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\$20 Million to Go to 38 States

**U.S. Transportation Secretary Mineta
Marks Earth Day with Grants for Scenic Byways**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta today celebrated Earth Day by announcing that 136 projects in 38 states will share \$20 million in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) scenic byways grants. This funding helps recognize, preserve and enhance America's scenic roads and highways throughout the United States.

"President Bush wants us to celebrate the rich blessings of our nation's natural resources and to take stock of our stewardship of nature's gifts," Secretary Mineta said. "Earth Day provides a special opportunity to appreciate the highways and byways that course through America's spectacular beauty. These funds will help ensure that America's scenic riches remain for generations to come. "

The vision of the National Scenic Byways Program is "to create a distinctive collection of American Roads, their stories and special places." Today's funding is intended to help achieve the vision of the byways program by funding projects that engage volunteers to preserve and enhance these byways; demonstrate environmentally sensitive solutions to problems in preserving these byways; and enable people to walk and bike in natural settings.

National Scenic Byways Discretionary funds enable states to undertake eligible projects along highways designated as All-American Roads, National Scenic Byways and state-designated byways. Eligible under this program are planning projects to inventory, preserve and enhance the qualities of the byway, safety improvements, construction of bike and pedestrian facilities, development of visitor information such as brochures and interpretive facilities and scenic overlooks, resource protection such as scenic easements and byway marketing.

"The projects funded today highlight the importance and value of preserving our scenic vistas and important landscapes through grassroots volunteer efforts," FHWA Administrator Mary E. Peters said. "These efforts also serve as tools to boost local economies through tourism and create a sense of pride."

Besides generating a sense of pride and enthusiasm for those involved, these projects are intended to help carry on a legacy of stewardship. Over 10 years, fiscal years 1992 to 2001, the National Scenic Byways Program has provided \$157 million for 1,146 projects in 48 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

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Additional information, brochures and maps can be obtained by calling 1-800-4-BYWAYS (1-800-429-9297) or by going to the national scenic byways program website, www.byways.org.

The following table lists the scenic byways grants for fiscal year 2002, in some cases pending application approval by FHWA.

<i>State</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Amount Funded</i>
Alabama	Mobile Bay Causeway*	\$250,000
	Alabama Scenic Byways*	\$750,000
	Total for Alabama (2 projects)	\$1,000,000
Alaska	Seward Highway: Historic Resource Protection & Gold Rush Interpretive Facility	\$47,228
	Seward Highway Millennium Trail Improvements, Alaska 2002	\$350,000
	Total for Alaska (2 projects)	\$397,228
Arizona	Dine'tah (Among the People) Scenic Road	\$123,200
	Scenic Byways Information and Interpretive Program -- Arizona Parkways, Historic and Scenic Road Program	\$213,800
	Total for Arizona (2 projects)	\$337,000
California	Stovepipe Wells Sand Dunes Day Use Facilities	\$300,000
	Formation and Structure for Byway Organization--Hwy 1 along the Big Sur Coast	\$25,000
	Carson Pass Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan (CMP)	\$162,320
	Jacinto Reyes Scenic Byway CMP	\$174,640
	Total for California (4 projects)	\$661,960
Colorado	Tourism With Tradition: Interpreting the Cultural Qualities of Colorado Byways	\$25,100
	West Elk Loop - Crested Butte to Carbondale Trail Plan	\$52,000
	Frontier Pathways - Goodnight Barn Pullout/Interpretive Planning	\$16,000
	Colorado River Headwaters Interpretive Improvement Plan	\$56,520
	State Technical Assistance Program	\$80,000
	Santa Fe Trail Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Implementation	\$25,000
	Top of the Rockies CMP Implementation - Coordination	\$25,000
	Gold Belt Tour CMP Implementation - Coordinated Marketing	\$25,000
	Grand Mesa CMP Implementation - Organizational Goals	\$25,000
	San Juan Skyway CMP Implementation	\$25,000
	San Juan Skyway - Little Molas Lake Recreation Complex	\$100,000
	Grand Mesa - Summit Trailhead Relocation	\$135,000
	Peak to Peak Education and Land Protection Project	\$71,501
Total for Colorado (13 projects)	\$661,121	
Connecticut	Merritt Parkway Landscape Improvements	\$814,400
	Total for Connecticut (1 project)	\$814,400
Delaware	Development of the Delaware State Scenic and Historic Highways Program	\$92,000
	Total for Delaware (1 project)	\$92,000

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Florida	Implementing a Multimodal Greenway System for the Scenic Byway	\$330,000
	Implementing a Gateway System to Enhance Public Accessibility to Intrinsic Resources	\$78,000
	Re-construction of Melbourne Beach Historic Pier	\$145,346
	Total for Florida (3 projects)	\$553,346
Illinois	Byway Coordinator for Great River Road in Illinois	\$25,000
	Illinois Lincoln Highway - Corridor Management Grant - Year 2 Administration Funds	\$25,000
	Meeting of the Great Rivers Scenic Byway Administrative Management - Year 2	\$24,999
	Illinois National Road CMP Implementation - Byway Attraction Development	\$25,000
	Ohio River Scenic Route CMP Implementation - Year 2	\$25,000
	Cumberland County Covered Bridge Pull-off and Interpretive Site	\$222,482
	Illinois Lincoln Highway Interpretive Plan	\$92,800
	Interpretive Center for the State Pond Recreational Area	\$58,040
	Ohio River Scenic Route Recreational Area	\$374,490
	Total for Illinois (9 projects)	\$872,811
Indiana	Indiana National Road Administration and Professional Development: Growing the Organization	\$25,000
	Ohio River Scenic Byway CMP Implementation: Administration and Professional Development	\$25,000
	High Street Revitalization Project, Economic Development and Historic Preservation*	\$375,000
	Total for Indiana (3 projects)	\$425,000
Iowa	Corridor Management	\$25,000
	Great River Road Interpretive Center and Network of Interpretive Centers	\$737,376
	Great River Birding Trail (Iowa Maps)	\$16,000
Total for Iowa (3 projects)	\$778,376	
Kansas	Statewide Scenic Byway Conference 2002	\$11,200
	Development of Kansas Scenic Byway Website	\$45,557
	Total for Kansas (2 projects)	\$56,757
Kentucky	Corridor Management Plan	\$36,000
	Interpretation Plans	\$204,800
	Marketing Materials and Assistance	\$120,000
	Byways Facilities Grant	\$524,200
	Total for Kentucky (4 projects)	\$885,000
Louisiana	Hurricane Audrey Museum on the Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway	\$180,000
	Seed Grant for the Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway	\$15,000
	Louisiana Great Gulf Coast Birding Trail	\$134,400
	Toledo Bend Forest Scenic Byway: Scenic Overlook at Clyde's Crossing	\$5,040
	Toledo Bend Forest Scenic Byway: Marketing through Trade Shows and Press Kits	\$10,320
	Total for Louisiana (5 projects)	\$344,760

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Maine	Copy of Acadia Byway CMP Implementation	\$24,000
	Old Canada Road CMP Implementation	\$25,000
	Implement Rangeley Lakes Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan - Year Two	\$25,000
	Schoodic Byway Corridor Planning and Administration	\$24,000
	Old Canada Road Gateway Turnout Planning, Design and Land Acquisition	\$228,000
	State Route 27 - Safety Improvements	\$34,400
	Schoodic Byway Gateway Scenic Turnouts	\$40,800
	Electronic Delivery of Scenic Byway Interpretive Information	\$30,720
	Total for Maine (8 projects)	\$431,920
Maryland	National Road Corridor Wide Interpretive Panels	\$301,440
	Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway Interpretive Plan	\$42,960
	Chesapeake Country Water Access Improvements	\$102,110
	Charles Street CMP	\$80,000
	Lower Eastern Shore Scenic Byways	\$60,000
	Total for Maryland (5 projects)	\$586,510
Massachusetts	Scenic Turnout	\$69,600
	Northfield Main Street Improvement Project	\$81,400
	Millers Falls Streetscape Project	\$349,000
	Route 6A - Old King's Highway	\$500,000
	Total for Massachusetts (4 projects)	\$1,000,000
Michigan	Leelanau Heritage Route CMP Implementation	\$44,400
	Southeast Michigan's Main Street Marketing for Woodward Avenue - Phase III Implementation	\$536,000
		Total for Michigan (2 projects)
Minnesota	Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway: Seed Grant: 2002	\$25,000
	Seed Funds to Implement the North Shore CMP – Scenic Byway Component	\$25,000
	Grand Rounds Corridor Management Plan Administration--Volunteer Manager	\$24,960
	CMP Implementation - Increase Grassroots Support	\$25,000
	Integrated Byway Advertising	\$96,000
	Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway: Lind-Greenway Mine Interpretive Site Enhancement	\$40,000
	A Grand Journey of Learning: Historic Figures and Stories of the Grand Rounds	\$24,000
	North Shore Scenic Drive Interpretive Plan (East Segment)	\$72,800
	The Great River Birding Trail	\$25,600
	Interpretive Plan for the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway	\$52,960
	Cass Lake Rest Area & Interpretive Center - Site Component	\$96,000
	Total for Minnesota (11 projects)	\$507,320
Mississippi	Travelers Information Radio System	\$7,200
		Total for Mississippi (1 project)
Missouri	Clarksville/Louisiana Natural/Industrial Interpretative Project	\$229,680
	Hopkin's Schoolhouse Renovation	\$216,136
	Rt. W/WW Cultural and Historical Byway	\$28,000
	Cliff Drive Interpretation - Phase II	\$133,485
	Total for Missouri (4 projects)	\$607,301

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Nebraska	Nebraska Byways Facilities/Interpretation	\$220,800
	Nebraska Byways - Marketing/Interpretive	\$85,480
	Nebraska Byways CMP/Byway Marketing	\$141,600
	Total for Nebraska (3 projects)	\$447,880
New Hampshire	White Mountain Trail Program Development	\$25,000
	Historic Grafton County Court House (Alumni Hall) Restoration as Scenic Byway Interpretive Center	\$152,425
	Northern Forest Visitor and Interpretation Center	\$324,000
	Total for New Hampshire (3 projects)	\$501,425
New Mexico	Jemez Mountain Trail Comfort Station	\$23,200
	Implementation of the Jemez Mountain Trail Corridor Management Plan	\$122,900
	Turquoise Trail Interpretive Development Project	\$62,300
	Route 66 Scenic Byways Livable Communities and Transportation	\$200,000
	Total for New Mexico (4 projects)	\$408,400
New York	Champlain Canal Scenic Byway - "Old Saratoga" Network of Interpretive Parks	\$115,000
	Central Adirondack Trail Scenic Byway - CMP	\$110,800
	Route 90 Scenic Byway - Scenic Byway Information and Interpretation Center	\$74,500
	Black River Trail Scenic Byway - CMP	\$102,800
	Seaway Trail National Scenic Byway - Comprehensive Byways Bicycle Map and Development Plan	\$118,080
	Total for New York (5 projects)	\$521,180
North Carolina	Outdoor Advertising Sign Purchases - Stage 3	\$800,000
	Total for North Carolina (1 project)	\$800,000
Ohio	Development and Implementation of a Statewide Byway Marketing Plan	\$481,000
	Interpretive Gazebo Welcome Centers	\$200,000
	Total for Ohio (2 projects)	\$681,000
Oregon	Honeyman State Park Connector Trail	\$472,000
	Total for Oregon (1 project)	\$472,000
Pennsylvania	Kinzua Bridge Access - SR 3011	\$507,200
	Total for Pennsylvania (1 project)	\$507,200
Rhode Island	Development of Corridor Management Plan for Route 114 (Hope St & Ferry Rd) and High St. in Bristol, RI	\$24,000
	Total for Rhode Island (1 project)	\$24,000
South Carolina	Ashley River Road Byway Administrator (Seed Funding)	\$25,000
	Planning for Restoration of Historic Structure as a Byway Welcome Center	\$15,000
	Seed Grant II - Expansion of "Grass Roots" Organization	\$23,280
	Total for South Carolina (3 projects)	\$63,280
South Dakota	Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway: Gordon Stockade Restoration and Improvements	\$516,283
	Total for South Dakota (1 project)	\$516,283

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Utah	Energy Loop Nat'l Scenic Byway - 25K CMP Implementation - Year 1	\$25,664
	Nebo Loop Nat'l Scenic Byway - 25K CMP Implementation - Year 2	\$25,000
	Provo Canyon Scenic Byway - Non-Motorized Trail Extension	\$774,022
	Energy Loop Nat'l Scenic Byway - Interpretive Signage	\$11,120
	Total for Utah (4 projects)	\$835,806
Vermont	Vergennes Main Street Byway Recreational Access Project - phase 1	\$157,466
	Total for Vermont (1 project)	\$157,466
Washington	Iron Goat Interpretive Site	\$646,500
	Sweet Creek Falls Interpretive Trail Project, Phase I	\$100,000
	Coulees and Canyons Heritage Corridor Great Birding Tour	\$60,000
	Total for Washington (3 projects)	\$806,500
West Virginia	Washington Heritage Trail - Seed Grant for Director's Compensation	\$20,000
	Midland Trail \$25K CMP Implementation Seed Grant	\$25,000
	Washington Heritage Trail - Official Map/Guide and Training Resource Packet	\$87,160
	West Virginia Byways and Backways Program (FY 2002)	\$104,080
	Promoting Treasures Within the Mountains II	\$19,000
	Little Kanawha Byway/Cedar Creek Road Backway: Brochure and Historic Markers	\$8,000
	Beverly Byway Center	\$204,000
	Cranberry Mountain Nature Center	\$99,432
	Mountain Waters Byway Project #1	\$28,570
	Copy of Little Kanawha Byway Rathbone Reconstruction Phase II	\$96,800
Total for West Virginia (10 projects)	\$692,042	
Wisconsin	Great River Road National Scenic Byway Learning Center Building	\$700,800
	Great River Birding Trail (Wisconsin Maps)	\$16,000
	Total for Wisconsin (2 projects)	\$716,800
Wyoming	Big Spring Scenic Backway	\$21,880
	Shell Falls Redevelopment Project--Final Design Phase	\$248,448
	Total for Wyoming (2 projects)	\$270,328

**Eligible pending an approved application*