

**2021 Proposal Evaluation Criteria
Montana Federal Lands Access Program**

Maximum Points

<p>1. Safety</p> <p>Improvement of the Transportation Network for the safety of its users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Improves identified fatality and serious injury sites 0-20 b) Improves other identified crash types (less than serious injury) 0-15 c) Improves identified hazardous conditions other than crash sites for all (multimodal) users 0-15 d) Identifies specific proven safety countermeasures to be included with the project, uses a data-driven or a systemic approach to reduce future crashes throughout the project 0-10 e) Addresses safety improvements identified in a Road Safety Plan 0-5 	<p>25</p>
<p>2. Transportation Improvement</p> <p>Improvement of the Transportation Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Extends useful service life of bridge or culvert. Improves National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) bridge or culvert 0-10 b) Improves surface condition, structural capacity, or otherwise extends the useful life of the asset 0-10 c) Addresses access and capacity issues in a transportation system 0-10 d) Project is included in a surface management system and improves surface condition 0-3 e) Reduces maintenance or operating costs 0-3 	<p>15</p>
<p>3. Recreation and Economic</p> <p>Development, utilization, protection, and administration of the Federal Lands and its resources. (show on map)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Federal high-use recreation site or Federal economic generator: (Scale by categories for each FLMA) <li style="margin-left: 20px;">High Use or Medium Use Low Use <li style="margin-left: 20px;">High Economic Impact Medium Impact Low Impact <li style="margin-left: 20px;">5-10 3-5 0-3 b) Federal Land area accessed: Over 100,000 acres 25,000 - 100,000 acres Under 25,000 <li style="margin-left: 20px;">5-10 2-5 0-2 c) Supports community economic goals/needs 0-5 	<p>20</p>
<p>4. Mobility</p> <p>Mobility of users and continuity of the transportation network serving the Federal Lands and its dependent communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sole access to area? Connection to major traffic generator? Will project mitigate the potential of the route closing? 0-5 b) Fills missing link in network, removes travel restriction, bottleneck, size/load limit, supports federal land related freight 0-10 (addresses FLMA metrics such as acres treated and timber harvested. consider connection to FLTP road system) c) Consistency with/Addresses issues in Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Plan, County Comprehensive Plan, Transportation System Plan, and/or Corridor Plans. What is local or regional priority (low, medium, high)? 0-10 d) Reduces travel time and congestion, increases user experience, improves ADA access, or improves mode choices 0-5 	<p>15</p>
<p>5. Sustainability and Environmental Quality</p> <p>Protection and enhancement of the environment associated with the Federal Lands and its resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supports or advances environmental goals of the FLMA and/or Local Agency 0-2 b) Enhances wildlife connectivity, wildlife habitat, and/or aquatic organism passage 0-2 c) Enhances water quality, riparian function, and/or wetlands function 0-2 d) Uses design, materials or techniques that will exceed the minimum environmental requirements and/or mitigates an existing environmental problem in the area 0-2 e) Contributes to improved environmental quality (i.e. GHG reductions) and reduces VMT 0-2 	<p>10</p>
<p>6. Readiness and Support</p> <p>Project readiness, local support, financial support, capacity, and project delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Project Support, agency priorities and previous federal investment 0-10 b) Applicant's share of project costs, type of funds, availability of funds and certainty of funds 0-10 c) Project readiness, project delivery schedule (environmental compliance, design ROW) 0-10 	<p>15</p>
<p><i>Total available Points</i></p>	<p>100</p>