Innovative Mobility Program: Micro-Grant Request

The Innovative Mobility Program (IMP) is a new initiative from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that aims to improve access to public transportation, reduce the number of trips Oregonians make by car, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The IMP has a special focus on equity and helping historically excluded groups to get to where they need to go more quickly, cheaply and safely. ODOT is offering micro-grants to help meet these needs.

The maximum dollar amount for the micro-grants is $5,000 per project. Local and regional governments, public transportation providers, Tribes, public schools, universities, businesses providing community services, and 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible to apply. Organizations are limited to twogrants in a 12-month period.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Applicants are required to demonstrate how their project supports historically excluded groups and increases social equity. You can find out more about how the State of Oregon approaches social equity [here](https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/Commission/Documents/2021-09_Item-2_Directors-Report_Attachment-A_DEI-Action-Plan.pdf).

# General Information

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1. **Project Description:** Pleaseprovide a brief description of your proposed project. In your response, please be sure to identify the problem/need that the project will address and how you intend to use the funds to address the problem. *For example*: Your organization supports people experiencing homelessness and you would like to provide free transit passes to help them get to medical appointments. You will use the funds to purchase transit passes, which you will distribute to your organization’s beneficiaries.
2. **Project Outcomes:** Please briefly describe the intended outcomes of your project. What do you hope the funding will help you accomplish? How do these outcomes align with the goals of the Innovative Mobility Program? *For example:* The intended outcome of providing free transit passes to help people experiencing homelessness get to health care appointments is that 1) more people will be able to access health care and 2) they will have improved health outcomes. This aligns with the goals of the IMP to improve access to public transportation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a specific focus on a historically excluded group.
3. **Project Metrics and Data Collection:** Please briefly describe how you will track progress towards your intended outcomes and measure success. What metrics will you report on? What is your plan for collecting social/demographic data, such as age, gender, race/ethnicity, disability status, etc.? *For example:* You will track the number of transit passes given out, and you will survey beneficiaries about their experiences. The survey will include social/demographic questions, and you will also ask beneficiaries if having a free transit pass helped them get to health care appointments.
4. **Additional Requirements:**

**If you are a nonprofit**, you will need to submit proof of your status as a legal entity, such as a copy of your IRS Determination Letter, along your application form.

**If you selected bike racks, lockers or repair station**, please submit documentation to demonstrate:

* + Product selected and estimated cost
  + You have an approved location for installation
  + You have funding and/or a plan in place for installation
  + The site does not impede right-of-way or constitute an ADA hazard (Americans with Disabilities Act)

**Ready to Submit?** Email your application and any supporting documentation to [Dorian.Pacheco@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:dorian.pacheco@odot.oregon.gov).

1. This limit has been adopted for the initial phase of the program and may be subject to change as the program develops and the level of demand becomes clearer. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)