

Discretionary Grant Program Purpose and Goals

Discussion Item: The PTAC is requested to review the following purpose and goal statements identified by the PTAC discretionary grant subcommittee. Please come prepared to discuss these statements and identify additional ideas that should be added.

Background: The purpose of the subcommittee is to assist the PTAC and PTD to identify ways to improve the discretionary grant program. The Discretionary Grant Subcommittee met on April 16, 2008. Members are: Terry Parker, LTD; Claire Potter, TriMet; Matt Mumford, Tillamook County TD; Dan Schwanz, Mid Columbia Council of Gov/Hood River Co TD; Steve Dickey, Salem-Keiser Transit.

The subcommittee defined the following purposes and goals:

Purpose

1. Implement the Oregon Transportation Plan, and align the program to meet strategies of the Governor's Climate Change Initiative;
2. Support the network of transportation services;
3. Give flexibility to PTD to allocate funds to meet statewide goals, equity and preservation needs;
4. Meet Federal Transit Administration and State program purposes and guidelines;
5. Support services for transportation-disadvantaged populations (people with low income, people with disabilities and older adults).

Goals

1. Simplify program applications and processes;
2. Program supports provider/applicant needs, including consideration of local match issues;
3. Leverage local and STF discretionary funds for matching federal funds;
4. Preserve current services and infrastructure;
5. Support local decision-making and coordination efforts;
6. Ensure equity (including geographic distribution), and fairness;
7. Use objective criteria to rank project priorities;
8. Stabilize fund expectations of providers;
9. Manage TIP/STIP issues and assist Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and ODOT Region coordinators to the table.