COORDINATED CALL FOR PROJECTS
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To ask questions during the webinar......

Use the chat function at the bottom left of the screen.

TxDOT’s responses to questions will be posted on the Public Transportation Division (PTN) website.
Coordinated Call for Projects

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requests applications for various public transportation projects relating to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs.

- Webinar Purpose: Provide a general overview of the Call for Projects
# Programs in the Coordinated Call for Projects

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<td>Planning Assistance (PLN)</td>
<td>Assist small urban and rural transit agencies to <strong>develop projects and strategies to support the coordination</strong> 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.</td>
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<td>Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)</td>
<td><strong>Design and implement training and technical assistance</strong> 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.</td>
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<td>Rural Discretionary (RD)</td>
<td>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 <strong>cannot reasonably be funded through FTA and State program formula allocations or local resources and are consistent with identified objectives.</strong></td>
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<td>Intercity Bus (ICB)</td>
<td>Support connections, services, and infrastructure to <strong>meet the intercity mobility needs</strong> of residents in rural areas, consistent with identified objectives.</td>
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<td>Fleet Replacement (FR)</td>
<td>Assist <strong>small urban</strong> transit districts with <strong>maintaining capital assets in a state of good repair.</strong></td>
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Important Points

- Read the Entire Call for Projects Instruction Document
  - Regardless of what funding you are applying for, sections one through four apply to all applications.
    - 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
Important Points

- Coordinated Call for Projects is distributed biennially
  - Next call for projects will be published Fall of 2023

- Projects can be for a maximum of two years starting in either FY23 or FY24

- Applications must be submitted through eGrants
  - Status must be “Application Submitted for Review” by the deadline in order to be considered submitted on time

- Master Grant Agreement and current FTA & TxDOT Certification and Assurances must be on file
## Schedule – Key dates and Deadlines

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<td>Deadline for Submitting Written Questions</td>
<td>Friday, January 7, 2022</td>
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<td><strong>Application Review</strong></td>
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<td>Applications Scored</td>
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<td>Application Negotiations Completed</td>
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<td><strong>PGA Development</strong></td>
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<td>Texas Transportation Commission approval</td>
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<td>Project Grant Agreements distributed for year 1 projects</td>
<td>Monday, August 1, 2022</td>
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<td><strong>Award Grants</strong></td>
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<td>Project Grant Agreements executed and activated in eGrants for year 1 projects</td>
<td>Thursday, September 1, 2022</td>
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What to submit ..... 

- All applications must meet the **Scope and Objectives** of the program for which they are applying

- Applicants must **answer all required questions**
  - Answer the questions thoroughly
    - Guidance is given in blue text in section five (Programs) but may not cover all aspects of the question
  - Be specific and to the point

- **Clearly label all attachments** that include a “description” field

- TxDOT will not be responsible for locating or securing information not included in the eGrants application.

**Before you submit review for completeness and clarity.....**

1. The full eGrants application
2. All uploaded documents
Budget and Milestones Form

- Indirect Costs will not be considered or allowed if not indicated at time of application submission.

- If in-kind match will be used, the federal column should be the amount requested. Supporting documentation must be included as an attachment for in-kind match.

- Applications requesting funding for more than one year:
  - Should enter only the first year of funds requested to the Budget and Milestones Form.
  - Must attach the Multiyear Budget Worksheet to the Budget and Milestones Form.

- Milestones must be entered as appropriate for each line item.

- TDC will be available:
  - TDC must be requested by checking the box under “TDC Requested?” for the appropriate line item.
Facilities Specific Evaluation Form changes

Requesting additional information regarding:

– Ownership of the property, leases, and liens

– Joint development and incidental use

– If property is in a flood plain and status of flood insurance if applicable.
Intercity Bus Program (ICB) changes

Priorities:
TxDOT priorities for this call for projects include the following:

1. Sustain historically subsidized intercity bus routes with continued demonstration of need and performance, and identified as a priority connection to be sustained in the Texas ICB Study. Provide funding for capital needs in support of these services.

2. 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.

3. 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.

Please attend the program specific webinar on November 18th at 3:00 PM for more information
Fleet Replacement Program (Small Urban)

**Scope:** Assist small urban transit districts with maintaining capital assets in a state of good repair.

**Eligible Subrecipients:** Small Urban Transit Districts

**Eligible project types may include but are not limited to:**
- Fleet replacement
- Fleet rehabilitation
- Minor fleet facility renovations and/or improvements
- Shop equipment and other miscellaneous equipment
- Fleet maintenance hardware and/or software

TxDOT will provide funding for up to 50% of the total cost for capital projects. TDC may be requested as match.

50% of the capital project must be funded with other sources of funds which can include §5307, §5311, §5339, State funds, and local funds. Federal funding sources must include match as appropriate. If other federal funds have not been programmed with other sources of match, TDC can be requested as match.

**Please attend the program specific webinar on November 17th at 11:00 AM for more information**
Transit Technical Services Program (TTSP)

- 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

- If your project is for any of the items mentioned you may want to look at the TTSP program. The division reviews requests generally in April, August and December.

https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/technical-services-program.html
Where to ask questions.....

- For clarification of the specification(s) of this Call for Projects, proposers may:
  
  E-mail: PTN_ProgramMgmt@txdot.gov

- 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

- **All questions due by January 7, 2022**

- A final Q&A document will be posted to the PTN website the following week
For eGrants assistance.....

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

Email: PTN-eGrantshelp@txdot.gov
Phone: (512) 486-5957

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


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