

IJA State Update for Minnesota
August 18th, 2022
9:30 – 10:30 AM

Sasha Bergman, Gov.: I know many associations are interested in participating in these meeting going forward, please reach out to me if you would like to participate.

Agenda:

Several state agency leads and Governor's Office staff will be on the call to share updates on state IJA efforts related to:

1. Transportation/transit
2. Energy/climate
3. Water infrastructure
4. Broadband
5. Environment
6. Traffic Safety/disaster mitigation
7. Cybersecurity

IJA Overview

Liz Conner, MMB:

1. \$1.3T to states in total, \$550B in new spending.
2. FFIS: Minnesota expected to receive \$7.4B in formula funds
 1. Of that, \$6.1B must be state matched
 1. \$2.2B is new funding
 2. \$5.3B to MnDOT
 3. \$1.18B to MetCouncil
 4. \$668M to Public Facilities Authority
 5. 84% of funds must be matched.
3. Competitive grant opportunities above and beyond formula funding

Transportation/transit

Commissioner Daubenberger, MnDOT:

1. Formula funding
 1. Roads
 2. Bridges
 3. Transit
 4. EVE Infrastructure
2. Discretionary Grants
 1. Bus/Bus Facilities
 2. Low/No Emission
3. Other Competitive Grant Programs
 1. RAISE
 2. INFRA
 3. RURAL
 4. MEGA
 5. Blatnik Bridge (Large Bridge)
4. Airports
 1. \$60M to Minnesota

1. \$7M per year state/local match needed

Nick Thompson, Metro Transit:

1. \$1.1B under Low/No Emissions Grant Program
 1. \$372M in FY22 under Buses and Bus Facilities
2. MetCouncil successful applicant for programs in the past, receiving:
3. 15% match requirement for Low/No Emission grant program
4. 30% increase in 5307 FTA formula funds
5. FTA expected to release guidance soon about Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants
 1. Funds fixed guideway investments like BRT and light rail

Energy/climate

Kellye Rose, Dept. of Commerce:

1. Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
 1. \$76M over 5 years
 2. Comprehensive, data-driven and equitable approach to weatherization
2. Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes
 1. \$6.1M annual allocation
 2. Grants to prevent outages and enhance the resilience of the electric grid

Tom Johnson, MPCA:

1. Grants Services Manager hire
2. MPCA leading proposal submission in environmentally specific areas
3. Interactive support for clean energy activities, outreach to municipalities
4. Seeking partnerships with businesses, philanthropy, and community groups
5. Modernization of existing data management capacity
6. Expand funding opportunities
7. Engaging historic and emerging perspectives
8. Community lead advancement
9. ESG integration with ongoing business interests

Water infrastructure

Jeff Freeman, PFA:

1. IIJA water infrastructure funds are appropriated through Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs)
 1. Project funding allows the existing SRF process
2. Projected \$662M over 5 years
 1. Supplemental funds for existing CWSRF and DWSRF (\$371M)
 2. Dedicated funds for drinking water lead services line replacement (\$216M)
 3. Dedicated funds for emerging contaminants (\$75M for DW and CW)
3. Set asides provided for technical assistance, public water system assistance, program admin
4. PFA currently preparing 2023 Intended Use Plans (IUPs)
 1. Mid-Sept. Draft IUPs presented to PFA Board
 2. Sept.-Oct. Public Notice and comment period
5. 2023 IUPs will provide basis for federal funding applications to USEPA
 1. Year 1 IIJA funds (CW and DW supplemental, DW lead service lines and emerging contaminants)

Broadband

Dep. Commissioner Kevin McKinnon, DEED:

1. IJA contains ~\$65B for broadband
 1. \$2.75B for digital equity
 2. \$42.5B for Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD)
 3. \$2B to tribal
 4. \$1B for middle mile
2. Digital Equity Planning Grant
3. BEAD Program
 1. Administering entity is NTIA: \$42.5B
 2. Each state awarded a minimum of \$100M
 3. Preliminary estimate for MN is ~\$650M
4. Affordable Connectivity Plan
 1. Administered by the FCC
 2. Provides a \$#0 credit on broadband bills for eligible households
5. Tribal, Middle Mile, and USDA ReConnect
6. Waiting for approval of Digital Equity Plan
7. New digital equity lead starts August 24
8. BEAD application submitted, responding to NTIA questions

Environment

Mary Robison, DNR:

1. Increases to existing grant programs (formula based)
 1. Coastal zone Management Program
 2. Dam Safety Program
2. Competitive Grants
 1. American the Beautiful Challenge – New Multi-Agency Partnership
 2. Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration
3. On the horizon
 1. Community Wildfire, State Fire Assistance, and State and Tribal Restoration Projects on Federal Land
 2. Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience
 3. Voluntary Ecosystem

Traffic Safety/disaster mitigation

Katie Knudson, DPS:

9. Traffic safety
 1. Crash data – Office of Traffic Safety
 2. High Priority Activities Program – State Patrol
 3. Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program – State Patrol
10. Disaster Mitigation

Cybersecurity

Rohit Tanden, MNIT:

11. Provides \$18M in funding to improve state, local and tribal gov't cybersecurity
12. Through development of statewide cybersecurity plan
13. Plan developed by Planning Committee

14. CISA/FEMA developing NOFO now – expected this fall
15. Legislature did not provide state match in 2022 session

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