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U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Announces \$2.9 Million in Grants for Montana Highway Projects

Funds will help create jobs with construction of Fort Belknap transit maintenance facility and placement of historic bridge in Billings for bike and pedestrian use

WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced nearly \$2.9 million in grants to fund an array of highway-related efforts in Montana, such as the purchase and eventual placement of a historic bridge over Billings' 25th Street for pedestrians and bicyclists and the completion of a transit maintenance facility at the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

"Transportation investments like these will create jobs and improve the quality of life for Montana residents as well as strengthen the state's economy," said Secretary LaHood. "The demand from the states for these funds shows just how critical the need is for infrastructure investment."

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invited states to apply in June for federal funding from 14 grant programs. Requests poured in from every state, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. – more than 1,800 applications, totaling nearly \$13 billion, which is more than 30 times the funds available.

"At a time when states are facing serious budgetary constraints, these grants will help fill a critical need," said Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez. "Investments like these are immediate and long-lasting, and will help create jobs."

Congress created the discretionary grant programs to give FHWA the latitude to support projects that maintain the nation's roads and bridges, improve roadway safety and make communities more livable. In previous years, Congress designated some of this grant money for specific projects and FHWA awarded the remainder through a competitive process. Because the FY11 budget passed by Congress last April directed that all such funds be discretionary, FHWA awarded these funds through a competitive process.

Montana received funding for the following projects:

PROJECT	AWARD
Completion of a transit maintenance facility at Fort Belknap Indian Reservation	\$1,647,305
Expansion of Blackfeet US 89 Interpretive Turnout	\$649,250
Specialized training to help students at Salish Kootenai College prepare for careers in highway construction in Pablo	\$350,000
Montana Department of Transportation program to prepare Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms to compete for federal highway contracts	\$104,018
Feasibility study of nonmotorized connection between Missoula and Lola Trail	\$100,000
Purchase and placement of historic bridge over North and South 25 th Street to improve bike/pedestrian safety in Billings	\$54,457
TOTAL	\$2,905,030

A complete state-by-state list of this year's grant recipients is available online at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/fhwa1137/>.

**Welcome,
Recently
Certified DBEs!**

Eryn Peralta
Water Stop Inc
Damp proofing, Water
proofing foundations

Melinda Oedekoven
Asphalt Plus Inc
Construction, Asphalt,
Concrete, Residential,
Commercial and Highway



Bid and Contracting Opportunities

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MDT holds two bid lettings each month.

Proposed for letting September 2011

UPN/UNIT	PROJECT ID	FINANCIAL DISTRICT	PROJECT DESIGNATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH MILES
6865 001	IM STWD(055)	2	I-90 AMSTERDAM SIGNAL	TRAFFIC SIGNALS & LIGHTING	
6926 000	IM 90-6(131)301	2	BOZEMAN – E & W	RESURFACING-ASPHALT (THIN LIFT<=60.00MM)(INCLUDING SAF. IMP.)(PAVE PRES)	5.59
7296 000	IM 94-5(35)170	4	TERRY-EAST & WEST (EB)	RESURFACING-ASPHALT (THIN LIFT<=60.00MM)(INCLUDING SAF. IMP.)(PAVE PRES)	8.1
7730 000	IM-SFCI 90-9(116)	5	BATTLEFLD INT FLD REPR/MT 11-1	RECONSTRUCTION – WITHOUT ADDED CAPACITY	6.0
6932 000	NH 50-2(72)48	2	BIG SKY – NORTH	RESURFACING-ASPHALT (THIN LIFT<=60.00MM)(INCLUDING SAF. IMP.)(PAVE PRES)	11.2
7353 000	NH 37-3(19)77	4	CAMPS PASS – EAST	MINOR REHABILITATION	8.0
7729 000	NH 57-4(15)148	5	E OF WINNETT SLIDE REPR/MT 11-1	RECONSTRUCTION-WITHOUT ADDED CAPACITY	
7660 000	STPP 50-2(76)83	2	HUFFINE LN & COBB HILL-SIGNAL	TRAFFIC SIGNALS & LIGHTING	
7471 000	STPP 46-7(8)65	2	WISE RIVER-DIVIDE	RESURFACING – SEAL & COVER	12.1
4911 000	BR 9040(13)	4	STRUCTURES-NE OF MILDRED	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT WITH NO ADDED CAPACITY	
6898 000	NH 1-2(158)120	1	WEST IDAHO ST	RESTORATION & REHAB-PCCP	0.6
4474 000	STPS 284-3(6)23	2	12 KM S BROADWATER CO LN-SOUTH	MAJOR REHABILITATION - WITHOUT ADDED CAPACITY	12.7
4478 000	STPS 325-1(3)0	3	JCT US 2 – NORTH	RECONSTRUCTION-WITHOUT ADDED CAPACITY	10.8
7731 000	STPS 298-1(14)25	5	S OF MCLEOD SLIDE REPR/MT 11-1	RECONSTRUCTION-WITHOUT ADDED CAPACITY	0.2
5879 000	HSIP 5-3(94)97	1	2003-TURN LANE- S OF LAKESIDE	ROADWAY & ROADSIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	0.6
6836 000	BH STWD(005)	1,2	BR DECK REHAB/REPAIR 10	MINOR BRIDGE REHABILITATION	
2038 003	MT-NH 15(73)	1	RESERVE DRIVE SOUTH-KALISPELL	NEW CONSTRUCTION	

Direct Deposit works...

If you are not aware of it, the State of Montana will direct deposit your vendor payments directly to your account. All you have to do is fill out a W-9 form and send it in to be processed and viola, direct deposit. We have heard of a few instances lately where checks have gotten lost in the mail and we don't want that happening to you! Contact Shannon Hahn at 444-7287 for the form you need.

DBE participation for MDT Awarded Contracts for April and May:

Prime <i>DBE</i>	Location	Project	DBE Participation
Bullock Contracting LLC	2001-Safety Imp – Grizzly Gulch 2000-Sfty Imp – 4 Km E Jct I-15	HSIP 25(58) HSIP 453-1(4)2	0%
Jim Gilman Excavating Inc	Stone Creek – North	STPP 49-1(21)9	0%
L H C Inc <i>Highway Specialties</i>	RR Overpass – Cut Bank	MT-STPS 213-1(15)0	.82%
M A Deatley Construction Inc <i>Yellowstone Environmental Contracting LLC JCT Construction</i>	US 191 Slides – S Mobridge	NH 61-3(25)84	2.49%
Penhall Company Inc – MN <i>Highway Specialties</i>	Br Deck Rehab/Repair 09	BH 5299(85)	8.9%
Prince Inc <i>Arrow Striping E Squared Concrete Construction H L Construction</i>	North of Colstrip-North	STPP 39-1(45)35	19.24%
Stillwater Electric Inc <i>Promark</i>	SF109 Flasher Hodgson Rd	HSIP 292-1(13)7	19.86%
Average Participation			5.88%

Montana State Small Business Credit Initiative

www.GreatFallsDevelopment.org

Overview

The SSBCI program will provide an allotment of approximately \$13 Million dollars to the State of Montana to use to leverage private lending of 10 times the federal contribution. As a State, Montana must demonstrate a reasonable expectation that at least \$10 in new small business lending will be generated for every \$1 in federal funding.

If you have any projects you are working on where it would be beneficial to provide the borrower with a very low interest rate on 10% of their project for a period of up to 5 years, then please contact Jeremiah Johnson or Tamariel Christopher at the Great Falls Development Authority as soon as possible to get the process started. We expect this money to be committed to projects very quickly upon its availability.

Contact

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Use of Funds

Proceeds can be used for Working Capital, Fixed Assets, Expansions, Renovations and other Business Expenses.

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Take a class anywhere, any time with the Small Business Training Network (SBTN). The SBTN is a virtual campus offering online courses, publications and other forms of technical assistance. Courses are self-paced and take about 30 minutes to complete.

Some classes they have available include:
Strategies for Growth
Construction Safety & OSHA Compliance
IRS Resources for Small Business Owners
Recordkeeping

Access these and more at:

<http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/counseling-training>

September

- 9/7** *Social Media for Business: Expanding Your Digital Footprint*
8:30 – 11:30 am
Great Falls, Hampton Inn
Grow your business via the Internet, with best-selling author Corey Perlman of "eBootCamp: Proven Internet Marketing Techniques To Grow Your Business."
\$49, Contact Pat Griffin 406-388-5400 or www.SocialDaleMontana.com
- 9/8** *Social Media for Business*
8:30 – 11:30 am
Bozeman, Hilton Garden Inn, see above
- 9/9** *Social Media for Business*
8:30 – 11:30 am
Billings, Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium, see above
- 9/12** *Veterans Virtual Career Fair*
11 am - 4 pm Eastern time
Anywhere with internet access
Apply online with veteran friendly employers.
www.veteranscareerfair.com
- 9/13** *Maya Angelou Lecture*
7:30 pm
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, Bozeman
Best-selling author and activist
Contact: www.montana.edu/leadership/

- 9/19** *Oracle 11g PL/SQL Foundations*
8:30 am
1 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 3, Helena
5 day Oracle 11g PL/SQL Foundations class at iKuw Solutions
Contact 442-0080
- 9/19** *Effective Communications & Human Relations: Skills For Success*
5:30 pm
Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman
Master the capabilities demanded in today's tough business environment. Learn to strengthen interpersonal relationships, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions.
8 week course meeting on Monday evenings
Contact Pat Griffin 406-388-5400 or Pat.Griffin@DaleCarnegie.com
- 9/20** *Effective Communications & Human Relations: Skills For Success*
5:30 pm
Hampton Inn, Billings, see above

