Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund
Formula Fund Sub-Allocation Guidance, DRAFT, April 9, 2018

This Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Fund guidance is draft; pending Oregon Transportation Commission approval of the proposed Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs).

Proposed Formula Fund OAR 732-042-0010(3) would require ODOT to estimate Formula Fund disbursements for each Qualified Entity (QE). QEs are required to work collaboratively with Public Transportation Service Providers (PTSP’S) and other potential sub-recipients to develop a method for sub-allocating STIF Formula Fund moneys to PTSPs.

To the extent possible, using the best available data, the sub-allocation method used by QEs must be proportionate to the amount of employee payroll tax revenue generated within the geographic territory of each PTSP.

The QE’s sub-allocation estimate shall be a starting point for the QE’s STIF Plan and funding prioritization process. The sub-allocation is not an entitlement to the PTSP and decision criteria may affect the prioritization of projects.

Because QEs that are Mass Transit Districts or Public Transportation Districts are responsible for distribution of Formula Funds outside of their district boundaries but within the reminder of the county or counties, ODOT’s QE allocation estimate includes in-district and out-of-district revenue estimates by county.

Potential best available data sources:

- Payroll data for cities can be attained by contacting an Oregon Employment Department (OED) regional economist in your area. The list of local economists is available on the Contact Us tab at QualityInfo.org.

- If OED is unable to fulfill the data request, QEs and PTSPs may consider using population data, recognizing that population does not necessarily mirror employee payroll generation:
  
  - Portland State University publishes annual population estimates for cities and towns here: https://www.pdx.edu/prc/population-reports-estimates
  
  - The U.S. Census Bureau reports population data at a variety of geographic levels available through the American FactFinder located here: https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml

This list is not exhaustive and questions about other proposed data sources should be directed to Andrew O’Keefe, Fiscal Coordinator, ODOT Rail and Transit Division, by phone at 503-986-3267 or by email at Andrew.S.OKeefe@odot.state.or.us.