

Costs Eligible for TEA Funding

Follow your traffic light signals:



Go for it! - It's TEA Eligible



Proceed with Caution – Not everything is TEA eligible in this category



Stop – This cost is NOT eligible for TEA funding

Cost	Eligibility	Eligibility Description
Administrative Costs		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. Administrative costs should be claimed for TEA reimbursement only after eligible construction costs are fully reimbursed. Only reasonable costs to develop the application's preliminary design materials, etc. would be eligible for reimbursement. Administrative fees to submit the grant are not covered.
Infrastructure Costs		TEA funding cannot be used for buildings, sanitary sewer, water laterals, electric, and gas extensions, even if they fall within the right of way corridor.
Real Estate Purchase		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. Real estate purchase costs should be claimed for TEA reimbursement only after eligible construction costs are fully reimbursed. Note - real estate purchase is limited to purchase price of that portion dedicated as right-ofway.
Environmental Testing and Remediation		Any necessary studies required to the meet the Environmental Clearance requirements, including remediation.
Engineering Costs		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. Engineering costs should be claimed for TEA reimbursement only after eligible construction costs are fully reimbursed. Included here are costs related to the Design Plan as well as engineering oversight and contingencies.

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Cost	Eligibility	Eligibility Description
Private Driveway or Parking Lot		TEA funding cannot be used for private transportation facilities. TEA funding is only permitted for transportation improvements that are open to the public for travel and come under either the jurisdiction or ownership of a public authority.
Grading and Drainage		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. Grading and Drainage costs should be claimed for TEA reimbursement only after eligible construction costs are fully reimbursed. TEA eligible if activity is determined to be needed in order to complete the proposed road or railroad track construction project.
Utility Modifications		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. Utility Modification costs should be claimed for TEA reimbursement only after eligible construction costs are fully reimbursed. TEA eligible if the activity is determined to be needed in order to complete the proposed road or railroad track construction project.
Loading/Unloading Infrastructure/Equipment		TEA funding is limited to publicly owned transportation system infrastructure improvements only.
Traffic Control and Safety for Road Projects		Included here are traffic signals, signing, pavement marking, and standard lighting.
Construction for Road Projects		Included here are costs for resurfacing, pavement replacement (mill-and-overlay, pulverization), storm water management and detention, retention, and recharging ponds, sidewalks and bike lanes.
Construction for Railroad Projects		Included here are costs for constructing the ballast and up for: railroad track, turnouts and grade crossings. Must be constructed within railroad property, municipal property, or a municipal easement.
Traffic Control Devices at a New Public Grade Crossing for Railroad Projects		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. TEA eligible if the traffic control devices are necessary to operate the proposed railroad track, and are ordered by the OCR.
Reconstructed Road Approaches to a New Public Grade Crossing for Railroad Projects		We encourage applicants to apply their TEA funding to construction costs first. TEA eligible if the tie in point is within 25' of the nearest edge of the proposed railroad-highway grade crossing surface. If the proposed project is outside of 25', the applicant must provide explanation if this is due to (1) drainage considerations and/or (2) the cost of utility impacts being greater than the cost associated with roadway and utility improvements needed to raise the roadway.

Note: This document does not define program eligibility. Eligibility is defined by program requirements, not by how expenditures are recorded. It is the applicant's responsibility to abide by the eligibility requirements as defined in the TEA Program Overview document as well as state and federal laws overseeing construction projects.