

IV. FEDERAL GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Federal Grant development and submission are related but independent of the AZ SMART Fund application.

A. Preparing a Federal Grant Application

ADOT does not provide grant development or writing services. Further, ADOT's grant writing contracts are specific to ADOT and are not available to other entities. Applicants are responsible for developing, preparing, or generating data, narratives, explanations, charts/graphs, cost estimates or any other information in response to a NOFO/NOFA for a Federal Grant application.

B. Submitting a Federal Grant Application

1. Road, bridge and rail - The AZ SMART Fund application includes a question regarding how the Applicant intends to submit the Federal Grant application. Applications for many road, bridge and rail Federal Grants can be submitted by the Applicant or its grant consultant. If the Applicant is not eligible to apply directly, it may request that ADOT submit the application on behalf of the Applicant as follows:
 - a. At least thirty (30) day prior to the application deadline in the NOFO/NOFA for the applicable Federal Grant, the Applicant is required to submit the ADOT Grant Coordination Support Request Form at <https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvd-forms-lib/42-0103.pdf>.
 - b. At least seven (7) days before the NOFO/NOFA deadline, all completed application materials must be provided to the ADOT Grant office for submission.
2. Transit - Pending further direction provided in a NOFO/NOFA, applications for most transit Federal Grants must be submitted to FTA by ADOT on Applicant's behalf.
 - a. At least thirty (30) day prior to the application deadline in the NOFO/NOFA for the applicable Federal Grant, the Applicant is required to submit the ADOT Grant Coordination Support Request Form at <https://apps.azdot.gov/files/mvd/mvd-forms-lib/42-0103.pdf>. In addition, the completed application is to be provided to the ADOT Grant office for submission a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before the NOFO/NOFA deadline.
 - b. If the Applicant is a direct recipient for transit purposes, it may be required to apply for a transit grant directly at <http://grants.gov>. If awarded a Federal Grant, the direct recipient may also be required to submit an application in the Transit Award Management System ([TrAMS](#)).
 - c. Grants from the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") may have different or additional requirements. Contact the FTA Grants Office for further information.
3. Rail
 - a. Projects pursuing a Federal Grant from the Federal Rail Administration ("FRA") may have different requirements for environmental clearance. Applicants will need to work with a lead federal agency to complete environmental clearance prior to applying for a Federal Grant. Contact the FRA Grants Office for further information.

- b. Rail Applicants should ensure they have informed and/or are working with the host railroad and potential operators prior to applying to AZ SMART. Of the 5 Letters of support which may be uploaded in the AZ SMART application, Applicants for rail projects should include a letter from the host railroad or operators.