



**U.S. Department
of Transportation**

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Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

July 19, 2018

Ms. Linda Ziegler
President
CUF Neighborhood Association
2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45214

Dear Ms. Ziegler:

Thank you for your letter supporting funding for the city of Cincinnati's Western Hills Viaduct project under the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program funded by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

BUILD Transportation Grants replace the pre-existing Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, under which the Department has awarded more than \$5.6 billion to support road, rail, transit, port, and multimodal projects. The revised name for this program underscores its new emphasis on improving the ways we utilize existing authorities and programs in order to derive a greater value for the taxpayer for each federal dollar spent. The Fiscal Year 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity includes new considerations such as allowing applicants to bundle larger programs of projects to achieve costs efficiencies and innovative aspects such as concurrent installation of broadband.

The Department issued the FY 2018 Notice on <https://www.grants.gov/>, including project selection criteria and application requirements. The deadline for submitting final applications is 8:00 pm EDT on July 19, 2018. Please be assured that all properly submitted applications will receive full and careful consideration.

Your knowledge of the transportation needs in your area is valuable and your interest in the BUILD program is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Finch Fulton
Deputy Assistant Secretary