



Call for Projects

Applications are now available for the 2022 Metropolitan Planning
Federal Transportation Grant Program Call for Projects

Transportation Policy Board
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Objectives for Call for Projects Process Revisions



1. Provide direct ties between project selection and the region's performance goals and targets.
2. Create a fair and competitive process with clear evaluation criteria
3. Improve region's ability to meet annual obligation targets
4. Improve opportunities to leverage additional federal funding

2022 Estimated Available Federal Funding

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$9,302,000
Transportation Alternatives STBG Set Aside	\$2,078,000
Total Available	\$11,380,000

Program	Total Available	Urban Medium	Urban Small	Rural	Flexible	Flexible after RCSP Set-Aside
STBG	\$9,302,000	\$6,381,300	\$725,800	\$770,400	\$1,424,400	\$824,400
TA	\$2,078,000	\$980,900	\$111,600	\$308,600	\$677,000	

Projects will be programmed for FFYs: 2025, 2026, and 2027

I. Regional Funding Priorities

Existing

New

Safety

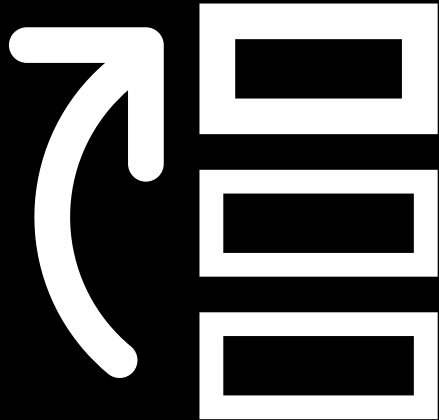
Active
Transportation

Maintenance

Planning

Efficiency

Resiliency



II. Regional Evaluation Criteria



Efficient Use
of Federal Funds



Sustainable
Thurston
Urban Corridors
and Centers



Equity



GHG Emissions
Reduction

					Total Points
Urban Medium	2	2	2	2	8
Urban Small/Rural	2	N/A	2	2	6

III. Funding Caps

Applicable to Urban Medium Area Projects Only

No single applicant can receive more than 33 % of the estimated combined funding available for the first two funding cycles over three consecutive Calls for Projects.

- The funding cap will span the 2022, 2024, and 2026 Calls for Projects.
- STBG and TA flexible funding is excluded as these funds could be awarded to Urban Small and Rural areas
- The funding cap will be evaluated in 2024, based on funding TRPC's allocation of funds
- All applicants' funding caps are reset after the 2026 Call for Projects
- Contingency projects funded over the 3 consecutive cycles won't count toward applicants' Funding Cap

33% of 2022 & 2024 Calls for Projects Funding combined

STBG Cap	\$3,759,100
TA Cap	\$495,400
Total Cap	\$4,254,500

Maximum Award: Urban Small and Rural

No multi-year funding caps for these areas, but awards in each cycle may not exceed the maximum estimated funding available.

	Urban Small	Rural	Urban Small & Rural Combined
STBG	\$725,800	\$770,400	\$1,496,200
Flexible	\$824,400	\$824,400	\$824,400
Maximum Possible Award*	\$1,550,200	\$1,594,800	\$2,320,600

	Urban Small	Rural	Urban Small & Rural Combined
TA	\$111,600	\$308,600	\$420,200
Flexible	\$677,000	\$677,000	\$677,000
Maximum Possible Award*	\$788,600	\$985,600	\$1,097,200

Regional Funding Set-Aside

Rural Community Support Program (RCSP)

Staff recommends a \$600,000 Set-Aside from STBG Flexible funds for the 2023 RCSP

- A separate TRPC-led Call for Projects will occur in early 2023
- Eligible applicants include: Bucoda, Rainier, Tenino and the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Nisqually Indian Reservation
- Thurston County staff express continued support for administering the program

Exclusion for STBG/TA Awardees

RCSP applicants who apply for and receive a federal grant through TRPC's Federal Transportation Call for Projects Process in 2022 be ineligible for an award through the RCSP Call for Projects issued in 2023.



Limits on Application Submissions

- Applicants may submit up to four proposals (STBG & TA combined) for each geographic Area – 1. Urban Medium, 2. Urban Small, 3. Rural, and 4. Combined Urban Small & Rural
- For joint applicants, lead applicants or partners may not submit more than three proposals
- Applicants may also submit proposals directly to the Contingency List – there’s no limits on the number of contingency proposals

2022 Regional Transportation Alternatives (TA) Application			
1. PROJECT TITLE			
If the project is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program, use the same title.			
2. LEAD AGENCY Provide information about the lead applicant who is requesting grant funds.			
Lead Agency			
Contact Person			
Phone Number		Email Address	
3. CERTIFICATION ACCEPTANCE (CA) AGENCY SPONSOR Provide information about the applicant's Certification Acceptance agency sponsor (leave blank if the same as #2 or if not applicable).			
Co-Sponsor Agency			
Contact Person			
Phone Number		Email Address	
4. PROJECT PARTNERS / CO-APPLICANTS For multi-agency joint proposals. Leave blank if not applicable.			
Name of partner organizations		Name of primary contacts	
5. PROJECT OVERVIEW			
Provide a brief description of the proposal. (~150 words)			
6. PROJECT TYPE (Mark all that apply)			
a. Safe Routes to School project or program			<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and/or bicycles			<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Preservation and/or conversion of abandoned railway corridors for bike/pedestrian trails			<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas			<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Recreational Trails Program (Section 206 of title 23)			<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising			<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Preservation & rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures, facilities			<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Vegetation management in right-of-way to control invasive species or control erosion			<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Archaeological activities related to impacts from transportation projects			<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Environmental mitigation to address stormwater associated with highway runoff			<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Environmental mitigation to reduce wildlife mortality or improve habitat connectivity			<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Other			<input type="checkbox"/>



Eligible Applicants

TRADITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNER

Bucoda, Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm, Thurston County, the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and Intercity Transit.

NON-TRADITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNER

TRPC, the Port of Olympia, school districts, state and federal natural resource agencies, and non-profit organizations.

- There are no Funding Set-Asides for Non-Traditional Partners
- Most Non-Traditional Partners require a Traditional Partner sponsor to serve as the project's Certification Acceptance Agency to ensure compliance with state/federal grant administration requirements

2022 Schedule

September 2	TRPC – Process Approval
September 5	Call for Projects Launched
October 7	Application Deadline
October 20	Technical Review by TAC
October 24-November 6	Public Comment on Proposals
November 4	TRPC– Proposals Preview
November 9	TPB – Review and Funding Recommendation
December 2	TRPC – Funding Awards

