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Federal Land Managers
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Regional, County and Local Governments
Tribal Governments

**Request for Project Applications
Nevada Federal Lands Access Program**

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) presents an exciting opportunity for state, county, tribal, and local entities to get projects placed into this program for a variety of transportation projects accessing Federal Lands in the state of Nevada. The Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) of the Nevada FLAP is currently soliciting Project Applications to develop a multi-year program of transportation projects (estimated program funding availability of up to \$40 million dollars). Preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering funding will become available after the program selection process has been completed.

Deadline for submittals: March 12, 2020

Link to Project Application: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/nv/>

Applicant Information Webinars:

Tuesday, November 19th; 3:00PM to 4:00PM Mountain; 2:00PM-3:00PM Pacific

Wednesday, December 11th; 11:00AM to 12:00PM Mountain; 10:00AM to 11:00AM Pacific

Participation Details:

Web Room: <http://fhwa.adobeconnect.com/cflplanning/> (Login under *guest* field)

Call Number: 1-877-336-1839; Passcode: 6359430

Nevada Programming Decisions Committee (PDC):

- Mr. James Herlyck, Access Program Manager, FHWA - CFLHD (or designated representative);
- Mr. Cole Mortenson, Deputy Director, NDOT (or designated representative), and
- Ms. Dagny Stapleton, Nevada Association of Counties (or designated representative)

2019 Tentative Project Selection Schedule*:

- Request for Project Applications - Open Period: November 14, 2019
- PDC Shortlist and notification to applicants: May 2020
- Project Scoping: Summer/Fall 2020
- PDC Final Program and notification to applicants: TBD

**Note: Schedule subject to change*



Contact Information:

Questions about the application process or the Federal Lands Access Program can be directed to:

- Laurie Miskimins, CFLHD Transportation Planner, (720) 963-3455 laurie.miskimins@dot.gov
- James Herlyck, CFLHD Access Program Coordinator, (720) 963-3733, james.herlyck@dot.gov

Federal Land Management Agency Specific Contacts:

Agency	Name	Email
National Park Service	Dave Kruse Dianne Croal	Dave_Kruse@nps.gov Dianne_Croal@nps.gov
US Forest Service	Justin Humble	justin.humble@usda.gov
Bureau of Land Management	June Loreman	jloreman@blm.gov
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Andrea Smith Eric Bergey	Andrea_Smith@fws.gov Eric_Bergey@fws.gov
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Phil Smith	Phil.Smith@usace.army.mil
Bureau of Reclamation	Dan Staton	dstaton@usbr.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the program? The goal of the Federal Lands Access Program is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands.

Who is eligible to apply? Eligible applicants include State, county, tribal, or city government agencies that **own or maintain** the transportation facility.

What types of projects will be considered? The Federal Lands Access Program supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities accessing federal lands, with an emphasis on Federal high-use recreation sites and Federal economic generators. The NV PDC will give preference to funding for design, construction, or reconstruction. Preference will not be given to fund maintenance projects (e.g., crack sealing, chip seal, potholes, or drainage repair).



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Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

How are Project Applications Evaluated? The PDC will review project applications and evaluate them based on the selection criteria developed by the PDC. The selection criteria are reflective of needs in the state of Nevada and Federal regulations and guidelines.

- Federal lands access proximity and significance;
- Access to Federal high-use recreation site and/or Federal economic generator;
- Improves public access;
- Safety improvement;
- Preservation;
- Natural resource protection;
- Project cost and scope risk;
- Overmatch/leveraging of funds; and
- Consistent with NV PDC program vision.

Project selection resides with the PDC. The PDC will make its final decision based on the project proposals ability to meet the aforementioned criteria as well as project support, Federal Land Management Agency priorities, and the applicant's share of project costs. Selected projects will be programmed based on availability of funds, both federal and non-federal, project development delivery schedules, other Federal investment and environmental and right-of-way time constraints.

How do I submit a project application?

1. Complete the Nevada Federal Lands Access Program Application found at <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/nv/>
2. Obtain endorsement from the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA)
3. Send your completed project application via E-Mail to cfl.planning@dot.gov

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

James Herlyck, PE
Federal Lands Access Program Manager



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Mission: Improving transportation to and within Federal and Tribal Lands by providing technical services to the highway transportation community, as well as building accessible and scenic roads that ensure the many national treasures, within our Federal Lands, can be enjoyed by all.

NV Federal Lands Access Program

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NV Programming Decision Committee :

James Herlyck, Federal Representative
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Cole Mortenson, State Representative
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Dagny Stapleton, Local Representative
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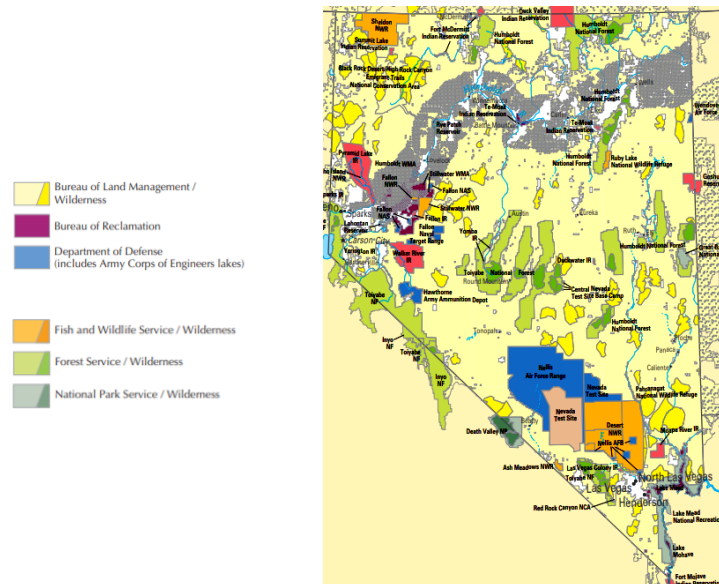
Federal Lands Access Program

Improving access to and within federal lands

Nevada

FAST ACT Program Funding: \$11.66M per Fiscal year
Federal land acreage for the six core FLMA: 55,924,963
Federal public road miles: 7,580
Number of Federal public bridges: 28
Recreational visitation: 20,921,710

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was established under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and continued under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST). The program funds projects that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal Lands that are owned or maintained by a State, County, Local Government, or tribe. Priority will be given to projects accessing high-use Federal recreation sites or Federal economic generators. The program intends to supplement State and local resources for public roads, trails, transit systems, and other transportation facilities.



Programming Decisions Committee (PDC):

The PDC is responsible for the FLAP programming decisions in each state and is comprised of representatives from FHWA, the State Department of Transportation; and an appropriate political subdivision of the State.

Eligibility:

Eligible activities are listed under 23 USC §204(a). They include engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, and construction of transportation facilities. Other eligible activities include transportation planning, research, preventive maintenance, operation and maintenance of transit facilities, and any transportation project eligible for assistance under title 23 that is within or adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal land.

Local Match Requirements:

Applicants are responsible to provide non-federal matching funds for a minimum of amount of 5.00% of project eligible costs. See FLAP webpage for some federal funds that can be used as match.

Project Delivery:

CFLHD delivers the majority of projects in the FLAP program in the 14 western states in which the division administers the program. Applicants may request delivery by another agency. CFLHD makes the final delivery decisions.

Next Call for Projects:

November 14, 2019– March 12, 2020

Nevada Federal Lands Access Program 2020 Call for Projects

Tips for Applying

- ⇒ Review program guidance including eligibility and match requirements
- ⇒ Develop projects with reasonable scope and cost estimate to meet federal requirements (standards, NEPA, contracting, etc.)
- ⇒ Provide available data in application to help PDC evaluate project
- ⇒ Provide photos, maps, brochures and any other information that helps the PDC understand the significance of the project and the access to federal lands
- ⇒ Coordinate/communicate with Federal Land Management Agency during application development.
- ⇒ **Attend a *Prospective Applicants Webinar*:**
Tuesday, November 19th; 2PM-3PM PST
Wednesday, December 11th; 10-11AM PST
 No registration is required. See the NV FLAP website after November 14, 2019 for additional attendance details.

Advertised Amount: \$30-\$40 Million

Advertised Fiscal Years to Program: FY22-FY24

Call for Project Applications: November 14, 2019 to March 12, 2020

Local Minimum Match: 5.00%

NV FLAP Website: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/nv/>

(Application materials available on the website November 14, 2019)

Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination

Per 204(c)(2) Consultation Requirement – the PDC cooperates with each applicable Federal agency in each State before any joint discussion or shortlist selections are made.

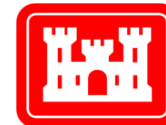
Applicants are strongly encouraged to coordinate with the FLMA at a site level, and have that FLMA point of contact discuss the project with their Regional FLAP representative.

For Nevada the following FLMA representatives evaluate project applications.

Federal Land Management Agency	Utah FLMA Representative	Email
National Park Service	Dave Kruse or Dianne Croal	Dave_Kruse@nps.gov Dianne_Croal@nps.gov
US Forest Service	Justin Humble	justin.humble@usda.gov
Bureau of Land Management	June Loreman	jlorem@blm.gov
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Nevada Federal Lands Access Program: 2020 Call for Projects Schedule*

		<i>PRE-CALL</i>	<i>CALL for PROJECTS</i>	<i>REVIEW</i>	<i>SELECT</i>	<i>SCOPE</i>	<i>FINAL PROGRAM</i>
		<i>November</i>	<i>November-March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Summer/Fall 2020</i>	<i>January 2021</i>
PDC		Notify agency counterparts and potential applicants of upcoming call for projects.	Advertise that <i>Call for Projects</i> is OPEN and taking application submittals. Final Date to Submit: March 12, 2020	Score and rank applications.	Select shortlist of applicants.	Review PDPs for shortlisted projects at final project selection meeting.	Announce final funded program.
	FHWA-CFLHD	Schedule the call with state PDC, prepare the call packet, and update website with call schedule.	Issue <i>Call for Projects</i> and distribute notification emails to PDC and FLMA representatives.	Distribute submitted project packets to PDC and FLMA representatives for their evaluation. Score and rank applications.	Notify shortlist of projects and enters preliminary project agreement with Applicant.	Scope shortlisted projects and develop Project Delivery Plans for an accurate scope, schedule, and budget.	Notify applicants of delivery year and update agreements to proceed with work.
FLMA	State/Region	Notify local units/stations of upcoming <i>Call for Projects</i> .	Notify units/stations <i>Call for Projects</i> is OPEN. Notify FLMA units/stations and their respective local entities and State DOTs to submit projects.	Evaluate projects to provide final priorities to PDC. Attend FLMA TAG mtg.	FLMA Region notified of shortlist of projects.		
	Local Sponsor	Review FLAP eligibility requirements. Engage state and local facility owners to identify and discuss potential projects.	Provide applicant FLMA application information. Provide initial acknowledgement of project on application materials (FLMA Support Form) If Federal funds are being used for match, coordinate with Region for endorsement. Discuss project with FLMA State/Region representative.	Support inquiries from FLMA TAG reps as needed.	FLMA included in notification of selection.	Engaged in scoping as appropriate.	Assign appropriate FLMA project representative to coordinate with FHWA-CFLHD on execution of project agreement.
APPLICANT		Engage FLMA sponsor to discuss potential FLAP projects.	Prepare and submit applications with signature of supporting FLMA unit/station.	Respond to requests from PDC for additional clarification to assist in review.	Shortlist of applicants sign preliminary agreement to proceed with scoping.	Engage in scoping as appropriate.	Assign project representative to coordinate with FHWA-CFLHD on agreements.

* All dates except the *Call for Projects Final Date to Submit* are approximate. See website for updates.

Nevada Federal Lands Access Program: Overview

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was created by the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act” (MAP-21), and continued through the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, to improve state and local transportation facilities that provide access to and through federal lands for visitors, recreationists and resource users. FLAP funds are eligible for planning, engineering, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of transportation facilities but are not intended for maintenance (chipseal, potholes, etc.) projects.

Program Requirements:

Projects that may be considered for FLAP funding include:

1. The transportation facilities owned or maintained by the State, or local entity that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands with an emphasis on **high-use recreation sites** or **federal economic generators**. Projects may include *engineering, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, reconstruction, transportation planning, and research* of the eligible transportation facility.
2. The project applicant **must meet the minimum local match requirement**, which may include federal agency funds excluding *Title 23* or *Title 49* funds, with exception of the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) and Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) that are both eligible matching federal programs. In Nevada, the minimum local match requirement is 5.00%.

See <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/> for more information regarding eligibility.

Program Decision Making:

The Nevada Federal Lands Access Program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD). FAST reinstates MAP-21 mandates whereby decisions are to be made through the Nevada FLAP Program Decision Committee (PDC) in cooperation with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA).

Nevada FLAP PDC Members:

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Nevada Federal Lands Access Program: Project Application Solicitation

2020 Call for Project Applications Information:

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Nevada FLAP Summary

Annual Allocation	~\$11,665,657
Local Minimum Match Required	5.00%
Advertised Amount	\$30– \$40 Million
Advertised Fiscal Years to Program	FY 2022 – FY 2024
Call for Project Applications	November 14, 2019 to March 12, 2020
NV FLAP Website	https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/nv/

Project Application Process:

The PDC will review, evaluate, and prioritize all eligible Project Applications submitted and select those to be short-listed using the Project Application evaluation criteria developed by the PDC. The PDC will select a balanced program that maximizes funding and addresses critical needs, in consultation with applicable Federal Land Management Agencies.

By submission of a Project Application the Applicant is acknowledging to the following requirements:

- a) Proposed projects must be located on a public highway, road, bridge, or trail that is located on, is adjacent to, or provide access to Federal lands for which the facility title or maintenance responsibility is vested with a State, county, city, township, tribal, municipal, or local government.
- b) The applicant must be the facility owner, have maintenance responsibility or must supply a letter from the facility owner/maintenance indicating the application is being submitted on their behalf.
- c) It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply the necessary information to complete the application to the best of their ability. This may include cost estimates, maps, photos, etc.
- d) Project applications must be supported by the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA), documented by a completed support form or a letter of support.
- e) The Nevada FLAP requires a minimum match requirement is **5.00%** of the total project cost. Other Federal (non-title 23 or 49) funds may be used as match. Please note this may require an approval (resolution) of a commitment of funds from the governing agency prior to the Project Application deadline.
- f) Following review of eligible applications submitted, the PDC will select a Short-list of Projects using the Project Selection criteria. If short-listed, the Applicant will enter into a *Reimbursable Agreement for the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 within 45 days of notification of selection* for CFLHD to complete project scoping efforts to develop an accurate scope, schedule, and budget.
- g) If the PDC and the Applicant agree with the project scope, schedule, and budget the PDC will approve the project for final programming. At this time the *Reimbursable Agreement* will be modified to meet the final match requirement for the full project scope, and a Memorandum of Agreement defining that scope as well as roles and responsibilities to be executed **within 60 days from approval of funding**.

Nevada Federal Lands Access Program: 2019 Call for Project Applications Detailed Schedule

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