

**November 2023**



## Southern NH Planning Commission Media Blast

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### Community Transportation

SNHPC joined our many transit, transportation, and planning agencies to celebrate Community Transportation Month in October.

This was the first time New Hampshire has focused as a state on multiple events and outreach activities to celebrate all those many drivers, programs, and agencies that help move people to where they want and need to go.

During the month, SNHPC staff challenged themselves to alter their usual means of getting places and use alternative methods. We hope this celebration will lead to more programs, innovations, and support of transit, volunteer driver programs, and even creating more walking, biking and other micro-mobility options in the future.

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**SNHPC still seeking Associate or Regional Planner**

The successful candidate should be confident, well-rounded, and a communicative individual to complement our professional planning staff. The Commission is looking for a person who has a good understanding of planning principles and practices, can successfully conduct research and analytics, be able to multi-task, skilled in writing and presenting materials, creating and conducting education and outreach programs, have a familiarity with common office computer applications, and an ability to work both independently and in a team environment. For more information go to: [https://www.snhpc.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5006/f/uploads/23-0601\\_planner\\_listing.pdf](https://www.snhpc.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5006/f/uploads/23-0601_planner_listing.pdf)

## **Project for Public Spaces**

A new round of [Community Placemaking Grants](#) is available thanks to generous support from **General Motors (GM)**!

Want to learn more about the selection process and grantee experience? Join us on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 2pm ET for an [informational webinar](#).

This fall, we're looking to award five U.S.-based 501c(3) nonprofits or local government agencies with up to \$100,000 each in direct funding for physical improvements and programming as well as technical assistance and capacity building opportunities from Project for Public Spaces.

Our goal is to help address inequities in access to high-quality public spaces, especially for communities of color and low-income communities, through placemaking. Grantees will work with Project for Public Spaces to lead a collaborative visioning process that results in a public space that better serves the communities through programming, design, and stewardship.

Applications are open until **Monday, November 13, 2023 at 11:59pm ET**—apply now and help us spread the word! [LEARN MORE](#)



Project for Public Spaces recently transformed an **underpass** in San Antonio into a vibrant park for youth.

## **Executive Committee Meetings**

- **November 2, 2023** - 7:30 AM, the meeting will take place in person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.

- **December 7, 2023** - 7:30 AM, the meeting will take place in person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.

### **UNH Carsey School of Public Policy Coffee & Conversations**

#### **November 8, 2023 - 8:15 AM, Human Trafficking and Labor Exploitation in NH**

Human trafficking is an urgent social issue affecting people across the globe, in all 50 U.S. States, and in all 10 counties in New Hampshire. Though NH was one of the first states to criminalize human trafficking activity- the exploitation of a person through labor, services, or a commercial sex act by force, fraud, or coercion- the number of human trafficking cases in our state has increased in recent years.

Please join the November Coffee & Conversation featuring Meg Chant, Program Director of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and Bryan Bessette, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Freedom Cafe. Meg and Bryan will discuss what they have learned about human trafficking and labor exploitation in New Hampshire from their collaborative work with the NH Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force, as well as the next steps to address vulnerabilities in the state.

To register for this free Zoom discussion:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ek1scsdyc1b8eb67&llr=4pj54lcab>

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings**

- **November 16, 2023** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.
- **December 14, 2023\*** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting. **\*NOTE 1 WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL\***

### **NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meetings**

- **November 16, 2023** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.
- **December 21, 2023** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.

### **Biofabrication RFP Alert: Community Outreach and Engagement to Support Transportation Equity**

The Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute (ARMI) requests scope of work and fee proposals for support of the BioFabrication cluster in Manchester. Specifically, ARMI seeks to engage community members in defining the general and specific challenges associated with access and mobility in the Greater



**Request for  
Proposal**

Manchester area and within existing and future/proposed Manchester Millyard development.

Applicants must submit one electronic copy (e-mail submission) of the proposal to ARMI at [bbbrc@armiusa.org](mailto:bbbrc@armiusa.org) no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023**.

Click here to learn more and download the full RFP:  
<https://www.armiusa.org/.../request-for-proposal.../>

### **MPO/SNHPC Monthly Meeting**

- **November 28, 2023** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.
- **December 19, 2023\*** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting. ***\*Note one week earlier than usual\****

### **Merrimack Conservation Partnership Land Conservation Grant December 2023 now open**

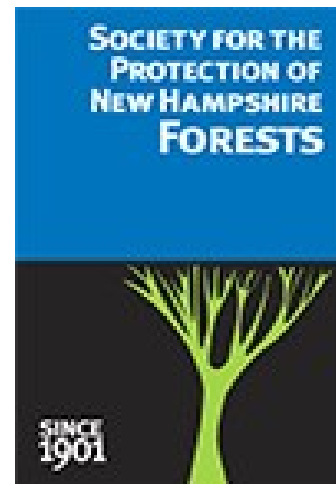
A **special round** for the Merrimack Conservation Partnership Land Conservation Grant program is now open to award funds that remained after the grant round held earlier this year. In this round, there is **\$11,300 available** for reimbursement of transaction expenses for qualifying land conservation projects.

The requirements for project eligibility are the same as they were for the Fall 2023 round, **so projects that have already been completed in the 2023 calendar may be eligible for a grant in this round**. Just remember that only eligible transaction costs incurred **after** December 31, 2022 may be reimbursed in this grant round. Please review the details in the grant RFP, which is attached along with the application.

The application materials for the December 2023 Merrimack Conservation Partnership Land Conservation Grant round are also now posted here:  
<https://merrimackconservationpartnership.org/grants/>

**This round will close December 1, 2023**. Applications must be received by that date.

[Text Link](#)





## Thanksgiving Holiday

- **November 23 & 24, 2023** - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.



## Christmas Holiday

- **December 25, 2023** - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.



## Grant /Funding Opportunities \$\$\$

All Federal grants can be found at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). This list is not exhaustive of all federal grant opportunities, rather this list highlights selected federal grants applicable to rural and Tribal communities.

USDOT ROUTES maintains a running list of open NOFOs that may be relevant to rural transportation. This list can be found [here](#), along with historical information on these grants (including prior NOFOs). The U.S. Department of Transportation lists key upcoming NOFOs [here](#).

| Program  | NOFO Close Date   | Available Funding | OA   | NOFO Link                  |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------|----------------------------|
| <a href="#">Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program</a>  | November 6, 2023  | \$88,290,000      | FHWA | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program</a> | November 13, 2023 | \$100,000,000     | FHWA | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Thriving Communities Program</a>   | November 15, 2023 | \$25,000,000      | OST  | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Fueling Aviation's Sustainable Transition (FAST) Grants</a>                    | November 27, 2023 | \$50,000,000      | FAA  | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Bridge Investment Program, Large Projects</a>                                  | November 27, 2023 | \$9,620,100,000   | FHWA | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants</a>  | December 18, 2023 | \$196,906,663     | FTA  | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund (TTPSF)</a>                          | January 15, 2024  | \$24,098,400      | FHWA | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Accelerating Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems Program</a>      | February 12, 2024 | \$5,000,093       | FTA  | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |

All Federal grants, including transportation grants, can be found at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). To find transportation related funding opportunities, select "All Department of Transportation" under the "Agency" menu on the left-hand side.

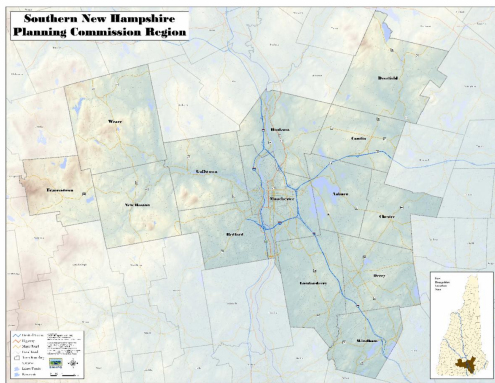
The programs listed in the table below are anticipating to release a NOFO in the coming months. This timeline is subject to change.

| Program  | Anticipated NOFO Release | OA   |
|--|--------------------------|------|
| <a href="#">Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program</a>  | Fall 2023                | FRA  |
| <a href="#">Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program</a>                 | Fall 2023                | FRA  |
| <a href="#">Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants Program</a> | Fall 2023                | OST  |
| <a href="#">Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Small Projects</a>                                   | Late Fall 2023           | FHWA |

## Upcoming Non-USDOT Funding Opportunities

| Program  | NOFO Close Date           | Available Funding | Agency | NOFO Link                  |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| <a href="#">Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Grant Program</a>           | November 6, 2023          | \$19,000,000      | EPA    | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Program</a>  | November 30, 2023         | \$25,000,000      | DOI    | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities</a>   | December 19, 2023         | \$3,000,000       | NOAA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Solid Waste Management Grants</a>  | January 2, 2024           | \$4,000,000       | USDA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Water &amp; Waste Disposal Technical Assistance &amp; Training Grants</a>                      | January 2, 2024           | \$37,500,000      | USDA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Construction Materials and Products Program</a> | January 8, 2024           | \$100,000,000     | EPA    | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program</a>   | January 10, 2023          | \$18,200,000      | FEMA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program</a>                           | February 29, 2024         | \$1,000,000,000   | FEMA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program</a>  | February 29, 2024         | \$800,000,000     | FEMA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants</a>   | March 4, 2024             | \$256,000,000     | HUD    | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Implementation Program</a>                           | April 1, 2024             | \$4,300,000,000   | EPA    | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |
| <a href="#">Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants</a>  | Until funds are exhausted | \$50,000,000      | USDA   | <a href="#">Apply Here</a> |

## Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the Towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham.

The main functions of SNHPC are to increase communication; promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination between planning boards and local officials; promote coordinated development of the region; prepare and adopt regional plans, including policies and strategies for the region; and perform other acts or functions as deemed appropriate to fulfill its duties.

SNHPC is governed by a Board of Commissioners, approximately 48 local representatives from our 14 member communities. The Commissioners are appointed by the governing bodies of the member municipalities upon the recommendation of their respective planning boards, as outlined in RSA 36:46. An Executive Committee, consisting of 14 commissioners, is elected from the membership of the full Board of Commissioners to provide overall policy directions and guidance, and to administer the Commissions' financial and operational affairs. An Executive Director is appointed by the Commission to manage and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Commission and its staff under the general direction provided by the Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners.

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