

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Transportation Route Expansion Grant Capacity Cycle 06

Issuing organization: American Grant Advancement Council (AGAC)

NOFO INFORMATION	DETAIL
Opportunity identifier	AGAC-TREG-CC06-2026
Program category / industry	Transportation / Logistics
Proposed individual award range	\$500,000 - \$3,000,000 (USD)
Application opening date	September 22, 2026
Application deadline	January 26, 2027
Estimated total available funding	\$28,000,000 (USD)
Program geography	United States
Submission channel	AGAC Member Portal - GrantAdvancement.org
Publication status	Application Open for Submission

1. Funding Opportunity Overview

The American Grant Advancement Council (AGAC) proposes the Transportation Route Expansion Grant - Capacity Cycle 06 to support eligible U.S.-based freight, trucking, commercial delivery, and logistics enterprises seeking to increase transportation capacity, expand routes, improve vehicle readiness, modernize dispatch operations, and strengthen safety and maintenance systems.

The proposed funding range for an individual approved award is **\$500,000 to \$3,000,000**. The final number and size of awards, availability of funds, and terms of any award are subject to AGAC authorization, documented funding commitments, due diligence, and executed grant agreements. This notice does not itself constitute an award or guarantee of funding.

2. Program Objectives

- Expand commercial transportation fleets and freight-carrying capacity.
- Support new or expanded regional and interstate freight and delivery routes.
- Improve vehicle reliability through eligible maintenance and readiness investments.

- Strengthen transportation safety, compliance, dispatch, and tracking systems.
- Build sustainable operational capacity and qualified workforce opportunities.

3. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants may include legally established U.S.-based trucking companies, freight carriers, box-truck and tractor-trailer operators, commercial delivery businesses, fleet operators, transportation service providers, and logistics enterprises with a documented qualifying project. Applicants must demonstrate legal authority to operate, a feasible project plan, appropriate financial and operational capacity, and compliance with applicable transportation requirements.

4. Eligible Project Activities

- **Fleet acquisition:** qualifying semi-trucks, box trucks, trailers, commercial vehicles, and essential vehicle-related equipment.
- **Route expansion:** documented startup and infrastructure needs for new transportation routes, markets, and freight corridors.
- **Fleet readiness and maintenance:** preventive maintenance, inspections, essential repairs, tires, trailer servicing, and fleet rehabilitation.
- **Safety and compliance:** electronic logging devices, driver-safety systems, monitoring technology, training, and approved compliance equipment.
- **Dispatch and logistics technology:** GPS, transportation-management software, route optimization, load tracking, and communication systems.
- **Logistics infrastructure and workforce:** freight-handling tools, approved operational equipment, and expansion-related recruitment and training.

5. Funding Restrictions

Funding may be used only for approved, reasonable, documented costs directly connected to the funded project. Costs incurred before written authorization, unrelated personal expenses, speculative investments, penalties, prohibited transactions, and unsupported expenditures are ineligible unless explicitly permitted in the executed award agreement. All purchasing and project activities must comply with applicable law.

6. Application Package

Applicants should submit a complete application through the AGAC Member Portal, including:

- Business identity, registration, ownership, and contact details.
- Description of current transportation services, fleet inventory, and operating territory.
- Project narrative, requested award amount, itemized budget, implementation schedule, and measurable objectives.
- Vendor quotes, vehicle or equipment specifications, maintenance estimates, and route expansion documentation, as relevant.

- Business financial statements and evidence of operational readiness.
- Applicable USDOT/MC authority, licensing, insurance, and compliance information, where required.
- Additional documents requested through the standard AGAC application and verification workflow.

7. Application and Submission Process

Interested applicants should create or access an account at **GrantAdvancement.org**, select the Transportation Route Expansion Grant - Capacity Cycle 06, complete the program-specific eligibility verification process, and submit the standardized AGAC application intake with all requested supporting documentation. Applications are not considered complete until the portal confirms successful submission.

Any applicable eligibility-verification charge or other applicant payment requirement must be separately and prominently disclosed before payment, including its purpose, refund policy, and whether it is required. Payment must never be described as guaranteeing an award, approval, or disbursement.

8. Review and Selection Criteria

REVIEW FACTOR	ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS
Eligibility and compliance	Business standing, lawful operations, required registrations and insurance
Project quality	Clarity, feasibility, readiness, milestones, and route/fleet rationale
Budget justification	Reasonable documented costs and appropriate funding request
Organizational capacity	Financial and management capacity to execute and sustain project
Expected impact	Measurable increases in capacity, safety, efficiency, jobs, or reliability

AGAC may request clarifications, interviews, updated quotations, or additional documents. Selection is discretionary and subject to documented review procedures, funding availability, and final authorized approval.

9. Award Administration and Reporting

Selected applicants may be required to sign an award agreement setting out the approved budget, disbursement conditions, allowable costs, milestones, recordkeeping, reporting, audit rights, and remedies for noncompliance. Grant recipients should maintain invoices, receipts, procurement records, and progress evidence for the retention period specified in their agreement.

Disbursements, if authorized, will follow the executed agreement and completion of applicable verification requirements. Applicants should not commit funds in reliance on an award until a grant agreement is executed.

10. Transparency and Program Disclosures

AGAC should identify itself accurately as the issuing organization and must not imply that this is a U.S. federal government funding opportunity unless that status is formally established. This NOFO is an AGAC program document, not a Grants.gov posting or federal agency announcement.

AGAC is responsible for confirming the availability of stated funding, maintaining documented review procedures, providing official contact details, and ensuring the opportunity is authorized for public issuance.

11. Contact and Official Updates

Program website: GrantAdvancement.org

Program inquiries: Contact channel to be confirmed and published by AGAC

Application window: September 22, 2026 - January 26, 2027

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