

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) TRAINING MODULE 3**

**FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION**

**6/9/2021**

FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION & RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION

* Federal Authorization:
	+ Reimbursement Program funded primarily from the Federal Highway Trust Fund (requiring a Local Match currently 5.7% for Arizona).
	+ Transportation Bill FAST Act initially expired September 30, 2020 but has been extended for one year.
	+ Funding is distributed by both Apportionments (checks) and Obligation Authority (cash).
	+ Obligation Authority is “use or lose” by September 30th – Funding packages must be submitted to ADOT for review by May 15th.
	+ Cannot fund design without construction programmed.
	+ Enduring enough time is in schedule for project to deliver in year programmed.
	+ Qualifies for the HURF swap program
* Resource Administration Responsibilities:
	+ Project Review Board (PRB) Meeting
	+ Construction Packets
	+ Budget Increases
	+ Construction Award Recaps
	+ Construction Huddle
	+ Monitor Receipt of local funds
	+ Track/update Project End Dates
	+ Inactive Projects

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)

* Uniform Guidance
	+ Applies to all non-Federal entities that administer Federal funds
	+ FHWA delivers their program using Grant (project) Agreements
	+ Codified at 2 CFR 200 (specifically 2 CFR Subpart A-F)
* See Electronic Code of Federal Regulations:
	+ [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov)
* Project Authorization/Funds Management
	+ Projects must be properly authorized through various steps
	+ Should a project meet inactive status project will have to adhere to inactive obligations
	+ Closeout and Record Retention guidelines need to be met following project completion
	+ Project Number should be reflected on all documents and reflect specific format
	+ Six different types of Phases of Project Authorization
	+ Increased Federal Share 23 USC 120(c)3
		- Promote innovative Technologies and Practices
		- Offers Additional 5% Federal Aid – with 100% share
		- <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/resources/increased_federal_share.cfm>