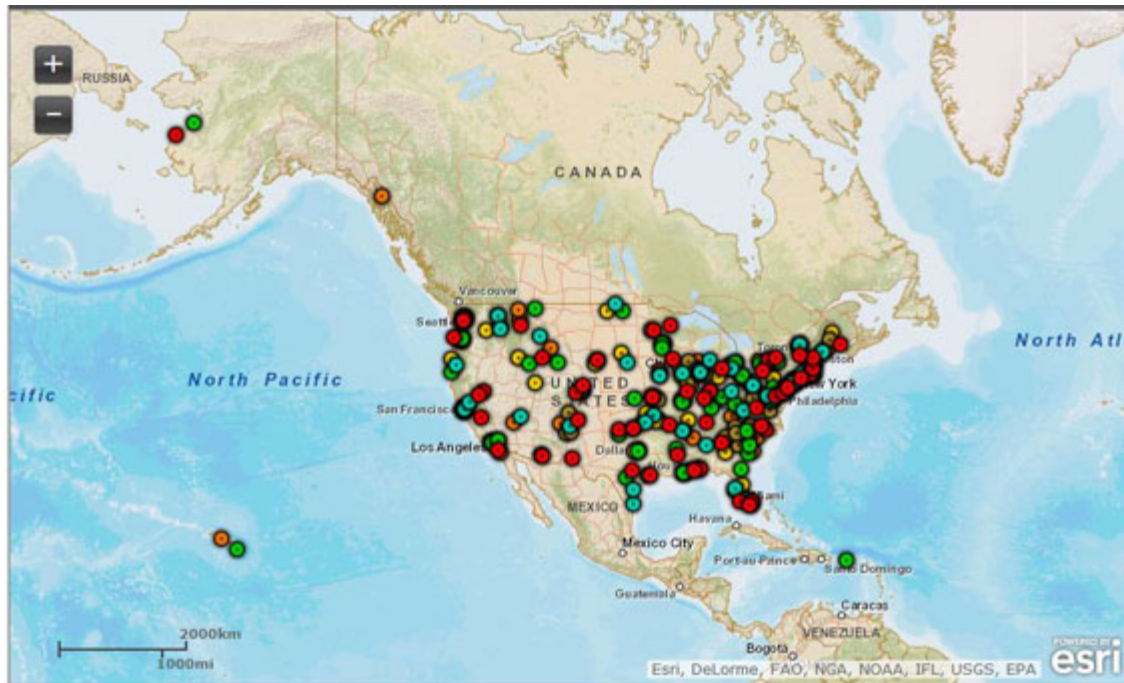


## TIGER Grant Funding Now Available



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The Department of Transportation **announced the availability of \$600 million in TIGER grants** last week. Applications for grants are due on April 28, though applicants are encouraged to submit applications by April 25.

The popular program received a large boost in funding in FY 2014; the omnibus spending package approved in January for the fiscal year included a \$126 million or 27 percent increase in funding over FY13 sequestration levels for TIGER. In addition to capital grants, DOT has the flexibility to award up to \$35 million in planning grants, the first time since FY10 that TIGER planning grants have been available.

This is the sixth round of TIGER grants to be awarded since 2009, providing more than \$4.1 billion in funding for transportation infrastructure programs that have a significant impact on national, regional, or metropolitan areas.

Despite the funding increase for the current fiscal year, the demand for grants far outweighs the available funding; during the previous five rounds of grants, DOT has received over 5,300 applications requesting more than \$115 billion in funding for transportation infrastructure projects.

In the administration's budget proposal for FY15, the President recommended increasing the level of TIGER funding even more, to \$1.25 billion annually for the next four years, adding new flexibilities in the size and types of grants, with a focus on the human impact of projects. The President's proposal would also relocate the TIGER program to the office of the Secretary of Transportation.

The timeframe for submitting applications for the latest round of TIGER funding is tight.

The deadline is April 28, but applicants are encouraged to submit by April 25 because of planned maintenance on the DOT website over the preceding weekend.

Because the registration process can take two to four weeks to complete, applicants need to begin the process as quickly as possible.

**Image:** Locations of past TIGER grant projects. Map from the U.S. Department of Transportation website.

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