

# Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program

## Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new **Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)** discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

It is the first-ever Federal program dedicated to reconnecting communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.

### What is an Eligible Facility?

A highway, including a road, street, or parkway or other transportation facility, such as a rail line, that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development, due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors.

## Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program

As a part of the RCN Opportunity, the **Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program (NAE)** will provide up to \$3.155 billion in grant awards to connect communities by supporting neighborhood equity, safety, and affordable transportation access as well as mitigating negative environmental impacts. The NAE program will emphasize assisting economically disadvantaged or underserved communities with planning and capacity building. The NAE program will award funding for planning and construction activities to eligible facilities under three types of grants: Community Planning Grants, Capital Construction Grants, and Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants.

### What is an Eligible Facility?

Facilities eligible for NAE Program funding fall primarily into two categories:

- **A dividing facility:** A surface transportation facility that creates an obstacle to community connectivity by design factors such as high speeds or grade separation.
- **A burdening facility:** A surface transportation facility that is a source of burdens to a disadvantaged or underserved community, such as air pollution, noise, stormwater, gaps in tree canopy coverage or flood-prone infrastructure.

\*\*\*NAE activities are not limited to addressing the surface transportation facilities listed above. See the Notice of Funding Opportunity for a complete listing.

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