

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Fund Programs: FY 2021-23 Solicitation Training

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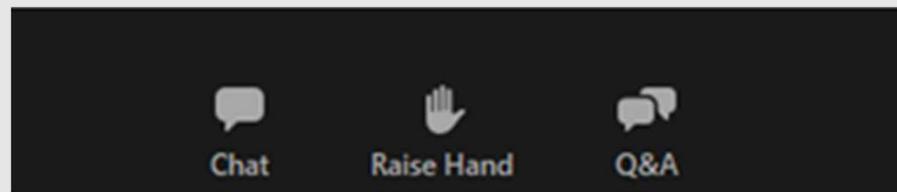
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# Zoom Overview

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# Topics

- Program Eligibility
- Fund Estimates
- Solicitation Schedule
- Writing Project Descriptions
- Application Form Review

# Fund Programs Overview

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- **Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary solicitation (5 % of STIF)**
  - Broad project eligibility but not a source of ongoing operations funding
- **Statewide Transit Network Program discretionary solicitation, funded from two sources:**
  - **STIF Intercommunity Fund (4 % of STIF)**
    - Improve coordination and connectivity of the statewide transit network
  - **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f)**
    - Focused on long distance, non-commuter intercity service

# Applicant Eligibility

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- STIF Discretionary and Intercommunity Discretionary
  - Must be a “Public Transportation Service Provider.” This includes: Qualified Entities, cities, counties, special districts, intergovernmental entities, or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corporation that provides public transportation services.
  - Recipients may contract with non-profits, for-profits, and other entities to complete project deliverables.
- FTA Section 5311(f)
  - All entities described above as well as for-profit and non-profit organizations may be subrecipients of ODOT.

# Estimated Fund Availability<sup>1</sup>

Fund Source	Amount
STIF Discretionary Fund	\$9.5 M
Statewide Transit Network Program	\$9.5 M
STIF Intercommunity Discretionary Fund	\$7.6 M
FTA Section 5311(f) 1	\$1.9 M

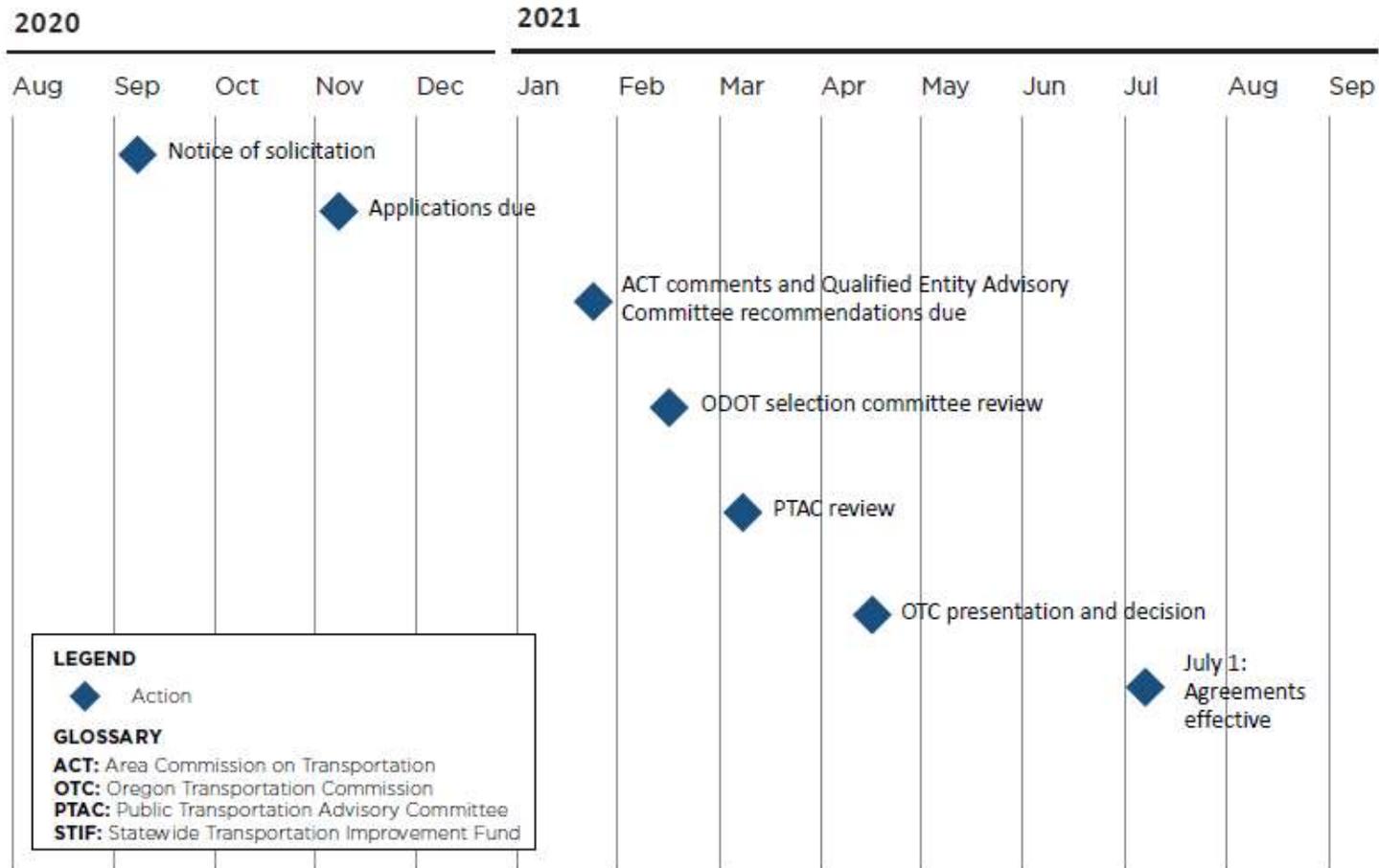


<sup>1</sup> Estimates do not reflect possible backfill of Special Transportation Fund

# STIF Discretionary Fund and Statewide Transit Network Program\*

## SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

September 2020



\*The Statewide Transit Network Program includes two potential funding sources: STIF Intercommunity Discretionary Fund, and FTA 55311(f).

## Writing Compelling Project Descriptions

- Tell the Selection Committee the what, where, and how, *not* the why
- Be specific about proposed asset purchases
- Provide details that will make it easier to assess the project budget
- Response limit expanded to 5000 characters



Focus Areas	Selection Criteria Indicators	Score Weighting	
		STIF Disc.	STN
Equity and Public Transportation Service to Low-income Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves public transportation service (e.g., service levels, programs, information, and supporting infrastructure) to low-income households. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(a)</li> <li>Improves or expands service to vulnerable or transportation-disadvantaged populations (e.g., seniors and people with disabilities). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)</li> </ul>	20%	10%
Coordination of Public Transportation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves coordination between public transportation providers. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(b)</li> <li>Provides integrated planning where affected communities will plan or partner to develop public transportation project(s). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(A)</li> <li>Implements technological innovations that improve efficiencies and support a seamless, easy-to-use Statewide Transit Network. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(B)</li> </ul>	10%	30%
Safety, Security, and Community Livability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protects fleet condition and ensures vehicles are maintained in a state of good repair. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)</li> <li>Results in increased use and participation in active transportation, including public transportation. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)</li> </ul>	25%	10%
Environmental and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces greenhouse gas emissions in or through public transportation systems. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(C)</li> <li>Supports positive health outcomes. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)</li> </ul>	15%	10%
Statewide Transit Network Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves or maintains service between geographically separated communities. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(D)</li> <li>Improves local connections and infrastructure at inter-regional transit hubs or develops service improvements and approaches that can be replicated statewide. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)</li> </ul>	10%	30%
Sustainable Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not substantially rely on discretionary state funding beyond a pilot phase (i.e., project is short-term or has reasonable fund sources identified to sustain project-related transit services after discretionary funds expended). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(d)</li> </ul>	20%	10%

# Application Form Review

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- Key Topics:
  - One application, one service disclaimer
  - Question 3: Ongoing Operations
  - Question 14: STIF Match Reduction
  - Questions 17, 18: Referencing Local Plans
  - Questions 20, 21: Selecting Fund Sources
  - Project Details and Application Totals Example
- <https://www.cognitofrms.com/ODOT2/stifdiscretionaryandstatewidetransitnetworkapplicationfy202123>