Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Fund Programs:

FY 2021-23 Solicitation Training

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Zoom Overview

- You will be muted during the webinar.
- If you have a question, use the Q&A box to submit one.
- If you have a technical issue, use the chat.
- Questions will be answered during designated segments of the webinar.
Topics

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

• 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

• 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

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1 Estimates do not reflect possible backfill of Special Transportation Fund
STIF Discretionary Fund and Statewide Transit Network Program*
Solicitation Schedule
September 2020

2020

Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  

Diamond: Notice of solicitation

Applications due

2021

Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  

Diamond: ACT comments and Qualified Entity Advisory Committee recommendations due

Diamond: ODOT selection committee review

Diamond: PTAC review

Diamond: OTC presentation and decision

Diamond: Agreements effective

July 1:

Legend:

Diamond: Action

Glossary:

ACT: Area Commission on Transportation

OTC: Oregon Transportation Commission

PTAC: Public Transportation Advisory Committee

STIF: Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund

*The Statewide Transit Network Program includes two potential funding sources: STIF Intercommunity Discretionary Fund, and FTA §5311(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
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| Equity and Public Transportation Service to Low-Income Households | • Improves public transportation service (e.g., service levels, programs, information, and supporting infrastructure) to low-income households. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(a)  
  • Improves or expands service to vulnerable or transportation-disadvantaged populations (e.g., seniors and people with disabilities). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) | 20%  | 10%  |
| Coordination of Public Transportation Services  | • Improves coordination between public transportation providers. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(b)  
  • Provides integrated planning where affected communities will plan or partner to develop public transportation project(s). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(A)  
  • Implements technological innovations that improve efficiencies and support a seamless, easy-to-use Statewide Transit Network. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(B) | 10%  | 30%  |
| Safety, Security, and Community Livability     | • Protects fleet condition and ensures vehicles are maintained in a state of good repair. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)  
  • Results in increased use and participation in active transportation, including public transportation. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) | 25%  | 10%  |
| Environmental and Public Health                | • Reduces greenhouse gas emissions in or through public transportation systems. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(C)  
  • Supports positive health outcomes. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) | 15%  | 10%  |
| Statewide Transit Network Connections          | • Improves or maintains service between geographically separated communities. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(D)  
  • 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) | 10%  | 30%  |
| Sustainable Funding                            | • 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) | 20%  | 10%  |
Application Form Review

• 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.cognitoforms.com/ODOT2/stifdiscretionaryandstatewidetransitnetworkapplicationfy202123