FTA’s 2022 Funding Opportunity:

Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

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Introduction - Pilot Program for TOD Planning

- Grants for comprehensive or site-specific planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit project corridors
- Six previous rounds = 110 projects for $90 million
- NOFO released May 26, 2022
- Applications are due on July 25, 2022
- Project Selection Announcements: Autumn 2022
Awards, 2015-2021: 110 Projects, $90M
Goals for the Program

• Encourage comprehensive or site-specific 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 candidate for or recent recipient of 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 all six aspects in NOFO section (C)(3)(ii)

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)(ii) for examples
Grant Conditions

- 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
Ineligible Activities

• Transit project development activities that would be reimbursable under an FTA capital grant

• Capital projects
  • See NOFO section (C)(3)(iii) for examples
Submitting an Application

• Apply through grants.gov (FTA-2022-004-TPE-TODP)
  • Don’t wait until **July 25**!

• SF 424 Mandatory form with attachments:
  • 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:
  o Overview of comprehensive or site-specific TOD planning study
  o Work plan by task, including substantial deliverables
  o Schedule in terms of milestones
  o Project budget and identification of matching funds
  o Performance measures for the planning work
  o Potential impediments and how the work plan will address it
Formal Application Evaluation Criteria

Based on the information provided in the Applicant and Proposal Profile supplemental 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

FTA’s strategic goals and objectives:

• Address affordable housing needs and mixed-income
• Provide equitable housing choices
• Avoid displacement of low-income households
• Address homelessness
• Geographic diversity
• Diversity in the size of the grantees receiving funding
• Applicant’s receipt of other competitive awards
• Address value capture
Environmental Justice

- Environmental justice populations include low income and minority population(s) as defined in Executive Order 12898 “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations” and FTA’s Environmental Justice Circular 4703.1.
- Applicants are encouraged to identify any EJ populations located within the proposed service area and describe anticipated benefits to that population(s).
- The geographic unit should be appropriate to the scope of the project.

A formal EJ analysis is not requested.
Equity

Executive Order 13985:

• Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

• Pursue a government-wide approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality
Climate Change

Executive Order 14008 & 13900

• Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle Climate Crisis
• Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
• An approach to achieve net-zero emissions by no later than 2050
• Addressing the disproportionately high and adverse human health, environmental, climate-related and other cumulative impacts on disadvantaged communities
Historically Disadvantaged Community Tool

Mapping Tool:
• To assist applicants in identifying whether a project is located in a Historically Disadvantaged Community.
• Addresses how the project is related to housing or land use reforms.
• Describe specific and direct ways the project will mitigate or reduce climate change impacts.
Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities in Grants.gov
FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA website: https://www.transit.dot.gov/
Funding Opportunity Notices: https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices
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

https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices

FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.
NOTE: Anyone can download the application package from Grants.gov. However, only “authorized organizational representatives” can submit applications in Grants.gov.
Application Package
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The “Attachment Form” shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package in Grants.gov.

Please attach the FTA Supplemental Form to the Attachment Form shown below when submitting in Grants.gov.

CAUTION: Do not use “Supplemental Form” from prior years or create your own form. Please use the file provided on the FTA website.
Grants.gov – Applicants

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html
Applicant – Organization Registration

Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications.
Get Started on Your Workspace Application

Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Plus, the forms can be filled out online or offline—your choice.

Grants.gov Workspace also allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow. Here are three approaches that applicants can take when completing a Workspace application:

**Basic**
- Best for organizations with 1-2 registered Grants.gov users
- Application forms are downloaded and emailed to collaborators before being uploaded back to the workspace

**Intermediate**
- Best for organizations with 3-5 registered Grants.gov users
- Applicant teams are typically comprised of an ADR who submits, as well as a Workspace Owner who oversees form completion

**Advanced**
- Best for organizations with external Grants.gov users such as consultants
- Workspace Owner manages form access
- Workspace Owner creates subforms

Using Custom Roles in Workspace

Organizations are also able to create custom roles and assign these roles to the users affiliated with the organization.

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Grants.gov:

- http://www.grants.gov/

Contact Grants.gov Support Center to get help with Grants.gov issues:

**GRANTS.GOV Applicant Support**
1-800-518-4726
support@grants.gov
Common Questions (1 of 3)

When are the responses to this Notice of Funding Offering due?

What is the maximum allowable period of performance, if we get a TOD planning award?

Are MPOs and Cities eligible for an award?
Common Questions (2 of 3)

If we get a TOD planning award, does this mean we must eventually pursue a Capital Investment Grants application?

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, would this project be eligible?
Common Questions (3 of 3)

My agency received TOD Pilot Program funds under a previous funding opportunity. Are we eligible for consideration of another award?
Open Session: Q & A

Please enter your questions in the Chat box
Thank you!

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

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