obligation Tracker



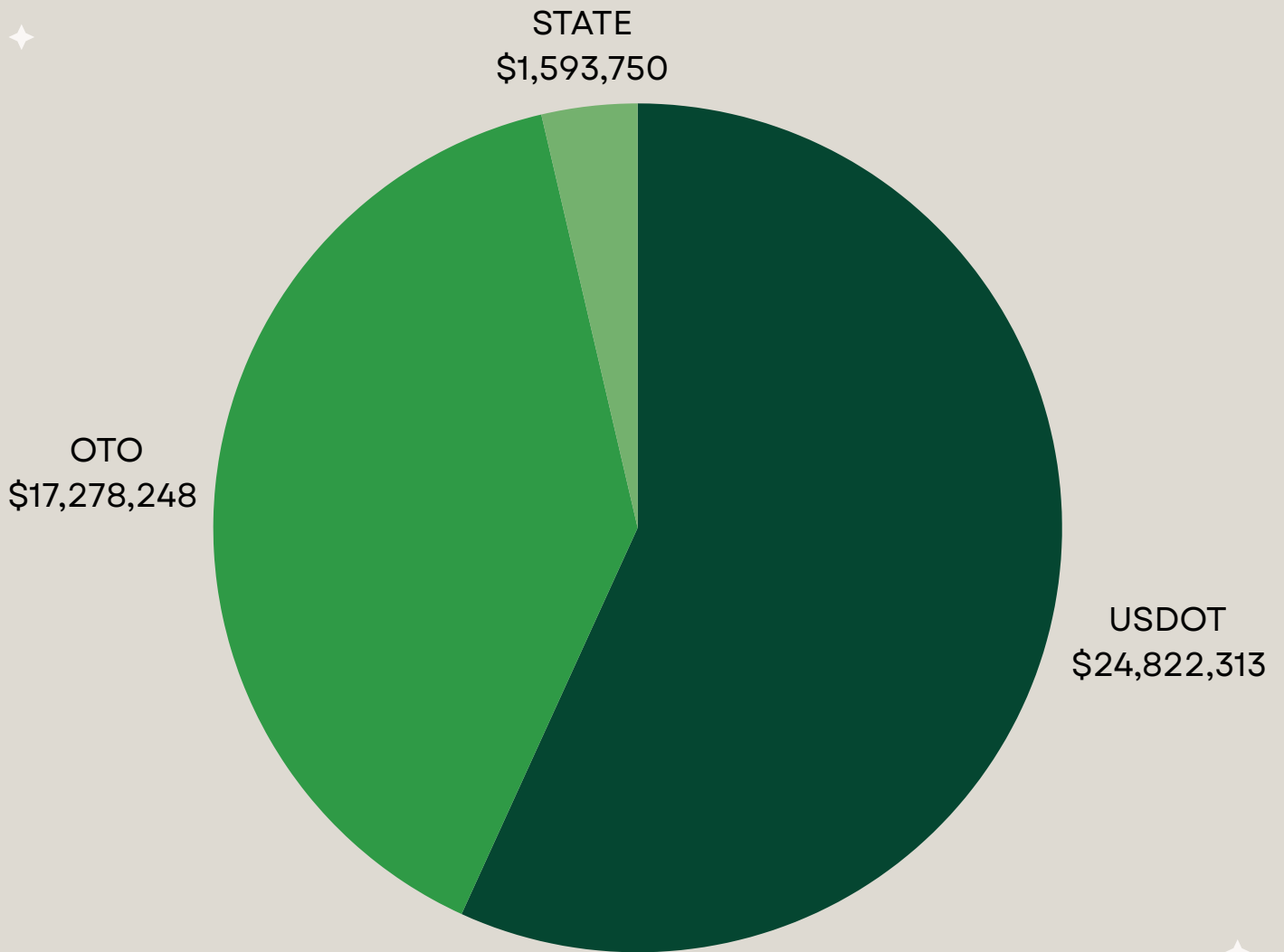
Federal Funds Balance

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 \$3.08 million through June 30, 2024.



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Trail Investments Since 2021



Approximate funding

7.6
MILES
BUILT TRAILS

\$43.7
MILLION
TRAIL FUNDING



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“Towards a Regional Trail System Benchmarks”



In July 2021, the OTO Board of Directors adopted “Towards a Regional Trail System” as the regional trail plan and laid out a vision for **45 by 45**, or **45 miles of new trail by 2045**. To accomplish this goal **OTO set two benchmarks**:

- 1. Average of 6 miles of new trail every 3 years and**
- 2. Average \$6 million invested in trails every 3 years.**

Reaching the **first 3-year benchmark** since setting the goal, OTO is proud to announce that the region has **built 7.6 miles** of new trail, including portions of the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark and in Greene and Christian County, a multi-use path along Truman Blvd in Nixa, a multi-use trail along the Kansas Expressway Extension in Greene County, portions of the Grant Ave Parkway in Springfield and parts of the Fassnacht Creek trail in Springfield.

Including the newly funded trails of the RAISE Grant, the **region has 10.861 miles of trails funded since 2021** including a trail connector to the Trails of Tears trail in Battlefield, multiple phases of the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark with an overpass of US 65, the Wilson Creek Blvd Trail in Republic, Cheyenne Trail in Nixa, and a pedestrian and bicycle underpass of I-44. Even more trails are being built with prior funding, including Shuyler Creek Trail in Republic, the final portions of the Grant Ave Parkway in Springfield, and the Galloway Street side path in Springfield.



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Area Jobs Opportunities

Current Jobs Open in the Area:

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD - ENGINEER III - PAVEMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S WEBSITE.

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 - ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF REPUBLIC WEBSITE:

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

CITY OF NIXA - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CODE ADMINISTRATOR

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF NIXA WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.NIXA.COM/JOB/PLANNING-AND-DEVELOPMENT-CODE-ADMINISTRATOR/](https://www.nixa.com/job/planning-and-development-code-administrator/)

GREENE COUNTY - PROJECT MANAGER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Information can be found on the Greene County website:

<https://mo-greenecounty.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx>



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