

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Year	2013	2014
Authorization	\$24 M	\$24 M

Program purpose

The Training and Education Program provides funding to support training and education programs that promote and support national transportation programs and activities.

Statutory citation(s): MAP-21 §§ 52001- 52004; 23 USC 502, 504

Funding features

Funded by contract authority from the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund. Funds are available until expended. At the request of a State, the Secretary may transfer funds apportioned or allocated to that State to another State or to FHWA to fund research, development and technology transfer activities of mutual interest on a pooled fund basis. Funds are subject to the overall Federal-aid obligation limitation. The obligation limitation associated with these funds is available for four fiscal years.

Program features

The Training and Education Program includes the following components:

- *National Highway Institute* to develop and administer training and education programs;
- *Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)* to provide access to surface transportation technology to highway and transportation agencies in urbanized and rural areas, to contractors that perform work for those agencies, and to infrastructure security staff;
- *Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)* to provide education and training, technical assistance, and related support services to tribal governments in their development and expansion of road and transportation areas;
- *Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program* to attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation, enhance the careers of transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees, and retain top talent in the transportation industry of the United States;
- *Garrett Morgan Program* to improve the preparation of elementary school and secondary school students, particularly women and minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through curriculum development and other activities related to transportation
- *Freight Capacity Building Program* to support enhancements in freight transportation planning in order to better target investments and strengthen the decision-making capacity of State transportation departments and local transportation agencies with regard to freight transportation planning and systems;
- *Centers for Surface Transportation Excellence* to promote and support strategic national surface programs and activities relating to the work of State departments of transportation in the areas of environment, surface transportation safety, rural safety, and project finance supported by grants awarded on a competitive basis. The Secretary will require each center to develop a multiyear strategic plan that describes the center's activities and how the activities will coordinate with FHWA and other research, development and technology transfer activities; and
- *Transportation Education Development Program* to make grants to institutions of higher education, in partnership with industry or State DOTs, to develop, test, and revise new curricula and education programs to train individuals at all levels of the transportation workforce.

Surface Transportation Workforce Development, Training, and Education – States may use funds apportioned for the National Highway Performance, Surface Transportation, Highway Safety Improvement, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Programs for surface transportation workforce development, training and education. (See Workforce Development fact sheet.)

Federal share:

The Federal share of the cost of a project or activity carried out with Training and Education funds, is 80% unless otherwise determined by the Secretary, with the following exceptions—

- Federal share for LTAP centers is 50%
- Federal share for TTAP centers is 100%
- Federal share for the Freight Planning Capacity Building Program shall be up to 100%

The Federal share for apportioned funds used by States for workforce development, training, and education activities is 100%, except that when funds are used for the LTAP centers, the Federal share is 50%.

In addition, States can use State Planning and Research funds as the non-federal share for LTAP centers.