

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON USDOT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS



MYTHS VS FACTS

FALSE ❌

The Federal Government has efficiently distributed IJA funding.

VS

✅ **TRUE**

For several FDOT projects that received awards under IJA's discretionary programs, FDOT waited 18-24 months for FHWA to enter into a grant agreement. Only 3% of funding awarded to Florida and its partners has been approved for spending since the IJA took effect.

FALSE ❌

USDOT has awarded competitive grants fairly and equitably amongst states.

VS

✅ **TRUE**

Two of the most populous states in the nation, **Florida and Texas**, have received some of the lowest funding amounts per capita from discretionary programs. Florida has received just over 1% of total grant funds awarded nationwide, equal to \$22.52 per person.

In contrast, Connecticut received \$647.35 of grant funding per person, Maryland received \$1,173.89 per person, and D.C. received \$323.32 per person.

FALSE ❌

USDOT has awarded competitive grants in a transparent manner.

VS

✅ **TRUE**

The non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that, "DOT did not fully document eligibility determinations and reviewer conflict-of-interest screenings. Additionally, DOT did not clearly define the criteria used to advance applications to the Secretary for possible selection, specifically how projects could be deemed exemplary."