

The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration will be issuing a call for projects and accepting applications for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) **August 15 through October 15, 2013**. Any state, local or tribal government entity is eligible to apply for the funds. Please click for the [Application](#). This application form is required and must be submitted electronically to the Eastern Federal Lands, Access Program Manager at david.payne@dot.gov by close of business October 15.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) created the program and will allocate **approximately \$3 million** to Missouri for the life of the act. The call for projects will award all funds which are distributed by formula to states that have federal lands managed by the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management. Please click for [FLAP information](#) and [Presentation](#).

The goal of the FLAP is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. The FLAP supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators. The program is designed to provide flexibility for a wide range of transportation projects. A Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) within each State will make programming decisions.<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideflap.cfm> - fn02

Eligible projects include:

- A. transportation planning, research, engineering, preventive maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of Federal Lands Access Transportation Facilities<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideflap.cfm> - fn03 located on or adjacent to, or that provide access to, Federal land, and-
 - i. adjacent vehicular parking areas;
 - ii. acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
 - iii. provisions for pedestrians and bicycles;
 - iv. environmental mitigation in or adjacent to Federal land to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity;
 - v. construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas, including sanitary and water facilities; and
 - vi. other appropriate public road facilities, as determined by the Secretary;
- B. operation and maintenance of transit facilities; and
- C. any transportation project eligible for assistance under title 23 that is within or adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal land.<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideflap.cfm> - fn04

In regard to (B) above, "operation and maintenance of transit facilities" includes the operation of all components of a transit system, including vehicles.

The eligibility under (C) above includes transit capital projects eligible under Chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, that are also eligible under title 23 and that are within or adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal lands open to the public.

A Federal Lands access transportation facility is defined as a public highway, road, bridge, trail, or transit system that is located on, adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in a state, county, town, township, tribal, municipal, or local government.

As part of the application process, the applicant must communicate with the applicable Federal Lands Management Agency or Agencies (FLMA) in which the proposed project is located. The project should be supported by the FLMA(s). Please see the list below for the FLMA contacts for Missouri. Also included is a link to the map showing the federal lands.

The Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) will review and score the applications through the **end of November** according to the criteria noted in the application information and will announce the awards by **mid December**. Each project is to be included in the STIP and/or applicable TIP. The entity awarded the funds will be required to execute a memorandum of agreement prior to the distribution of funds and any work starting. There is also a minimum **20% non-federal match required** and the project must follow all applicable state and federal laws and requirements. If the entity awarded funds is a local or tribal government, the typical LPA federal project process is to be followed.

Please click for the [FLMA Contacts](#).

Please click for the Federal Lands [Map](#). Once on this website, scroll down the page to just below the picture of the eastern half of the US, then click for the interactive map of USA federal lands. You will be able to zoom in on Missouri. If the proposed project is located in any Federal land that may be excluded from the map, please contact Renate Wilkinson or Monica Duncan.

MPOs, RPCs and LPA Group Your assistance is requested in forwarding this information to cities and counties in your region.

For questions please contact:

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