Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox

Webinar

May 25, 2016
Topics We Will Cover Today

- Changing Mobility Landscape
- Mobility on Demand (MOD) concept
- MOD Sandbox Demonstration Program
- Notice of Funding Opportunity
- How to apply through grants.gov
- Questions
What is Mobility on Demand (MOD)?

An integrated and connected multi-modal network of safe, affordable, and reliable transportation options that are available to all
FTA’s Mobility on Demand Program

Transit in the evolving landscape of personal mobility

- Integrated Payment
- Incentives
- Smart Parking
- Traveler Decision Tools
What is the MOD Sandbox?

**Demonstration program to explore MOD models**

- **Explores** innovative approaches to integrate MOD solutions with public transportation
- **Empowers** project teams to implement innovative business models to deliver high-quality, seamless and equitable mobility options
- **Informs** FTA how to approach MOD and structure future MOD policies, and support grantees
Why a Sandbox?

- Many players can come together to innovate, experiment and learn.
- Apart from conventional practices and constraints.
- All can bring different tools and play together as they choose.
MOD Sandbox Program Overview

- **$8 Million** currently available
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to request proposals
  - Notice in Federal Register – May 3, 2016
  - Application deadline **July 5, 2016**
  - Announcement of Projects - 2016
- FTA seeks **bold** and **innovative** projects with strong partnerships
- Projects require 20-percent cost match
- Multiple project awards
MOD Sandbox: Eligible Applicants and Partners

Providers of public transportation (public transit agencies, state/local government DOTs, federally recognized Indian tribes) with one or more strategic partners:

- Shared use mobility providers
- Technology system suppliers
- Transportation operators, e.g. employee, campus and airport shuttles
- State and local governments
- Research consortia, industry organizations, universities, others
- Applicant can designate “key” partners
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- How to determine if you are eligible to apply
- What about MPO’s
- State and local governments
MOD Sandbox: Projects

• **Eligible activities** include all activities leading to the demonstration of the innovative MOD and transit integration concept (e.g., planning, software development, conducting demonstration)

• FTA may invite project teams to take part in the sandbox through a **participation agreement** that does not award funding

• Project leads to a minimum **12-month demonstration**

• Data collection and evaluation of project

• Projects addresses equity and accessibility

• Applicants encouraged to identify exceptions or waivers to Federal requirements necessary to implement projects
MOD Sandbox Projects:
More Than One Way to Play
MOD Sandbox: Next Steps

For more information, please visit:
https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/mobility-demand-mod-sandbox-program
MOD Sandbox: Questions?

Please use the Q&A dialogue box to type in your questions

or

email us questions at: MODsandbox@dot.gov
Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities in Grants.gov
Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox Program

FTA website: https://www.transit.dot.gov/
Funding Opportunity Notices: https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices
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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
- Related 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.
These forms are in the Grants.gov Application Package
Direct Link: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=283490
The “Attachment Form” shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package download from Grants.gov.

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

FTA Supplemental Form must be attached to the application in Grants.gov. The form can be downloaded from the FTA NOFA page and also from the “related documents” tab in Grants.gov.
Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications
Web Addresses

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