

IACC Conference 2023

Local Programs

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Local Programs Overview

Support to cities, counties, and other transportation partners such as tribal governments, ports, and transit agencies:

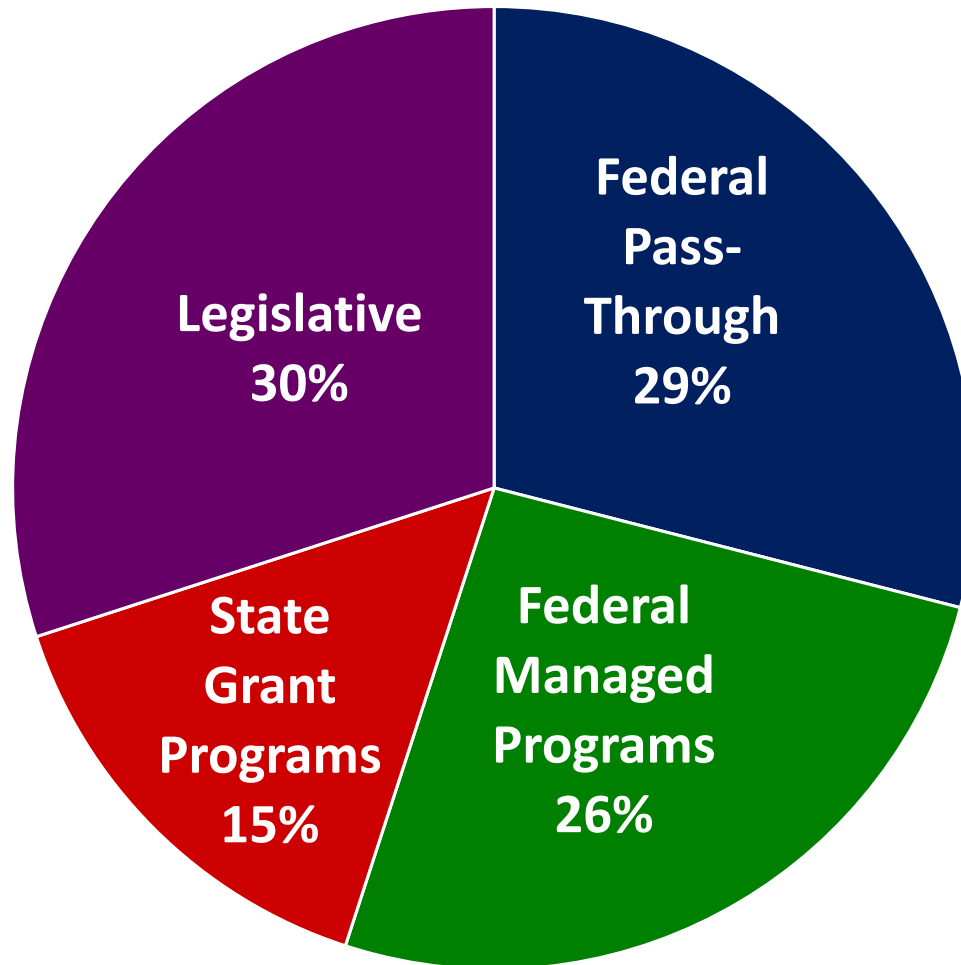
- **Oversee & Administer FHWA and State Funded Projects**
- **Technical Support**
- **Funding Programs**
- **Education (LTAP)**



Local Programs

- State and Federal Compliance
 - Over 1200 active projects
- Over 140 construction contracts awarded annually
- 204 NEPA approvals
- Over \$540M in Federal-Aid in FFY 2023 for Locals
- 2023-25 State Transportation budget ~\$684M

WSDOT Local Programs 2023 - 2025 Capital Budget



Local Bridge Program

- Local Bridge Program – 4,268 Bridges
- Provide technical guidance
 - Certifications
 - Bridge Inventory
- Administer the Local Federal Bridge Program



Local Bridge Program

Bridge Funding Programs:

- Replacement
- Rehabilitation
- Preventative Maintenance

In 2023 – Local Bridge Program

- 80 Applications
- 36 bridge projects selected
- Totaling \$147 million



NHS Asset Management

National Highway Preservation Program (NHPP)

- Preservation of NHS Roadways – 23% Local
- Support Progress to achieve the State's Performance Target per the Asset Management Plan for NHS
- Use Pavement Management Strategies to Maximize the Life Expectancy of Roadways Including Equity-Related Safety Improvements
- \$150M Available – \$10M Maximum / Project
- Construction Authorized by August 31, 2026
- Applications Due – October 5, 2023

Safety Improvements

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

City & County Program (Federal)

- Most severe locations
- Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)
 - Non-motorized
 - Trend Locations
 - Prioritize
- Rural Roadway Departure (State)
- Video Analytics (State)



PROTECT Grant Program

Purpose: To provide grants for resilience improvements

Allocation: Formula and through competitive grants

- \$75 million for local fish passage projects

Eligible Projects:

- Use of natural infrastructure or construction or modification of storm surge flood protection
- Aquatic ecosystem restoration elements related to highway projects (FISH PASSAGE)

Selection: Brian Abbot Fish Barrier Removal Board

Multi-Use Roadway Safety

Purpose: Increase opportunities for safe, legal and environmentally acceptable motorized recreation on public roads.

Allocation: State \$1.45 million



Eligible Projects:

- Safety signing for wheeled all-terrain vehicle use or crossings
- Education, enforcement, mapping to support safety and direction

Selection: Ongoing continuously open



Discretionary Grant Programs

Existing

- RAISE/BUILD/TIGER (\$7.5 billion)
- INFRA (\$3.2 billion)
- CRISI (\$5 billion)
- Passenger Ferry (\$1.5 billion)

New

- Bridge (\$3.25 billion)
- National Infrastructure Project Assistance program aka Megaprojects Grant Program (\$5 billion)
- National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program (\$1 billion)
- Electric or Low-Emitting Ferries (\$250 million)
- EV Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (\$2.5 billion)
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (\$500 million)
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (\$3 billion)
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grants (SMART) (\$500 million)
- Active Transportation Investment Program (\$1 billion)
- Wildlife Crossing Pilot Project (\$350 million)

Local Programs

Funding Opportunities

- NHS Asset Management Program – \$150M (closed)
- Local Bridge Program – \$150M (closed)
- City & County Safety Programs (approx. \$35M/yr)
- Railway-Highway Crossing Safety Program
- Multiuse Roadway Safety Program (\$1.45M)
- PROTECT (\$75M) through FBRB
- USDOT Notice Of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

Program Delivery

- FFY 2023 Local Federal Program Delivery
 - Obligating Authority (OA)
 - \$284M target
 - June balance over \$180M
 - Realistic delivery schedule
 - Opportunities ?

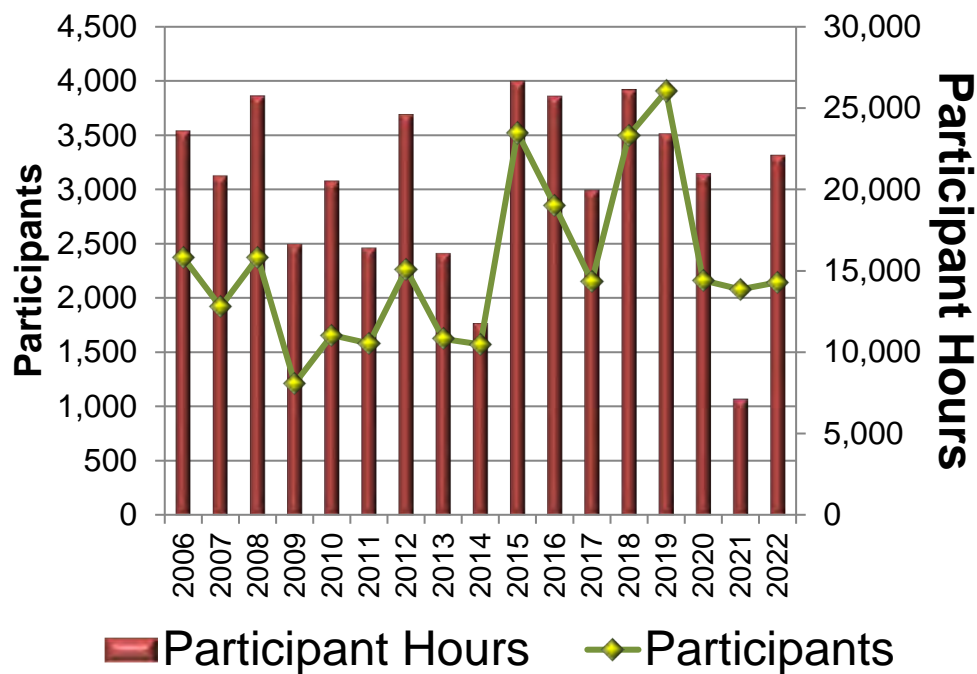


Barriers to Funding

- Project Delivery
- Workforce
 - Experience
 - Expertise
 - Capacity
 - Training
- Unrealistic Expectations
- Funding Criteria & Programs
- Local Match Requirements

Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

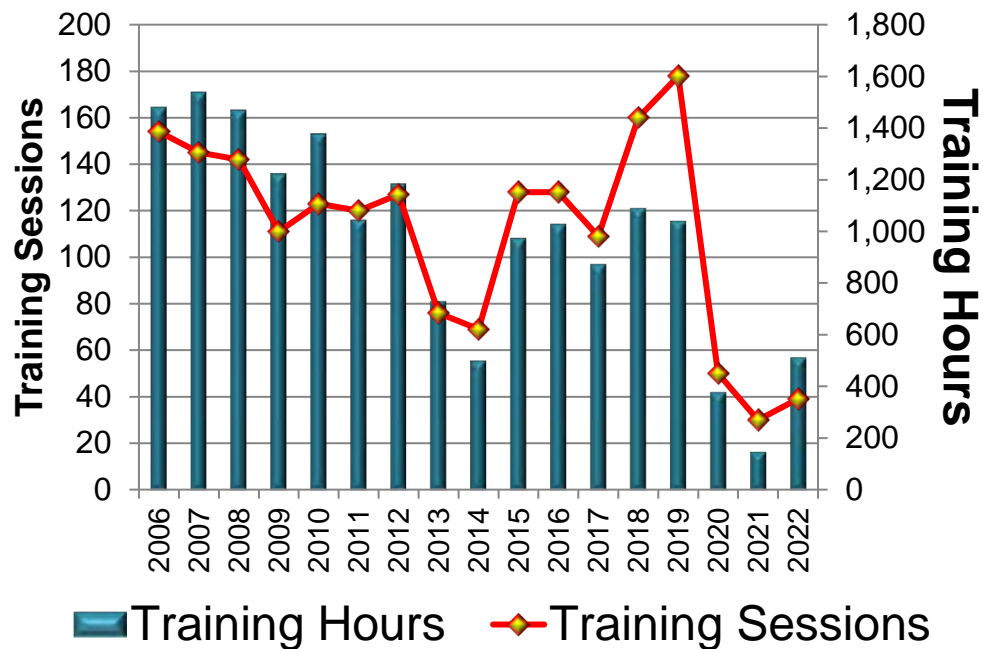
- Majority of instructors are from WSDOT
- Some use of consultants, FHWA, and NHI



Training

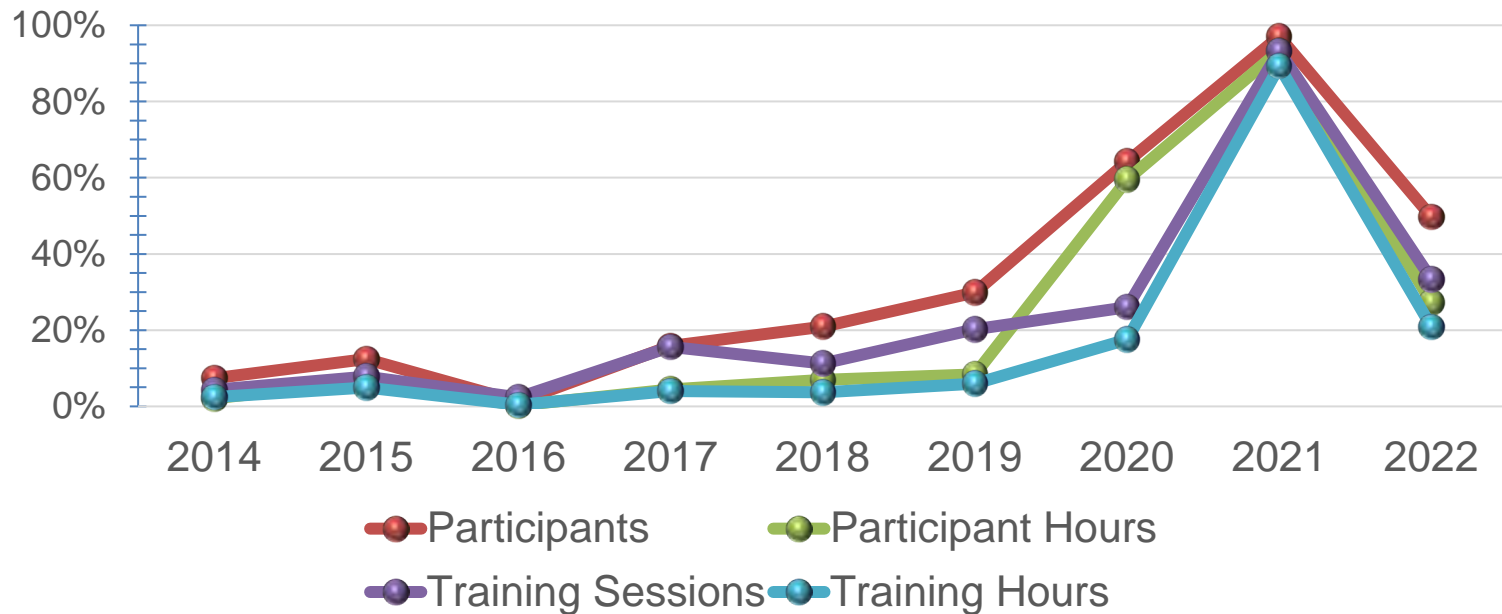
Priority topics include:

- Bridge Inspection courses
- Soft skills: DBE, right-of-way, contract spec writing, etc.



Hybrid Training

Percentage of Training Delivered via Distance Learning



Technical Assistance

- Direct technical assistance Primarily safety, but also traffic/operations/design/MUTCD
- Extended technical assistance Project management/delivery, environmental, right-of-way, bridge, STIP



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Local Programs Information

More information and project status visit:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/>

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