TO: Email Address

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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT: National Scenic Byways Program 2022 Grants & Technical

**Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity Available** 

**DATE:** March 18, 2022

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The purpose of this email is to notify you that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) 2022 Grants and Technical Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is now available. Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete and email a Letter of Intent form to <a href="mailto:scenicbyways@dot.gov">scenicbyways@dot.gov</a> no later than 4:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 4, 2022. All applications must be completed online and submitted electronically on grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.

## Overview

The United States Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260), enacted on December 27, 2020, appropriated \$16 million in Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds for the NSBP under 23 U.S.C. 162. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, enacted on March 15, 2022, appropriated an additional \$6 million, making up to \$22 million available in HIP funds for the NSBP. Under 23 U.S.C. 162(b), grants and technical assistance are to be made available to States or Indian Tribes to (a) implement eligible projects on highways designated as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads (America's Byways®), State scenic byways, or Indian Tribe scenic byways; and (b) plan, design, and develop a State or Indian Tribe scenic byway program.

## **NSBP 2022 Grants NOFO Overview Webinar**

FHWA's Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty will host a webinar for applicants and the interested public. Topics include an overview of the National Scenic Byways Program grants, grant funding eligibility, requirements and process for submitting a grant application, key deadlines, and next steps post award. Information to register for the webinar is provided below.

- Thursday, March 31, 2022
- 2:30 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
- Registration link: https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN D6bEx7oRRpuCfifP fTR-w

For additional information and resources on the NSBP Grants, please visit the <u>National Scenic</u> <u>Byways Program</u> website. For questions related to the NSBP 2022 Grants NOFO, please contact Rick Murray at <u>scenicbyways@dot.gov</u>.