Solicitation Notice for FY 2023-25 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Programs

This solicitation notice applies to the STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network (STN) grant programs. The STN program includes both the STIF Intercommunity Fund and FTA Section 5311(f) funds. This notice only includes solicitation information specific to the FY 2023-25 fund cycle including a key change in the application process. Letters of Interest are now required for ALL projects except the purchase of vehicles. General program guidance, such as program background, match requirements, and scoring criteria can be found in the STIF Guidebook.

Funding Availability

ODOT will award funds at its discretion. For the FY 2023-25 grant agreement period, ODOT estimates the below funding availability. It is possible that these estimates could decrease or increase as a result of a loss or gain in projected STIF tax revenue.

Funding Sources	Estimated Amount	
STIF Discretionary Fund	\$13.5 M	
Statewide Transit Network Program Total	\$15 M	
STIF Intercommunity Fund	\$10.8 M	
FTA Section 5311(f)	\$4.2 M	
Total Funds Available	\$28.5 M	

Grant Program Schedule

2022	Sept	-	Advance Notice and Letter of Interest (LOI) Available
	Sep 28	-	STIF D/STN Application Training Webinar
	Oct 10	-	LOI Due to ODOT
	Oct 28	-	LOI Feedback Due to Applicants (as appropriate)
	Nov 30	-	Applications Due to ODOT
2023	Feb	-	Selection Committee Meeting
	Mar/Apr	-	Award Recommendations Reviewed by PTAC
	Apr/May	-	OTC Review and Final Award Decisions
	Jul	-	Agreements Executed

Letter of Interest Submission

For the FY 2023-25 fund cycle, applicants are **required** to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) prior to submitting a formal application. There is one exception: applicants solely seeking grants to purchase vehicle assets are *not* required to submit an LOI. Applicants seeking Section 5311(f) funds must also submit an LOI.

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Formal applications submitted under these programs will be rejected if they are not reasonably tied to a submitted LOI. The ODOT Intercommunity Program Coordinator will have sole discretion in determining whether an application is substantially consistent with the project intent expressed in a submitted LOI.

Letters of Interest are due to ODOT by **October 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM**. The online LOI form can be accessed <u>here</u>. Please carefully read all text provided on the form. **Early submission is highly recommended**.

Training Opportunity

ODOT will provide a webinar on September 28, 2022 at 11 AM PST to offer an overview of this solicitation and highlight key components of the application. A registration link for this webinar will be shared in the near future.

Application Submission

Applications for the 2023-25 grant solicitation are due to ODOT no later than November 30, 2020.

The application form and instructions will be released in October 2022.

If you have questions about the this solicitation, please contact Patrick DePriest at Patrick. DePriest@odot.oregon.gov and CC your Regional Transit Coordinator.