

Rio Grande Valley MPO Bike/Ped Funding Matrix

<u>Funding/Financing Source</u>	<u>Funding/Financing?</u>	<u>Eligibilities</u>	<u>Maximum Amount</u>	<u>Average Amount of Federal Funds</u>	<u>Timeline/ Deadline</u>	<u>Match Requirement</u>	<u>Source for Information</u>	<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Likelihood of Success</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Federal:											
RAISE (formerly known as TIGER/BUILD)	Funding	Eligible Projects are surface transportation capital projects within the U.S. or any territory of possession of the U.S. that include: 1) highway, bridge, or other road projects 2) public transportation projects 3) 11 passenger and freight rail transportation projects ; 4) port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry); 5) Intermodal projects; 6) projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on tribal land.	no less than \$5 million in urban areas, and no less than \$1 million in rural areas; no more than \$25 million per project; no minimum for RAISE planning grants; with no more than \$100 million per state		Deadline: July 12, 2021	20% in urban areas; might not be required in rural areas and areas of persistent poverty (as Secretary may increase federal share)	https://www.transportation.gov/RAISE-grants ; Urban eligibility: https://www.transportation.gov/RAISE-grants/urbanized-areas ; Areas of persistent poverty eligibility: https://datahub.transportation.gov/stories/s/tsy-d-k6ij	Large amounts of funding; can be multimodal	Extremely competitive	Very low	Primary selection criteria: Safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, and state of good repair; Secondary selection criteria: partnership and innovation.
Transportation Alternatives set-aside (TASA)	Funding	Area pop. of 200,000 or more, with 30%+ of plans complete for projects addressing: 1) on-road bicycle improvements, 2) off-road shared use paths, 3) improvements on abandoned rail corridors for non-motorized transport, 4) sidewalks, 5) improvements for safe routes to school, and 6) safety for non-motorized transportation			Deadline: June 14, 2021	80/20	Call for Projects: https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/ptn/programs/ta-program-guide.pdf	Higher amounts can be focused into priority projects	"Federalizing" projects creates administration burden; NEPA requirements	Higher	Administered by MPO; Money has to be spent (incl. portion for bike-ped; i.e. TxDOT can't turn it down or spent it all on roads). Texas doesn't spend more STP \$ than it has to
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	Financing	Applicants: State Governments; State Infrastructure Banks; Private Firms; Special Authorities Local Governments; Transportation Improvement Districts; Projects: Highways and Bridges; Intelligent Transportation Systems; Intermodal Connectors; Transit Vehicles and Facilities; Intercity Buses and Facilities; Freight Transfer Facilities; Pedestrian Bicycle Infrastructure Networks; Transit-Oriented Development; Rural Infrastructure Projects; Passenger Rail Vehicles and Facilities; Surface Transportation Elements of Port Projects	No maximum	Average \$476 million in TX	none	Up to 33% of total project cost for direct loan may be financed	https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/programs-services/tifia	Large amounts of financing	Need repayment source, high administrative burden, no projects in TX have been bike-ped	Higher (but financing/match/fed. bureaucracy make it more challenging)	See also State Infrastructure Bank
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Funding	Eligible applicant: State governments; Acquisition of public municipal park, recreation, conservation, open space lands, or natural/scenic resources, OR any public outdoor recreation project for which the applicant already owns the site	\$3,500,000	Average \$17.5 million per project in Texas	Deadline: April 30, 2021	50/50	Eligibility: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html ; https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html	Useful for projects involving federal or state parks and preservation of open space	Competitive; program has been cut significantly over the years and may not be reauthorized	Moderate	Used by agencies within Interior and Ag (NPS, BLM, FWS, USFS)

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (state and local program of LWCF)	Funding	<p>ORLP is a nationally competitive grant program that delivers funding to urban areas – jurisdictions of at least 50,000 people – with priority given to projects located in economically disadvantaged areas and lacking in outdoor recreation opportunities.</p> <p>These awards help urban communities address outdoor recreation deficits by supporting projects in cities and densely populated urbanized areas that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors.</p>	\$250,000		Deadline: April 30, 2021	Match required	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=outdoor%20recreation%20;	AS OF 2018, PROGRAM SEEMS TO HAVE LAPSED: https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282085 New program, est. in 2014, so hard to assess. Details harder to find.	Unknown	
Community Development Block Grant	Funding	<p>1-3 year project for which 70%+ of CDBG funds are used to benefit low/moderate-income persons. It must: 1) benefit low/moderate-income persons,2) prevent/eliminate slums/blight, OR 3) address urgent community development needs due to a serious and immediate threat to the health/welfare of the community, and other funding is not available</p>	No maximum	Average \$5.5 million annually in CC	Deadline : May 2021	No match required	<p>Eligibility: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs ;</p> <p>Average Amount: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-expenditure-reports/ ;</p> <p>Maximum Amount & Match Requirement: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HOME-CDBGGuidebook.pdf</p>	Very flexible funds Only certain census tracts (low/median income) eligible; has to be included in CDBG action plan	Moderate	There are a number of different ways funds can be used, so average annual amount to CC is not entirely illuminative. In the City of Brownsville, only 5% of CDBG funding is used for bike-ped initiatives (specifically parks, recreational facilities, and sidewalks)
Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	Funding	<p>Must be on a Federal Lands Access Transportation Facility involving: 1) transportation planning, research, engineering, maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, and construction, of FLATFs located on/adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal lands, 2) operation and maintenance of transit facilities, OR 3) any transportation project eligible under title 23, U.S. Code, that is within/adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal land</p>	No explicit maximum, although programs seem to be capped historically at around \$10 million in funding	Average amount about \$3 million per project in TX	Next Call for Projects is tentatively scheduled for October 2021	80/20	<p>Eligibility: https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/documents/FLAP%20Implem%20Guide.pdf ; Maximum Amount & Average Amount: https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/docs/federal-lands/programs-planning/tip/34156/cflhd-2021-2024-tip_final_11_18.pdf</p>	Includes dedicated funding for bike-ped access	Has to be on federal land or facilitate access to federal land	Moderate
Economic Development Administration - Public Works and Technical Assistance Grants	Funding	<p>Construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects that support economic development strategies and advance economic prosperity in distressed communities</p>	\$30,000,000	Average funding \$700,000 per project in CC	Rolling	50/50	<p>Eligibility & Maximum Amount: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html ; Average Amount: https://www.eda.gov/annual-reports/</p>	Focused on economic development	Limited eligibility - has to be part of an economic revitalization program in a distressed area; program is at risk	lower-moderate
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)	Funding	<p>Flexible - provides funding for localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge, and tunnel projects on any public road, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure</p>	None	Unknown - no historical account of past projects available, and Brownsville MPO just sent us TIP report when we asked for more info. MD research says on average there is \$1 million for infrastructure grants and \$300,000 for technical assistance grants		80/20	<p>Eligibility & Match Requirement: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/160307.cfm</p>	Could be an option for a compelling project and help set a new precedent depending on the mood at USDOT	Lower-moderate	MPO & state administered

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (National Park Service)	Funding	The role of NPS must fit its mission and the project must advance 1+ of NPS's strategic initiatives: Must Promote natural resource conservation or outdoor recreation in the near future.; Roles and contributions of project partners are significant and well-defined; There is evidence of broad community support for the project; The project fits with our focus areas (although proposals falling outside these areas are	No funding provided (guidance from specialists)	No funding provided	Deadline: March 1, 2021	Not applicable	https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm ; Eligibility: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/upload/RTCA_Application_Form_2020-2.pdf	Can help move projects forward with assistance from NPS	No funding given; only for technical assistance	Lower	Prior research on the MU document indicates that some funding can be provided, but FAQ page (see first link provided) indicates that this program only provides guidance and does not give projects ANY funding ; Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-Texas Partners for Conservation	Funding	potential availability of funding for agreements for the purpose of leveraging NRCS resources, addressing local natural resource issues, encouraging collaboration and developing state-and-community-level conservation leadership.	\$75,000		Deadline: June 1, 2021	None	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/tx/people/partners/?cid=nrcseprd1750632	Can be an options for environmental aspect of project funds.		Moderate	Awarded organizations will be required to attend administrative training and may be required to present project updates in the form of a formal presentation to the Texas NRCS Leadership. Organizations may use this opportunity to request additional funding for existing Texas Partners for Conservation agreements.
Highway Safety Improvement Program	Funding	In Texas, projects are limited to improvements that address the serious (car) crash types identified in the most current Texas SHSP	\$10 million	About \$800,000 per project in Texas		90/10	Eligibility: http://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/txdotmanuals/hsi/highway_safety_improvement_program.htm ; Maximum Amount: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/2016/HSIP-Guidelines.pdf ; Average Amount: http://www.nctcog.org/trans/safety/documents/HSIP_2016_Final_FTW.pdf ; Match Requirement: http://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/txdotmanuals/hsi/hsi.pdf	Ties funding to safety improvements	In TX, funds only apply to serious highway car crash risks. Only has been used for projects in Dallas and Fort Worth. Typically not used for large-scale projects or anything more than discrete improvements	Very low	
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	Funding	1) New recreational trails, 2) trail rehab, 3) trail-side/head facilities, 4) accessibility of trails to those with disabilities, 5) easements, leases, or fee simple for trails/trail corridors, 6) educational signage, and 7) environmental mitigation	\$200,000 for non-motorized trail grants and \$400,000 for motorized (off-highway vehicle) trail grants		Deadline: February 1, 2021	80/20	Maximum Amount & Match Requirement: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants ; Eligibility: http://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdforms/media/pwd_1067_p4000_trails_grant_application_instructions.pdf ; Average Amount: http://recreationaltrailsinfo.org/	Dedicated funds for recreational trails	Smaller amounts; cannot be used for research or planning	Higher	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	Funding	management-driven research: On-the-ground research that provides information that can directly inform a pertinent and pressing management question. 2. Citizen-Supported Studies: On-the-ground research that engages citizens (volunteers) as assistants in data collection, compilation, or data analysis to improve BLM's management of the National Conservation	\$25,000		Deadline: April 23, 2021	No cost sharing/match requirement	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html ; file:///C:/Users/mrodriguez/Downloads/NCL%20NOFO%20L21AS00284%20Final.pdf				
Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART-Applied Science Grants	Funding	Reclamation will provide funding for applied science projects to develop or improve hydrologic information, water management tools, and modeling and forecasting capabilities. R	\$200,000		Deadline: April 21, 2021	Cost share of 50 percent or more of total project costs.	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=331404			Moderate-Lower	Look into eligibility source.

CDC-Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	Funding	Eligible Applicants:This program provides all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 2 American Indian Tribes, 5 U.S Territories, and 3 Freely Associated States as identified in the authorizing statute with funding to address their own unique public health needs and challenges with innovative and locally defined methods.	unknown	FY 21 annual basic: \$5,675,692	Deadline: July 29, 2021	None	Grant info: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=329021 ; https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/programs-impact/nofa/index.htm				The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Program allows recipients to address their own unique public health needs and challenges with innovative and communitydriven methods. Recipients set their own goals and program objectives and implement local strategies to address Healthy People 2030 priorities.
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State:

Local Parks Grants	Funding	Assists local govts acquire and develop new public lands	Urban: \$1.5 million ; non-urban: \$750,000	None	Deadline: November 6, 2021	50%	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants ; deadline: https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/copy_of_grant-deadlines	Can help to develop LRGV on a county by county basis	Each unit of govt must apply individually	Higher
State Safe Routes to Schools	Funding	100% reimbursement for projects designed to allow K-8 students to walk/bike to school	None	None	Program call in Jan, Deadline: September 2021	None	https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/library/pubs/cit/srts_app_instructions.pdf ; https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/healthy-communities/saferoutestoparks/2021-application	Funds off-road multimodal transportation	Must be used to specifically benefit children	Higher
Boat Access Grants	Funding	Provides 75% matching fund grant for the construction or renovation of public boat ramps	\$500K	None	Deadline: Feb 1	25%	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access	Relevant sections of the RGV project can receive some funding	The funding can only go to boat ramps on the RGV	Higher
Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program	Funding	For new Level 2 light-duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment (charging equipment) installation	\$2,500	None	Deadline: September 2, 2021	30% public ; 40% workplace	https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/implementation/air/terp/VW/LEVEL2-Application-Addendum.pdf			High
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program	Funding	For Rural / Non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively, and that are not designated as eligible for the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).	\$350,000		Deadline : May 2021	None	http://texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/RuralEconomicDevelopment/RuralCommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant(CDBG)/About.aspx ; https://texasagriculture.gov/Portals/0/Publications/RED/CDBG/TxCDBG%20Info%20Sheet%20-%20Grants%20%20Pager%20for%20PY%202020%2011.2020.pdf	Can be used for poorer areas of RGV as public health	RGV may not be considered important enough	Moderate-lower
State Highway Fund	Funding	Constitutionally-dedicated funds for the purpose of supporting public roadways may not be spent on other modes of transportation such as rail projects, public transportation, aviation services, and gulf waterway improvements.	Varies	None		None	https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/fin/funding-brochure2020.pdf ; https://samcoinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/funding-brochure2020-1.pdf	There is some hope of getting a small piece of the pie from these funds	Lots of competition, not a lot of funds available	Lower
Texas Enterprise Zone Program	Financing	Assists economically distressed communities in promoting job creation and private investment	\$3.75M	None	Deadline: June 1, 2021	None	https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/texas-enterprise-zone-program	Could fund projects in urban areas	Amount of funding depends on capital investment and jobs created	Lower

Dedicated sales tax	Funding	None
General municipal funds	Funding	
Municipal bonds (including park bonds, transportation bonds)	Financing	
Tax increment financing	Financing	

International:

<p>North American Development Bank</p>	<p>Funding/Financing</p>	<p>Project must prevent, reduce, or control environmental pollutants and contaminants, improve the drinking water supply, or protect flora and fauna, so as to improve public health, promote sustainability, or contribute to a higher quality of life</p>	<p>None (higher funds are loans, lower funds are grants)</p>	<p>\$1,840,381 (loan)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Several examples of loans used in Mexico; may be able to work paddling trails around water protection issues and reduction in emissions/VMT around overall quality of life. Cross-border angle would interest them.</p>	<p>Has never been used for bike/ped projects in Cameron County; grants very hard to get (loans easier)</p>	<p>Grant: Lower; Loan: Moderate</p>
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