



Coordinated Call for Projects

Rural Discretionary and Intercity Bus Programs





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Name	Description
<p>Rural Discretionary (RD)</p>	<p>Assist public transportation providers in rural areas to provide passenger transportation services to the general public using the most efficient combination of knowledge, materials, resources and technology. Rural Discretionary funds are available through this call for projects which cannot reasonably be funded through FTA and State program formula allocations or local resources and are consistent with identified objectives.</p>
<p>Intercity Bus (ICB)</p>	<p>Support connections, services, and infrastructure to meet the intercity mobility needs of residents in rural areas, consistent with identified objectives.</p>



Date	Description
01/07/2022	Deadline for Submitting Written Questions
02/04/2022	Applications due
3/11/2022	Applications Scored
4/11/2022	Application Negotiations Completed
5/11/2022	Funding decision made
01/07/2022	Deadline for Submitting Written Questions
06/30/2022	Texas Transportation Commission approval
08/01/2022	Project Grant Agreements for Year 1 projects distributed
09/01/2022	Project Grant Agreements for Year 1 projects executed



- Section 1 – Overview
- Section 2 – Terms and Conditions
- Section 3 – Application Submission
- Section 4 – Application Instructions
- ***Section 5 – Programs***
 - *Scope*
 - *Objectives*
 - *Program requirements*
 - *Evaluation criteria*
- *Section 6 – Glossary*
- *Section 7 – Attachments*



- Coordinated Call for Projects is distributed biennially.
 - Next call for projects will be published Fall of 2023.
- Current proposed projects can be for a maximum of two years starting in either FY23 or FY24.
- Applications must be submitted in eGrants, and the status changed to “*Application Submitted for Review*” prior to **5PM CST February 4, 2022**.
- Master Grant Agreement (MGA) and current FTA & TxDOT Certification and Assurances must be on file.



■ Transit Technical Services Program (TTSP)

- TTSP assistance is short-term in duration, expected to take between one and four months. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.
- TxDOT PTN reviews requests several times a year for coordination and scheduling purposes (generally in April, August and December).

■ Eligibility

- If a project is eligible for Transit Technical Services Program (TTSP) it *may* be moved to the TTSP program.
 - Financial management and analysis
 - Capital project development
 - Operational and service analysis

■ Criteria

- If you have a proposed project that falls into one of the categories above, we suggest exploring the option with the TTSP program, sooner than later.



- **Facilities Specific Evaluation Form**
 - Ownership of property, leases, flood plain, flood insurance, liens questions have been added or expanded.
- **Intercity Bus Operating Projects**
 - Requests for ICB operating can be for FY23 and FY24.
 - Feeder service, out-of-state-travel, interstate mileage, days in operation questions have been added or expanded.
- **Intercity Bus Program**
 - Priorities have been updated.
 - Definitions have been updated.
 - Priority connections identified.
- **Guidance**
 - Provided throughout the Application Instructions.



■ Priorities

- TxDOT priorities for this call for projects include the following:
 - Sustain historically subsidized intercity bus routes with continued demonstration of need and performance and identified as a priority connection to be sustained in the ICB Study. Provide funding for capital needs in support of these services.
 - Support new and/or previously unsubsidized routes with sufficient justification of need and proposed performance (routes identified by the ICB Study will be prioritized over other new routes). Provide funding for capital needs in support of these services.
 - Provide transition funding for proposals to sustain under-performing, historically subsidized service connections to allow time for identification and implementation of alternative sources of funding and/or service design by the service provider.



- Indirect Costs will not be considered or allowed if not indicated at time of application submission. Indirect Costs are **NOT** allowed for ICB.

- If In-Kind match will be used, the project total cost should be inflated by the In-Kind amount and the federal column should be the amount requested. Support documentation must be included as an attachment for In-Kind match.

- Applicants requesting funding for more than one year:
 - Enter only the **FIRST YEAR** of funds requested.
 - Must upload the Multiyear Budget Worksheet.

- TDCs will be available
 - TDCs must be requested by checking the box under “*TDC Requested?*” for the appropriate line item.



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- **Open Call for Projects eMail**
 - ptn_programmgmt@txdot.gov

- **Help Desk eMail**
 - ptn-egrantshelp@txdot.gov

- **Help Desk Phone**
 - 512.486.5957 (**M–F CST 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed federal holidays**)

- **Link**
 - <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/local-assistance.html>

- **Transit Technical Services Program (TTSP)**
 - TTSP@txdot.gov