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FHWA Hot Topics

- Bridges/Tunnels Program Update
- Regulatory Update
- Emergency Relief Program Allocation
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Bridge/Tunnel Program Update

- **Competitive Highway Bridge Program**
 - \$225M for Grants to States
 - Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2021 (must be expended by September 30, 2026).
 - Funding was eligible to States with a population density of less than 100 people per square mile based on the 2010 census and a State's total land area. (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, ID, IA, KS, ME, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, VT, WV, and WY)
- **Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program**
 - Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2022 and projects shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of Title 23, U.S.C.
 - Funding is eligible to States for which the percentage of total deck area of bridges classified as in poor condition is at least 7.5 percent as determined based on the NBI as of December 31, 2017. (AK, CT, IL, IA, LA, ME, MA, MI, MO, MT, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SD, WV, and WY)
 - FHWA issued guidance in June 2019 to help implement the program
- **National Tunnel Inspection Program**

Competitive Highway Bridge Program Awardees

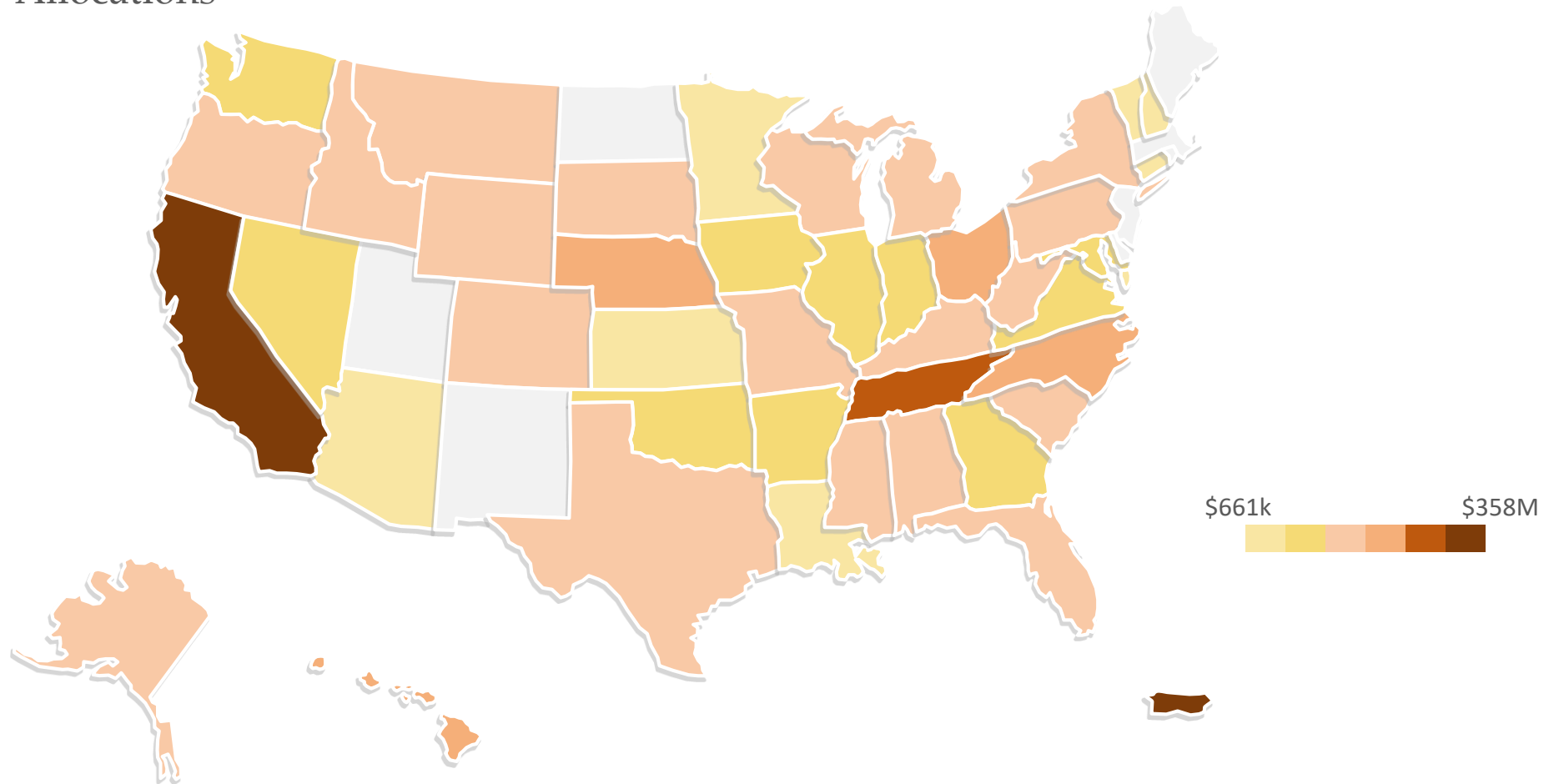
State	Project Name	Award Amount
Alabama	I-85 Exit 60 Bridge Replacement Project	\$10,855,000
Alaska	South Seward Highway Bridge Project	\$11,567,000
Arizona	US 191 Bridge Bundling Project	\$10,365,000
Arkansas	Osceola Area Economic Development Project	\$16,161,000
Colorado	Concrete Box Culvert and Corrugate Metal Pipe Culvert Program	\$12,475,000
Idaho	Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Project	\$6,289,000
Iowa	Bridges for Iowa's Future	\$33,442,000
Kansas	Gray, Clark and Meade County Bridge Bundle	\$3,913,000
Maine	I-295 Bridge Project	\$18,938,000
Maine	Franklin County Bridges Project	\$6,118,000
Minnesota	District 1/St. Louis County Bridge Bundling Project	\$10,252,000
Mississippi	Bridge Replacements in Lincoln, Marion, Jefferson David, and Walthall Counties	\$6,666,000
Mississippi	Bridge Replacements in Tallahatchie, Yalobusha, and Attala Counties	\$10,139,000
Missouri	Fixing Access to Rural Missouri Bridge Program	\$20,794,000
Nebraska	Norfolk Northeast Bridges Project	\$8,484,000
Nevada	I-515 Las Vegas Bridge Replacements	\$9,821,000
North Dakota	Bridge Rural Replacement Program	\$6,511,000
Oklahoma	Grant County Bridge Replacement Project	\$3,468,000
Oregon	Douglas County Bridge Replacement Project	\$16,495,000
South Dakota	West River Counties Bridge Replacement Project	\$2,247,000

Regulatory Update

- Patented and Proprietary Products Policy
- Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracting
- Interstate Access
- Design Standards
- Broadband Deployment
- Safe Harbor Indirect Cost
- National Bridge Inspection Standards
- Operational Improvement: Procurement

Emergency Relief Program Allocations

Total FY2019 Allocations



State Assumption of Responsibilities

- Section 1316 of the FAST Act requires the Secretary to use the authority under 23 USC 106(c) to the maximum extent practicable to allow a State to assume the responsibilities of the Secretary for project design, plans, specifications, estimates, contract awards, and inspection of projects. (for existing authorities)
- Published a FR Notice on 8/30/2016. Comment period closed 10/31/2016. Four comments received including one from AASHTO. (additional authorities required legislative changes)
- Issued SESP-16 to pilot state ideas for assumption of authorities.

Special Experimental Project (SEP-16)

- To test and evaluate the delegation of Federal-Aid Highway Program (FAHP)-level responsibilities to States
- Allows States to propose the assumption of Title 23 program-level responsibilities, provided the State can demonstrate how it can take on the Federal role

The following Letters of Interest have been submitted:

- **California** (1): STIP Approval
- **Georgia** (2): Air Quality Assessments (accepted); Disposal at Fair Market Value
- **Ohio** (3): Buy America; Major Projects (accepted); and Right of Way Certifications (withdrawn)
- **Texas** (3): Interstate Access Justification Report; Major Project Initial Financial Plans and Annual Financial Plan Updates; and Major Project Management Plans
- **Washington** (1): Appraisal Waiver Threshold

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovativeprograms/sep-16/>



Title VI Updates

STATE TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION

PLANS:

A collection of commendable procedures and practices



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Last updated: April 2019

- **Title VI Toolkit-** It includes:
 - A new Commendable Practices for Implementation Plans guide
 - Training materials and factsheets
 - Case decisions
 - Step-by-step guides for data collection and analysis
- **State DOTs Title VI Implementation Plans**

Office of Planning, Environment and Realty

- Project-Level Conformity Determination
- Fiscal Constraint Guidance
- NEPA Assignment



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