Capital Program Planning
Federal Grants & Funding Strategy

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Notable Agency Wins

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

$116M from Low- or No-Emission Program for the Procurement of Battery-Electric Buses
$40M from Low- or No-Emission Program for the Procurement of Battery-Electric Buses
$66.6M from All Stations Accessibility Program for Symphony Station
$67.6M from All Stations Accessibility Program for Green Line Stations Accessibility Upgrades

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

$41M from Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair for South Station Tower 1

United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

$20M from Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity for Lynnway Corridor
$22.4M from Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity for Lower Broadway Corridor

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

$6.9M from Transit Security Grant Program for Security-Sensitive Terrorism Defense Measures

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

$2.9M from Advanced Transportation Technologies for Regional Transit Signal Priority
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Awarding Agencies

The Grants Team seeks Federal funding from five main agencies:

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Other Federal channels: FHWA Flex Funds & MPO target funds.
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Project Selection Strategy

**THE MISSION:** The Grants Team aggressively pursues eligible discretionary funding opportunities within BIL and through other Federal channels to help close the capital funding gap and to supplement traditional formula funding.

**THE STRATEGY:** The Grants Team proactively identifies discretionary grant opportunities, identifies competitive projects for these opportunities, and develops and submits strong grant applications in partnership with project teams.

- The Grants Team **aligns project selection for Federal grant applications with the CIP**, which serves as the MTBA’s statement of priorities for capital investments.
- Project selection often **depends on the requirements of the Federal grant’s notice of funding opportunity (NOFO)**, many of which necessitate project inclusion in an organization’s capital planning document.
- This allows the **development of regional funding plans** (TIP and STIP) to align with MBTA needs.
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Stakeholder Engagement

- Receive and implement regular leadership feedback on project selection and prioritization
- Connect on strategy bi-weekly with MassDOT, FFIO, CTPS
- Facilitate signatures for support letters from and for MBTA partners
- Communicate when applications are submitted and awards are announced
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Recent Application Highlight:
NORTH STATION RENOVATION & DRAW 1 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

THE PROGRAM: Submitted May 06 to the USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program (MEGA/INFRA).

THE REQUEST: $720M; 60 percent of total project cost

THE NEED:
• Significant regional impacts: rider impact of 10.67M+ passengers per year (regional rail, intercity passenger rail)
• Most critical funding priority for the MBTA
• Bridge failure would impact regional service in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts; Draw 1 is Amtrak’s only access to North Station
• Orange and Silver Lines lack capacity to support mode transfers in the event of failure
• The MBTA faces rapidly increasing maintenance costs to maintain current condition
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Active Applications

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
*Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning*
Due: July 22

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
*Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program*
Due: September 23

*Federal-State Partnership (FSP) for Intercity Passenger Rail – National*
Due: TBD; Notice of funding opportunity to be released in Fall 2024

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
*Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grants*
Due: August 28

*Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning Grants; Bridge Projects*
Due: October 01 (Planning); November 01 (Bridge)