



2024 Coordinated Call for Projects

Planning and RTAP

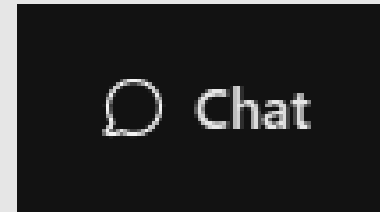




To ask questions during the webinar.....



Use the chat function at the top of the TEAMS meeting window.



TxDOT's responses to questions will be posted on the Public Transportation Division (PTN) website.



- Webinar purpose
- Important points
- Planning program
- RTAP program
- Schedule
- Where to ask questions and find the Q&A
- IGX Assistance





- Explain the Planning and RTAP program requirements
- Get information on eligible project types
- Review the calendar and how to get assistance





- Coordinated Call for Projects is distributed biennially
 - Next call for projects will be published Fall of 2025
- Only one project per grant application
- Projects can be for a maximum of two years starting in either FY25 or FY26
- Applications must be submitted through IGX
 - Status must be “Application Submitted for Review” by the deadline to be considered submitted on time
- Master Grant Agreement and current FTA & TxDOT Certification and Assurances must be on file





Read the Entire Call for Projects Instruction Document

Section 1 – Overview
Section 2 – Terms and Conditions
Section 3 – Application Submission
Section 4 – Application Instructions
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Section 6 – Glossary
Section 7 – Attachments

These sections apply to all applications

Section 5 – Programs
Scope
Objectives
Program requirements
Evaluation criteria

This section is specific to each program



Schedule – Key dates and Deadlines



Activity/Milestone	Target Due Date
Submission and Training	
Notice of Opportunity available	10/27/2023
Instructions Overview Webinar	10/31/2023
Program Specific Webinar (PLN and RTAP)	11/01/2023
Program Specific Webinar (RD and ICB)	11/02/2023
Deadline for submitting written questions	12/15/2023
Deadline for application submission	01/19/2024
Scoring and Negotiations	
Applications Scored	02/21/2024
Application Negotiations Completed	03/22/2024
PGA Development	
Texas Transportation Commission approval	06/27/2024
Project Grant Agreements distributed for Year 1 projects	08/01/2024
Award Grants	
Project Grant Agreements executed and activated in IGX for Year 1	09/01/2024



Program	Description
Planning Assistance (PLN)	Assist small urban and rural transit agencies and other eligible agencies, to develop projects and strategies to support the coordination of public, private, specialized, and human service transportation services in order to further meet people’s transportation needs. Funds may also be used to support training educational programs, and demonstration projects.
Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)	Design and implement training and technical assistance projects and other support services tailored to meet the specific needs of transit operators in rural areas . Projects can develop training and training materials to improve the quality of information and technical assistance available to local transit operators, develop networks of transit professionals, and support the coordination of public, private, specialized, and human service transportation services.

A project may qualify for both programs. Use your best judgment to determine which program is most appropriate.



- Make better use of existing resources
- Develop best practice asset management and safety programs
- Develop and evaluate public transportation related demonstration projects
- Conduct operational efficiency and effectiveness studies*
- Develop initial feasibility and concept elements of facility project development projects*





- Studies relating to management, operations, capital requirements, innovative financing opportunities, security and economic feasibility of transit projects*
- Evaluation of previously funded projects
- Similar work or activities preliminary to the construction of or improved operation of facilities and equipment and other improvements that enhance the usability and community-friendliness of the transit system environment*
- Systems analysis
- Analyses of social, economic, and environmental factors related to travel and transportation
- Demonstration projects to assist planning regions in achieving strategies, priorities or projects identified in regional public transit-human services transportation plans
- Public involvement in the transit/transportation planning process
- Multimodal facilities planning
- Computer hardware and software needed to support planning work



- If a project is eligible for the Transit Technical Services Program (TTSP) it may be moved to that instead of the Coordinated Call
 - Financial management and analysis
 - Capital project development
 - Operational and service analysis
- If your project is for any of the items mentioned you may want to consider TTSP as an option. The division reviews requests generally in April, August, and December.
- TTSP is not competitive and does not require procurement

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- To promote the safe and effective delivery of public transportation in rural areas and to make more efficient use of public and private resources;
- To foster the development of State and local capacity for addressing the training and technical assistance needs of the rural transportation community;
- To improve the quality of information and technical assistance available through the development of training and technical assistance resource materials;
- To facilitate peer-to-peer assistance through the development of local networks of transit professionals; and
- To support the coordination of public, private, specialized, and human service transportation services.



Training

- **Specialized training courses** designed specifically for an organization or regional coordination group.
- **Development of interagency peer-to-peer training**, that incorporate local transportation providers and FTA funded transportation providers.
- **Engaging a specific trainer or training organization** to provide a class or event.

Technical Assistance

- Development of **cost allocation plans** to assist agencies to manage a variety of funding streams;
- **Operational and route studies** to assist agencies in maximizing resources by determining efficient route patterns;
- **Management / organizational reviews** that will assist agencies to develop organizational structures appropriate to the size of their agencies; and/or provide management guidance.

Research

- **Development of surveys** to determine the effectiveness of a certain route or organization services;
- **Feasibility studies** prior to initiating new services, facilities or technology projects;
- **Consultation with a local institution**; for example, to determine non-traditional sources for local match or other organization needs.

All projects submitted must meet the scope, objectives, and funding requirements identified in the Program Information for the RTAP program.



For clarification of the specifications of this Call for Projects,
E-mail:

PTN_ProgramMgmt@txdot.gov

Do not contact PTCs or Program Managers directly



All questions due by December 15, 2023

- TxDOT's responses to written questions will be posted on the Public Transportation Division (PTN) website.
- Interested proposers should check the website periodically for updates
- A final Q&A document will be posted to the PTN website the following week



For questions regarding the IGX system or to get set up in IGX contact the IGX Help Desk

Email: PTN_IGXhelp@txdot.gov

Phone: (512) 486-5957

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(closed federal holidays)





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TxDOT's Public Transportation Division administers state and Federal Transit Administration grant programs for public transportation. These grants are for specific purposes and have separate eligibility and funding requirements. The Public Transportation Division requests applications for specific grant funding sources through calls for projects.

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