

MAY 2025

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ozarks Transportation Organization's Monthly Update

## Local Project Update

- A number of trail projects have recently opened bids or will be opening bids in the coming weeks.
- Construction of the Chadwick Flyer overpass has begun!
- The first phase of the I-44 rebuild and widening is underway. Watch out for the work zone!



Shuyler Creek Trail Extension, Republic, MO

## Upcoming Meetings

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

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory  
Committee (BPAC)  
MAY 13, 2025  
1:00 PM

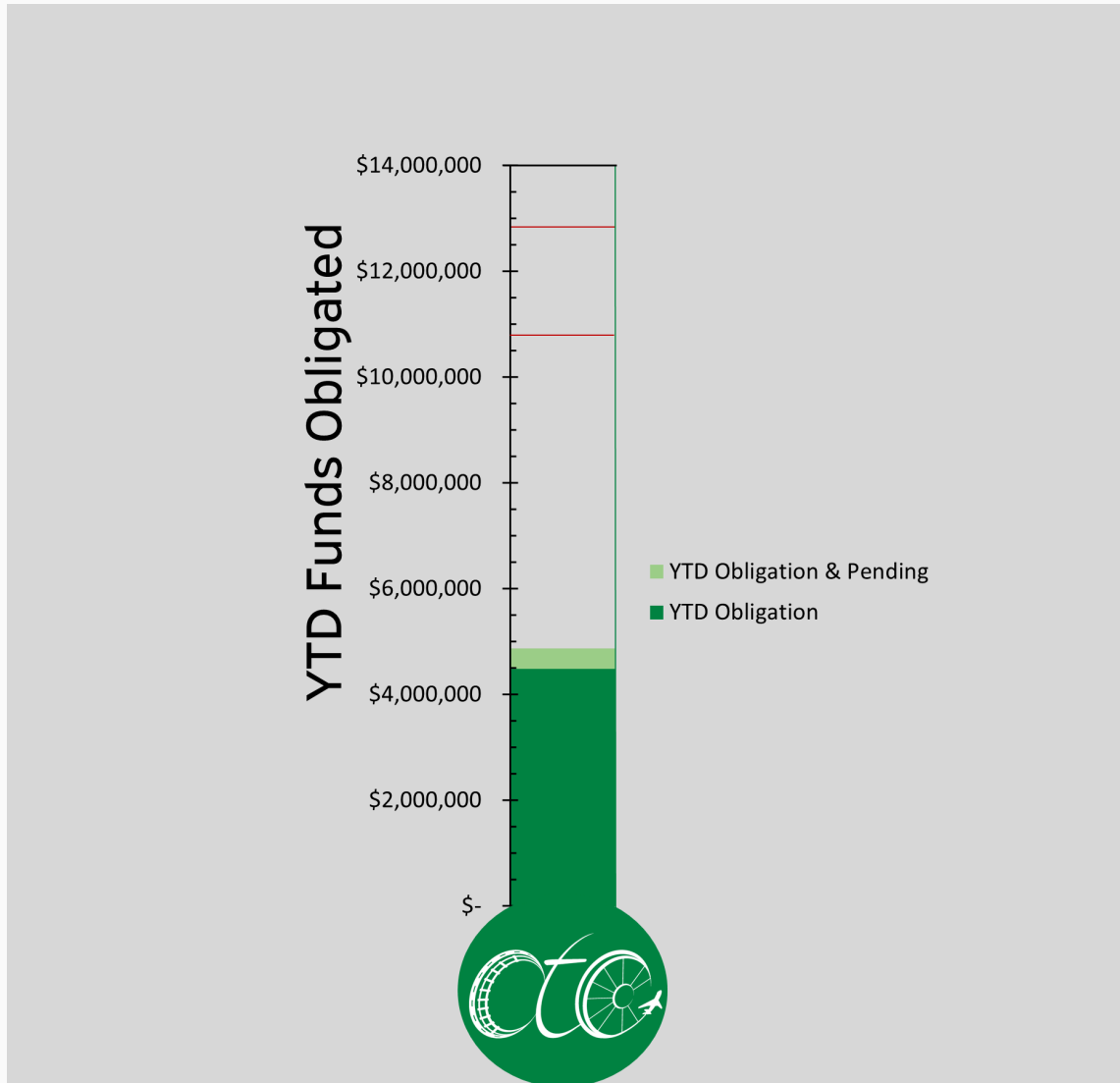
Board of Directors Meeting  
MAY 15, 2025  
12:00 PM

Board of Directors Orientation  
MAY 20, 2025  
10:00 AM





# OBLIGATION UPDATE



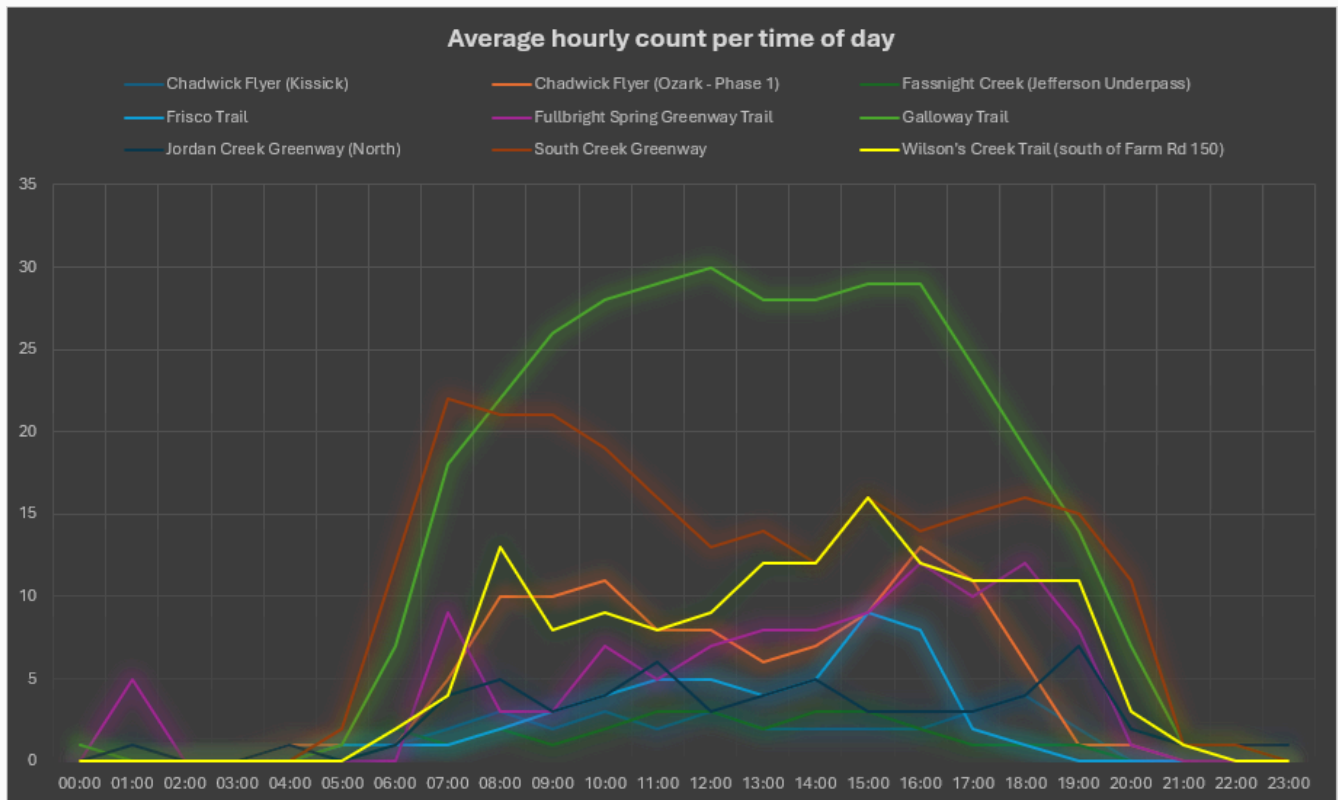
THE OTO AREA MUST OBLIGATE ANOTHER \$7.3 MILLION BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 OR MODOT WILL TAKE FUNDING TO USE ON MODOT ROADS. In the past, MoDOT has limited OTO to no more than three years of accumulated funding as a balance. To limit the accumulation of funds and to maximize August redistribution, MoDOT 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.

As of May 7th, 2025, OTO has obligated \$3,402,048.75 or about 32% of OTO's annual allocation, and has another \$383,160 pending.





## OTO Trails Average Hourly Trail Count



Graphic of average counts per hour of day for regional trails from counts between 2023 and early April 2025.

The OTO has a trail counter and is available to take trail counts on OTO area trails to assist in your planning and grant applications.

The OTO offers a Trail Toolbox on the Ozarks Transportation Organization Website. A variety of rules and regulations need to be in place before a community can start requiring developers to dedicate right-of-way or construct new public trails. This toolbox will contain local best practices for building a strong regulatory framework for trails.



## FY26 FHWA Bridge Investment Program

US DOT - FHWA

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. It also expands applicant eligibilities to create opportunity for all levels of government to be direct recipients of program funds. Alongside states and federal lands management agencies, metropolitan planning organizations and local and tribal governments can also apply directly to FHWA, making it easier to advance projects at the local level that meet community needs.

The FHWA has opened a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for up to \$9.62 billion in FYs 2023 through 2026 Bridge Project grant applications and \$80 million in FYs 2023 through FY 2026 Planning Project grant applications under the Bridge Investment Program. Bridge Project Grants under the Bridge Investment Program are available for bridges with total eligible project costs up to \$100 million.

**Minimum grant awards** of \$2.5 million

**Maximum grant awards** of 80 percent of the total eligible project costs (\$100 million cap).

Planning Project grant applications are available for bridges with maximum grant awards of 80 percent of the total eligible project costs.

### **Application Deadline:**

Planning Application Deadlines - October 1, 2025

Bridge Project Application Deadline - November 1, 2025

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/bridge-investment-program>

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



US 65 Bridge, Ozark, MO



## 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.



Frisco Highline Trail, Willard, MO

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.

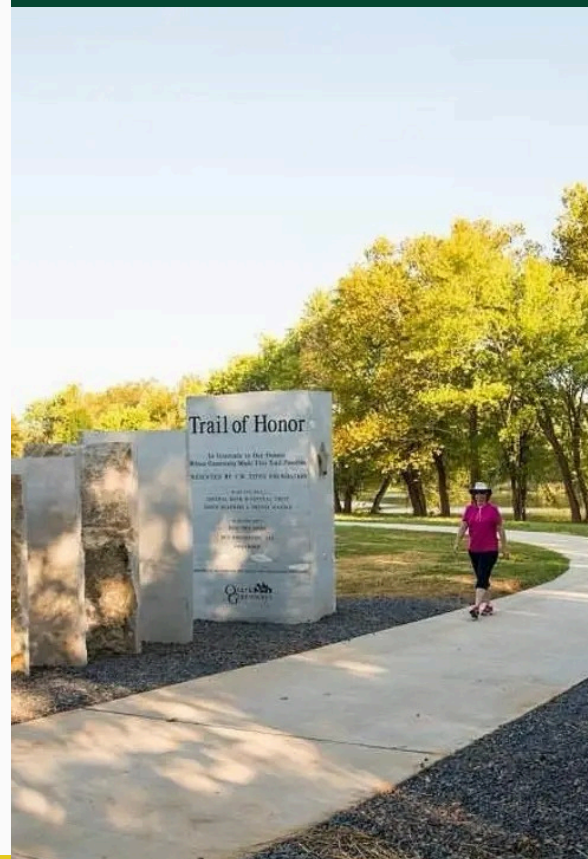
**Application Deadline:** Bi-Annual, next deadline is August 19, 2025

<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>

## OTO 2025 Sidewalk/Trail Funding Call for Projects Update

BPAC WILL MEET ON MAY 13 TO SCORE THE SIDEWALK AND TRAIL APPLICATIONS.

THE OTO RECEIVED 11 APPLICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4.8 MILLION FEDERAL DOLLARS. \$3.5 FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND \$1.2 FOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS.







## Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Grant Program

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BUILD AMERICA BUREAU (BUREAU)

The US DOT's BUREAU issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for up to \$20 million in no-match grants for the Regional Infrastructure accelerators Program (RIA).

The program funds technical resources, planning, and project development to expedite regional transportation infrastructure through innovative financing and delivery methods.

- Evaluate and promote innovative financing methods for local projects.
- Build the capacity of state, local, and tribal governments to evaluate and structure projects involving private investment.
- Provide technical assistance and information on best practices for infrastructure financing.
- Increase transparency in infrastructure project analysis and innovative financing for public infrastructure projects.
- Facilitate creation of pipelines of investment-ready infrastructure projects.
- Bundle smaller-scale and rural projects into more attractive, larger investment opportunities.

**Application Deadline:** June 16, 2025 at 11:59 pm EST

**Application can be found here:** <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358865>

## Department of Transportation Discretionary Grants Dashboard

[HTTPS://WWW.TRANSPORTATION.GOV/GRANTS/DASHBOARD](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard)

THE DOT DISCRETIONARY GRANTS DASHBOARD PROVIDES COMMUNITIES WITH AN OVERVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN HELP MEET THEIR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS. DESIGNED WITH ALL COMMUNITIES IN MIND, THE DASHBOARD IDENTIFIES GRANT PROGRAMS WITH RURAL AND TRIBAL SET-ASIDES OR MATCH WAIVERS AVAILABLE.



Jackson Street Underpass Ozark, MO



# Job Openings

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

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

City of Springfield - Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4897541/assistant-director-of-parks-recreation-recreation?page=1&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

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>