

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

2020 Funding Opportunity:

Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

October 14, 2020





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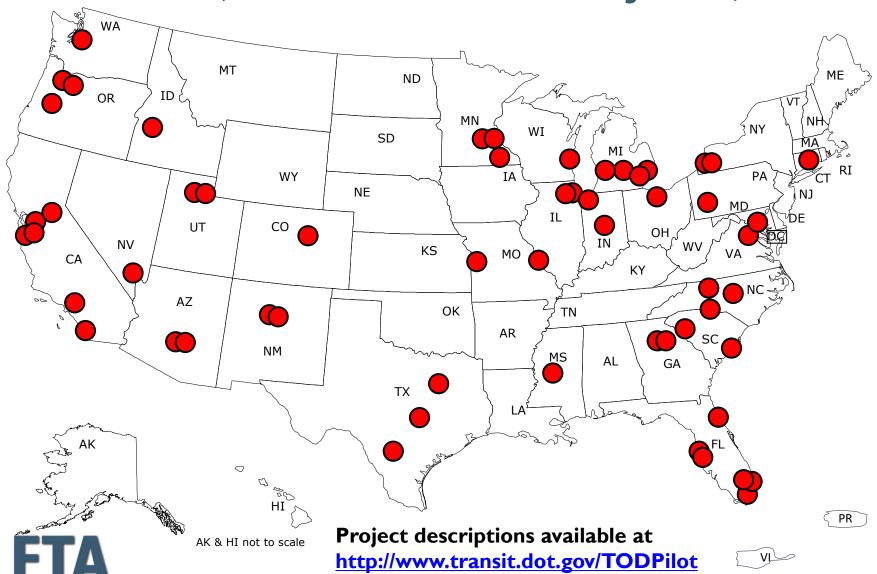
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Federal Transit Administration

Introduction - Pilot Program for TOD Planning

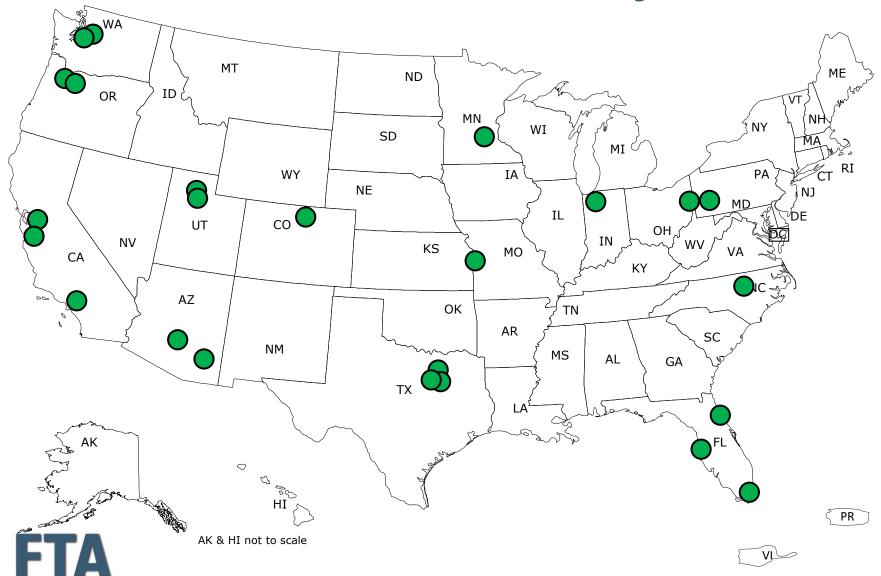
- Grants for comprehensive planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit project corridors
- Fifth funding opportunity with \$6.22 million available
 - Four prior awards = 81 projects for \$74 million
- NOFO released September 25, 2020
- Applications due October 26, 2020 (aim to apply earlier)
- Award announcements anticipated December 2020 or January 2021



Awards, 2016-2018: 57 Projects, \$51M



Awards, June 2020: 24 Projects, \$23M



Goals for the Program

- Encourage comprehensive TOD planning at transit station areas in corridors containing eligible projects
- Support TOD planning work that goes beyond what local agencies would usually fund themselves
- Encourage partnerships to maximize chances for successful TOD implementations



Transit Project Requirements

- TOD planning work must be associated with a new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project as defined in the NOFO
 - Does not need to be a candidate for or recent recipient of Capital Investment Grants Program funding (or any FTA/DOT funding)
 - Fixed guideway projects under construction or recently opened can be considered "new"
 - Core capacity improvement projects are also "new"



Eligible Applicants

- Existing FTA grantees that meet one of the following:
 - Sponsor of an eligible transit project and partnering with an entity in the project corridor that has land use authority
 - An entity in an eligible transit project corridor that has land use authority and is partnering with the transit project sponsor
 - Sponsor of an eligible transit project and has land use authority
- Only one application per transit project corridor
- Multiple corridors allowed (but separate application needed for each)



Work Plans

- Address <u>all</u> six aspects in NOFO section (C)(3)
 - A. Enhance economic development and ridership
 - B. Facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility
 - C. Increase non-motorized access to transit hubs
 - D. Enable mixed-use development
 - E. Identify infrastructure needs associated with the transit project
 - F. Include private sector participation
- Identify final deliverables
 - See NOFO section (C)(3) for examples



Ineligible Activities

- TOD planning work in a single transit capital project station area
- Transit project development activities that would be reimbursable under an FTA capital grant
- Capital projects
- Site- or parcel-specific planning



Grant Conditions

- Awards of \$250,000 to \$2 million
- Maximum 80 percent Federal funding share
- In-kind contributions permitted; transportation development credits (toll revenue credits) do not count towards the local match requirement
- Pre-award authority guidance with notice of award selections
- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program requirements apply



Submitting an Application

- Apply through grants.gov (FTA-2020-014-TPE)
 - Don't wait until October 26!
- SF 424 Mandatory form with attachments:
 - Cumulative I5-page limit for all attachments
 - Applicant and Proposal Profile form, available via http://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot
 - A map of the proposed study area
 - Evidence of partnerships between the transit project sponsor and land use planning authority
 - Documentation of local (non-federal) funding commitments



Initial Application Screening Criteria

- Eligible applicant and transit project
- Evidence of partnership
- Complete application including:
 - Overview of comprehensive TOD planning project
 - Work plan by task, including substantial deliverables
 - Schedule in terms of milestones
 - Project budget and identification of matching funds
 - Performance measures for the planning work
 - Potential impediments and how the work plan will address



Formal Application Evaluation Criteria

- Based on the information provided in the Applicant and Proposal Profile form and other attachments
 - Demonstrated need for TOD planning funds
 - Strength of the work plan, schedule and process
 - Funding commitments for TOD planning work



Additional Considerations

- Department objectives
 - Supporting economic vitality
 - Leveraging Federal funding
 - Using innovative approaches
 - Reducing regulatory barriers
 - Holding grant recipients accountable



Other Factors

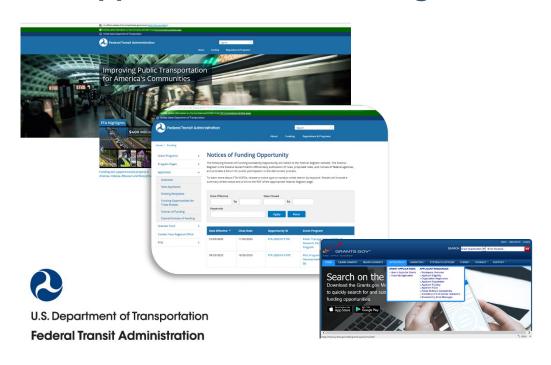
- These may include:
 - Geographic diversity
 - Diversity in the size of the grantees receiving funding
 - Projects located in or that support public transportation service in a qualified opportunity zone
 - https://www.transportation.gov/opportunity-zones
 - Support of the US DOT R.O.U.T.E.S. initiative
 - Applicant's receipt of other competitive awards
 - Prioritization of projects with a higher non-federal share



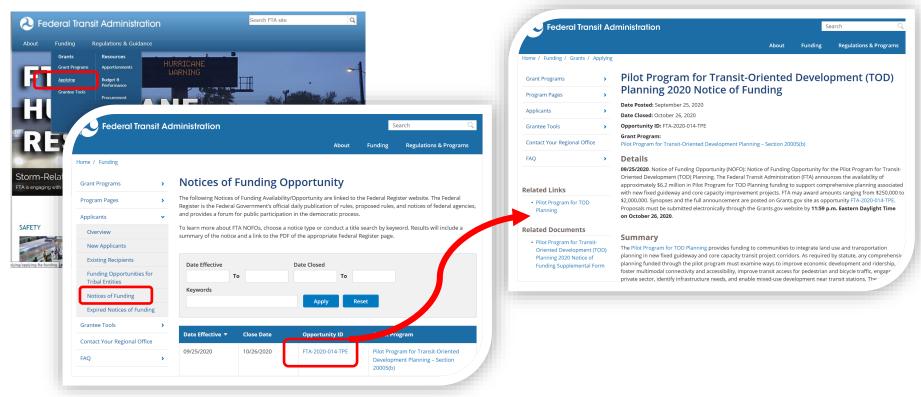


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Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities in Grants.gov



FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity



FTA website:

Funding Opportunity Notices:

https://www.transit.dot.gov/

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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links

Link and Instructions for attaching the supplemental form to the SF-424: All applicants must complete the attached supplemental form and attach it to their submission in GRANTS.GOV.

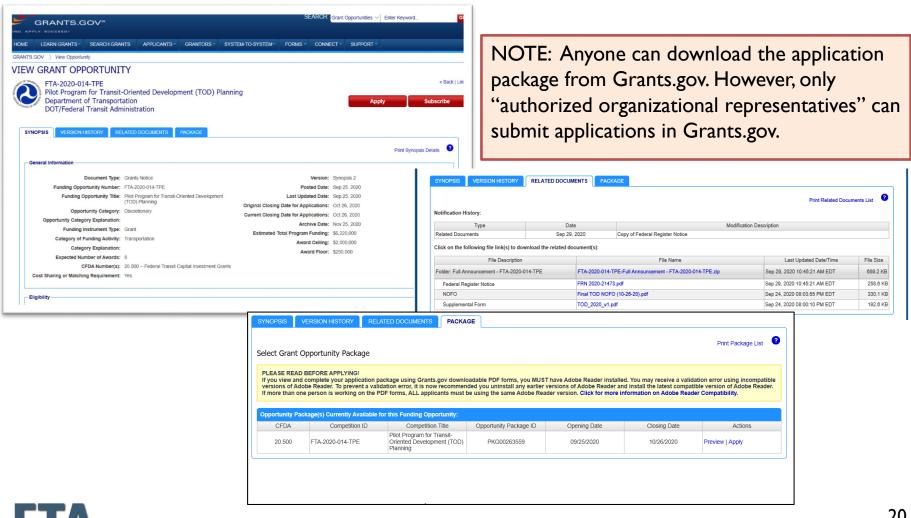
Federal Transit Administration Home / Funding / Grants / Applying Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) **Grant Programs** Planning 2020 Notice of Funding Program Pages Date Posted: September 25, 2020 **Applicants** Date Closed: October 26, 2020 Opportunity ID: FTA-2020-014-TPE Grantee Tools **Grant Program:** Contact Your Regional Office Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Pla Link to Details Grants.gov 09/25/2020. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): t Program for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$6.2 million in Pilot Program for TOD Planning funding to support comprehensive planning associated **Related Links** with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects. FTA may award amount \$2,000,000. Synopses and the full announcement are posted on Grants.gov site as opportunity FTA-2020 Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website by 11:59 p.m. on October 26, 2020. **Related Documents** Summary · Pilot Program for Transit-The Pilot Program for TOD Planning provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation Oriented Development (TOD) planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. As required by statute, any comprehensiv nning 2020 Notice of planning funded through the pilot program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, ng Supplemental Form foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the

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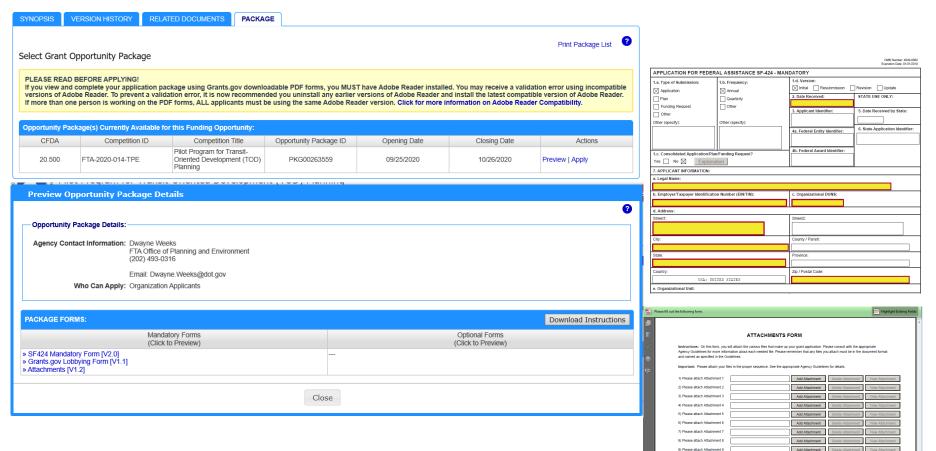
FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.

Download Application



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Application Package





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Application Package

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Applicant and Proposal Profile

Validate Form

2020 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

Section I. Applicant Information

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FTA Recipient ID number:							
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Identify the transit project, including mode and st Capacity Project. If it is not, describe how the trans							

CAUTION: Do not use "**Supplemental Form**" from prior years or create your own form. Please use the file provided on the FTA website.

The "Attachment Form" shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package in Grants.gov.

Form to the Attachment Form shown below when submitting in Grants.gov.

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Grants.gov – Applicants



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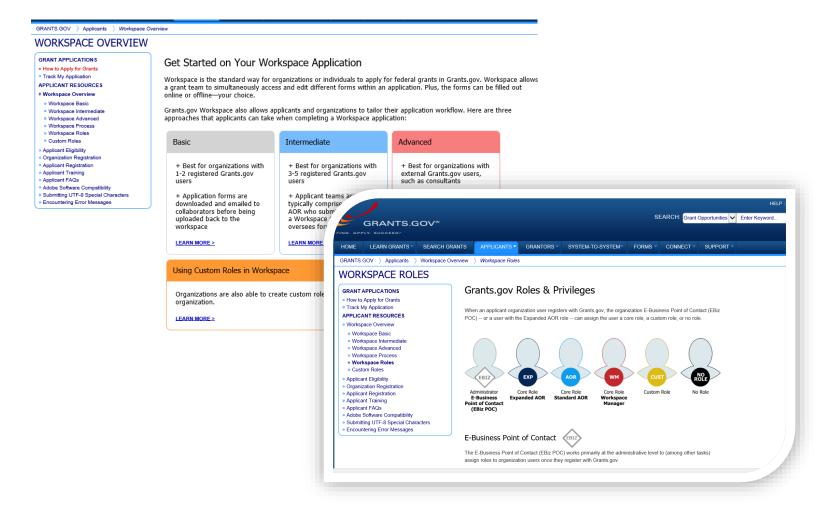
Applicant – Organization Registration



Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications



Workspace in Grants.gov





Web Addresses

- FTA Funding Opportunities:
 - https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices
- Grants.gov:
 - http://www.grants.gov/
 - http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html
- Contact Grants.gov Support Center to get help with Grants.gov issues:

GRANTS.GOV Applicant Support I-800-518-4726

support@grants.gov



Common Questions (1 of 4)

- When does FTA expect to release the next TOD NOFO?
- What is the maximum allowable period of performance, if we get a TOD planning award?



Common Questions (2 of 4)

- If we get a TOD planning award, does this mean we must eventually pursue a Capital Investment Grants application?
- We are still in the early planning stage, and have not yet nailed down the station locations, do we have a project that is eligible?



Common Questions (3 of 4)

 We have a BRT service in operation that does not meet the fixed guideway BRT definition in the NOFO, but are considering a possible upgrade that will meet this definition. Will this project be eligible for consideration of an award?



Common Questions (4 of 4)

- My agency received TOD Pilot Program funds under a previous funding opportunity. Are we eligible for consideration of another award?
- Does the I5-page limit apply to cover pages and letters of support?



Open Session: Q & A

Please enter your questions in the Q & A box









Thank you!

For more information about the program, visit http://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot

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