



Maryland Byway Project Sponsors:

This notice is to announce the solicitation for grant intent to apply for FY 2011 funding under the National Scenic Byways Program, to be submitted to this office by 2 p.m. on January 12, 2011. Guidance and other important materials are available on the byways online Web site at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>. In addition, attached is the "Grant Information" and "Grant Intent to Apply" application. Please review these resources to ensure your application(s) meets all submission requirements for the 2011 grant cycle. Also, please work closely with the byway organization that coordinates activities on your byway. These organizations will rank and/or consolidate projects and therefore can have a large impact on the success of your application. In addition, all projects should reflect the priorities outlined in the corridor management plan that the respective byway organization has prepared.

Maryland's FY 2011 Funding Priorities are:

1. Existing state byway desiring to prepare a corridor management plan (note a single corridor planning grant for multiple byways for the state is anticipated)
2. Projects that are intended to build strong regional partnerships among jurisdictions, heritage areas, or related state agencies to manage, interpret, or market the byway and that are consistent with the Maryland Byways Market Study (see attached)
3. Projects that conserve or preserve vulnerable byway related resources through effective partnering with non-governmental organizations (e.g. land trusts, statewide or regional historic preservation organizations, etc.)

Additional priority will be given to those projects that have the greatest potential for funding from FHWA based on the following:

4. Projects that demonstrate a value-added livability component in addition to its relationship to the byway and the byway traveler
5. Projects that demonstrate that they provide the greatest strategic benefit to the National Scenic Byway Program and/or Maryland's Scenic Byway Program

Typical Scenic Byway Funding Cycle – step by step

Preliminary Statement of Interest Submitted by Sponsor January 12th, 2011
Comments returned to sponsors/FHWA application avail. February 2011 (anticipated)
FHWA Applications Due to Maryland SHA March 2011 (anticipated)
FHWA Grant Announcements and Funding Availability Fall 2011 (varies greatly)

Eligible applications with complete information will be reviewed by the Scenic Byways Advisory Committee. Applicants with high scoring applications will be notified to submit a final application, located at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>.

If you have any questions after reviewing the solicitation materials, please feel free to contact me via phone or email. Thank you!

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