Transit Worker and Rider Safety Best Practices Competitive Funding Opportunity Webinar











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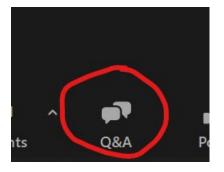
Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Question Protocol
- TWRS NOFO and Details
- Key Dates and Application Submission
- Additional Information
- Application Process
- Q&A



Question Protocol

- Please use the Q&A Pod at the bottom of your screen to submit questions
- Additional questions can be submitted to the project manager, Roy Chen at royweishun.chen@dot.gov till NOFO is open
- Presentation materials will be posted to FTA's website at <u>Transit Worker and Rider Safety Best Practices Research Project | FTA (dot.gov)</u>





Transit Worker and Rider Safety Best **Practices (TWRS) NOFO**

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published **December 15, 2022**
- \$500,000 total available under FTA's Public Transportation Innovation program fund (49 U.S.C. 5312)
- Award one project
- Maximum federal share of project costs is 80%
- NOFO closes by midnight EDT on Feb 13, 2023

Applications are ONLY accepted via grants.gov

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Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Plains Railroad (NPR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 40 CFR 220-47. Emergency brake valve. The relevant FRA Docket Number is FRA-2018-0006. Specifically, NPR requests to extend its existing relief from the requirement that an emergency brake pipe valve be installed adjacent to the rear door of a locomotive for five EMD SD60F comotives (Numbers 5513, 5517, 5518,

together. In support of its reque states that it has "no history of

vandalism."
A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at

www.regulations.gov.
Interested parties are invited to
participate in these proceedings by
submitting written views, data, or
comments. FRA does not anticipate the facts do not appear to warrant a
hearing. If any interested party desires
an opportunity for oral comment and a
public hearing, they should notify FRA,
in writing, before the end of the

ropriate docket number and may be submitted at http://

communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, Transportation (DOT) solicits comments from the public to better inform its 14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at regulations.gov

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TWRS Project Goal & Focus

The goals of the project are to identify public safety risks for transit workers and riders, determine the most effective mitigation strategies to minimize those risks, and promote the implementation of those strategies.

The focus of this project is on <u>public transportation</u> operator and rider assaults safety incidents and mitigation strategies.

Preference on multi-modal approach and not single mode approach.



Project Structure

- The <u>TWRS Research Project</u> will be carried out in two phases.
- This notice will provide funding only for Phase I; thus, applicants should submit proposals to address only Phase I.
- Eligibility for Phase II is subject to the availability of future funding, quality of the materials developed in Phase I, and merit of the proposed pilot demonstration project developed during Phase I.



TWRS Project Phase I

- In Phase I, the selected applicant will conduct research in the following areas:
- (I) identifying key issues and trends in operator and rider assaults by evaluating available data on operator and rider assaults from various sources, including the NTD;
- (2) assessing assault data quality and accuracy reported to the NTD;
- (3) documenting and assessing mitigation strategies and solutions for the issues and trends identified;
- (4) developing outreach materials and tools that can be used by the industry to effectively implement the identified mitigation measures; and
- (5) proposing a bold and innovative pilot demonstration project that can showcase the utility of those mitigation strategies and promote the adoption of those solutions.



Project Structure

- Project period of performance should not exceed 24 months.
- FTA seeks a project that can begin implementation within three months after award of the Cooperative Agreement
- Project partners should be named in the application
- Minimum 20% Local cost-share
- Project is on a cost-reimbursable basis
- Once project is selected for funding, applicant needs to apply for the cooperative agreement in TrAMS, FTA's grant management system.
- FTA Research Circular 6100.1E contains information regarding to research project application and management.



Eligible Applicants

Eligibility for lead applicant:

- Providers of public transportation
- State or local government entities
- Private for-profit organizations
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Other organizations such as research consortia, universities and institutions of higher education

Partnering and team encouraged and expected:

 Applicants may identify one or more project partners with a substantial interest and involvement in the project



Review and Selection Process

- Technical evaluation review teams made up of Federal staff will evaluate proposals based on the published technical evaluation criteria identified in the NOFO
- Evaluation team will provide technical recommendations to FTA leadership



Technical Evaluation Criteria

- I. Proposal Team Subject Matter Expertise
- 2. Project Implementation Strategy
- 3. Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity
- 4. Planning and Partnership
- 5. Local Financial Commitment



Key Dates and Application Submission

- FTA released NOFO on December 15, 2022
- Submit Applications by February 13, 2023, by 11:59 PM EDT through Grants.gov.
 - Applications must include:
 - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance,
 - FY23 TWRS Supplemental Form, and
 - Supporting Documentations

NOTE: PDF files might need to be downloaded first before you can open them



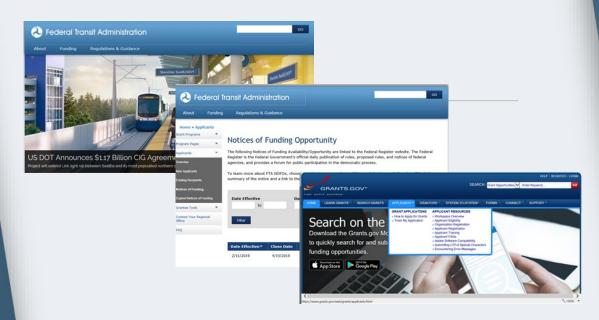
Additional Information

- GRANTS.GOV, opportunity FTA-2023-005-TRI:-TWRS <u>View Opportunity</u>
 <u>GRANTS.GOV</u>
- Transit Worker and Rider Safety Best Practices FRN: <u>Federal Register</u> <u>Notice</u>
- Applying for FTA Funding: <u>Transit Worker and Rider Safety Best Practices</u>
 <u>Research Project Notice of Funding | FTA (dot.gov)</u>
- FTA Website: TWRS Project page
- Submit additional questions to <u>royweishun.chen@dot.gov</u>





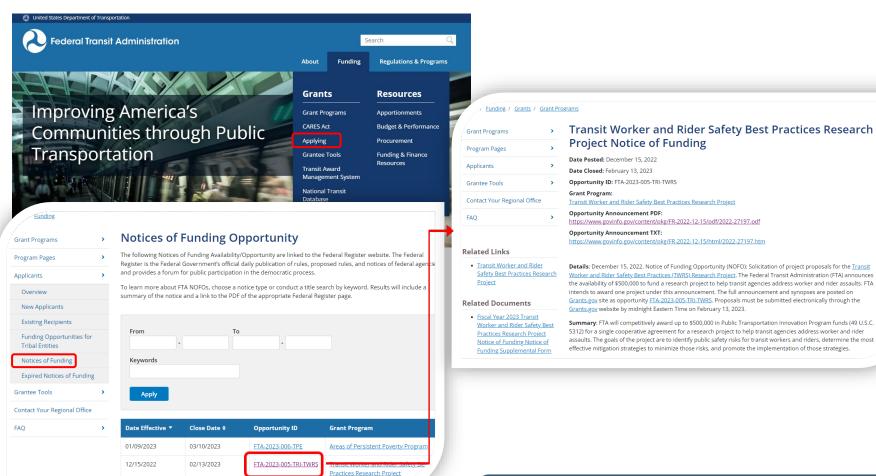
Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities in Grants.gov





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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity



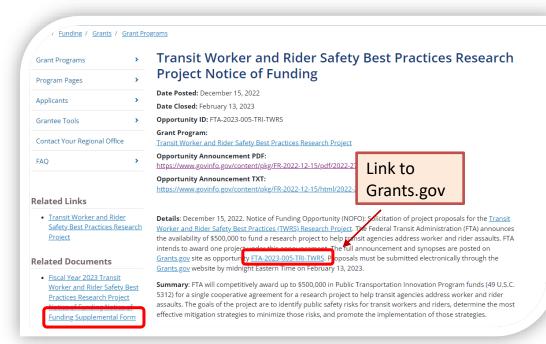


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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
- Application requirements
- Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
- Applicants should complete and attach this to their submission
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links



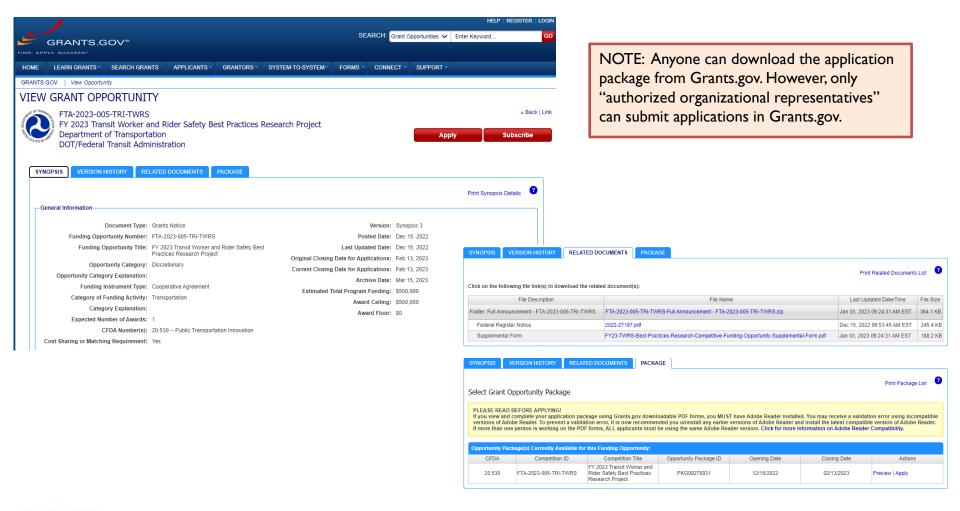
FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.



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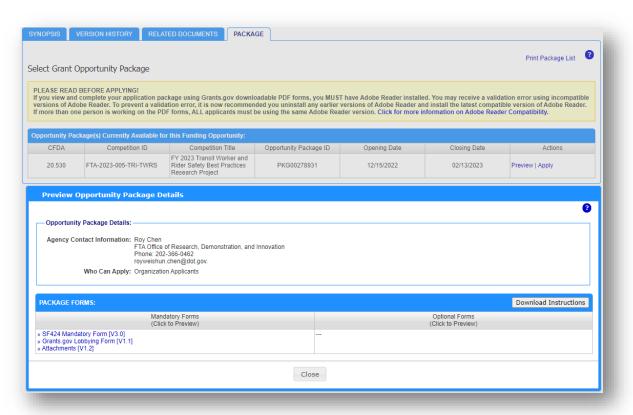


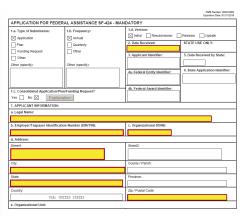
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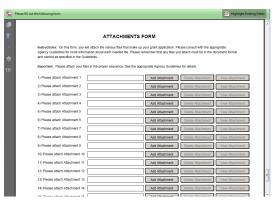




Application Package







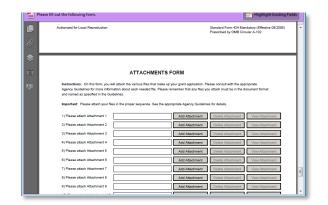


Application Package



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.



Applications on Grants.gov





https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html



Applicant – Organization Registration

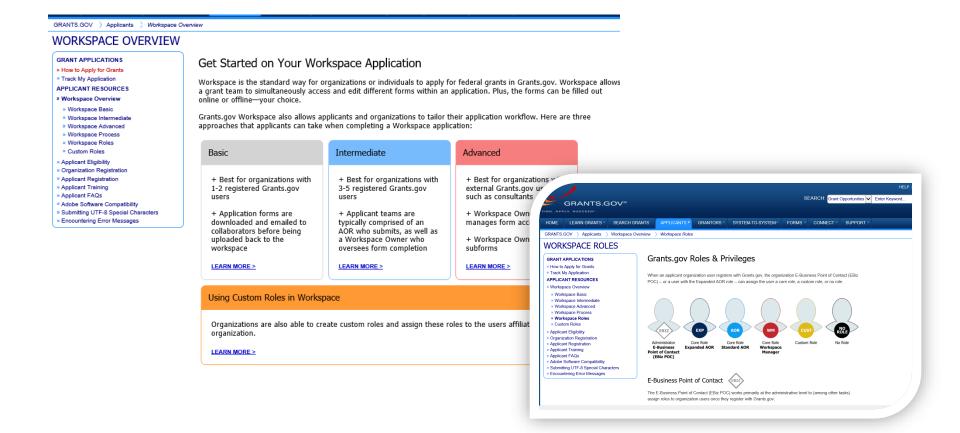




Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications



Workspace in Grants.gov





Web Addresses

• FTA Funding Opportunities:



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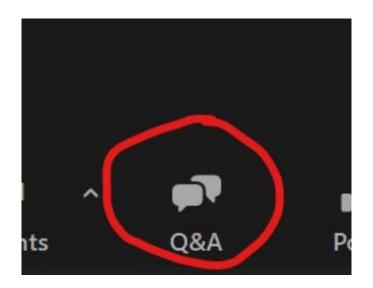
GRANTS.GOV Applicant Support 1-800-518-4726

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Questions

Please submit your questions using the Q&A button below







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