

National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Regional Priority Freight Project Solicitation Advance Notice

1. What are NHFP funds?

- The NHFP provides federal funds for projects that improve the efficient movement of freight.
- The NHFP supports a wide range of freight-related investments, including roadway improvements, intermodal facilities, freight rail enhancements, and eligible marine highway and waterway projects.

2. What does WSDOT do with NHFP funds?

- During federal fiscal years (FFY) 2021-2026, Washington received approximately \$22.6 million per FFY in NHFP funding. Half of these funds were apportioned to state projects and the other half to local projects. Pending federal action, Washington assumes similar funding levels and project eligibility criteria for the FFY 2027-2032 period, including up to 30% of funding that would be eligible for intermodal projects.
- For the FFY 2027-2032 period, WSDOT will work with MPOs/RTPOs to identify regional priority freight investments that complement statewide needs. WSDOT will issue a Formal Project Solicitation notice in early November.

3. What will the Formal Project Solicitation notice include?

- The notice will provide details on an informational webinar and a public information website.
- The notice will also include the project submission form, instructions for submission, project examples, and details on project scoring criteria and process.

4. What are parameters for NHFP project submissions?

- Submitted projects must be eligible for NHFP funding. Current eligibility requirements are outlined in 23 U.S.C 167 (h)(5).*
- Project sponsors must ensure projects are ready for FFY 2027-2032 funding obligation and are documented in a formally adopted transportation or development plan. Per current NHFP requirements, the non-federal funding match is 13.5% for non-Interstate projects and 9.33% for Interstate projects.
- MPOs/RTPOs should submit projects as a consolidated list of regional freight investment priorities consistent with regional infrastructure priorities and planning processes, along with a completed submission form for each project.

**Submitted projects do not need to be on the existing National Highway Freight Network; for selected projects, WSDOT will update Critical Urban/ Critical Rural Freight Corridor designations as needed.*

For the formal solicitation, supporting material, other updates, and FAQs as they become available, please check [WSDOT's NHFP webpage](#).

IMPORTANT: This notice is based on and assumes continued authorization of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* and availability of NHFP funds for the FFY 2027–2032 period. IIJA expires on September 30, 2026. Future federal funding amount, eligibility, timelines, and funding levels are subject to change pending congressional reauthorization or other federal actions, including state legislative appropriation.

