FTA's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Discretionary Grant

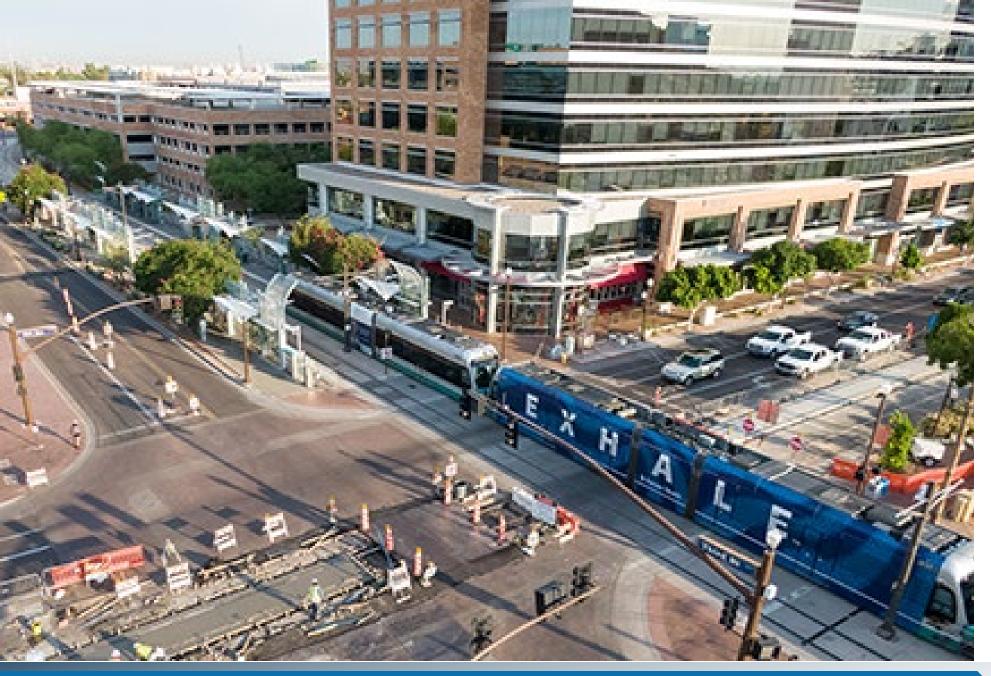
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Agenda

- 1. Overview of the Program
- 2. Introduction to Grants.gov
- 3. Common Questions
- 4. Q&A



TOD Pilot Program

- In 2012, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) established a Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning program (TOD Pilot Program).
- Grants for comprehensive or site-specific planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit project corridors
- Since 2014, FTA has awarded 149 TOD Pilot Program grants totaling \$121M to transit agencies and other entities.
- On May 23rd, FTA released its 9th NOFO, making \$10.4M available for TOD funding.
- Applications are due on July 22, 2024

Six Grant Objectives (MAP-21)

- Enhances economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering processes
- 2. Facilitates multimodal connectivity and accessibility
- 3. Increases access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic
- 4. Enables mixed-use development
- 5. Identifies infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project
- 6. Includes private sector participation

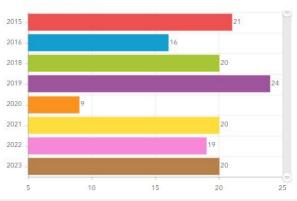


List of Projects

- (Sorted by Award Year then State)
- Tempe Streetcar, Tempe, AZ (2015)
- Mid-Coast Corridor, San Diego, CA (2015)
- Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project, San Francisco to San Jose, CA (2015)
- Downtown Riverfront Streetcar, Sacramento and West Sacramento, CA (2015)
- BART Transbay Corridor Core Capacity, Oakland and San Francisco, CA (2015)
 New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line, New Haven to Springfield, CT (2015)
- Wave Streetcar, Fort Lauderdale, FL (2015)
- Tri-Rail Coastal Link, Miami to Jupiter, FL (2015)
- Atlanta BeltLine, Atlanta, GA (2015)
- MARTA I-20 East Rail Extension, DeKalb County, GA (2015)
- Red and Purple Line Modernization Phase One, Chicago, IL (2015)
- West Lake Corridor, Hammond to Dyer, IN (2015)
- Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) BRT, Lansing and East Lansing, MI (2015)
- Woodward Avenue BRT, Detroit to Pontiac, MI (2015)
- METRO Gold Line (Gateway) BRT, St. Paul to Woodbury, MN (2015)
- Triangle Transit, Durham to Chapel Hill, NC (2015)
- Albuquerque Rapid Transit Project, Albuquerque, NM (2015)
- Amherst-Buffalo Corridor, Amherst and Buffalo, NY (2015)
- Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End BRT, Pittsburgh, PA (2015)
- Provo-Orem BRT, Provo-Orem, UT (2015)
- Tacoma Link Expansion, Tacoma, WA (2015)
- South Central Light Rail Extension, Phoenix, AZ (2016)
- BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension to San Jose, San Jose and Santa Clara, CA (2016)
- West Santa Ana Branch Corridor, Los Angeles County, CA (2016)
- Colfax Avenue BRT, Denver, CO (2016)

Projects by Award Year

(Click on a bar to select/unselect)



Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning



FY 2023 Selection

20 projects in 16 states for \$17.6M.

Newfoundland

and Labrador

This year, a proposal that addresses the Affordable Housing Incentive and the House America Initiative
 received 100% federal support.



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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





Work Plans

Address all six aspects in NOFO section (C)(3)(ii)

- A. Enhances 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

 \circ See NOFO section (C)(3)(ii) for examples



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)



Ineligible Activities

- Transit project development activities that would be reimbursable under an FTA capital grant
- Must be an FTA grant recipient
- Capital projects

 \circ See NOFO section (C)(3)(iii) 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



Initial Application Screening Criteria

- Eligible applicant and transit project
- Evidence of partnership
- Complete application including:
 - Overview of comprehensive or site-specific TOD planning study
 - $_{\odot}$ Work plan by task, including substantial deliverables
 - \circ Schedule in terms of milestones
 - Project budget and identification of matching funds
 - $\,\circ\,$ Performance measures for the planning work
 - \odot 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

 $\odot \textsc{Demonstrated}$ need for TOD planning funds

 $\odot \mbox{Strength}$ of the work plan, schedule, and

process

Funding commitments for TOD planning work

o Adherence to the MAP-21 requirements





Additional Considerations

FTA's Strategic Goals and Objectives:

- Address affordable housing needs and mixed-income, or provide equitable housing choices
- Avoids displacement of low-income households via anti-displacement plan or policy
- Address homelessness
- Geographic diversity
- $\odot\mbox{Diversity}$ in the size of the grantees receiving funding
- Applicant's receipt of other competitive awards





Affordable Housing

<u>New</u> section geared at incentivizing affordable housing planning:

- 100% federal share for proposals that address 3+ activities related to affordable housing
- Affordable housing policies may focus on, among other things:
 - Strategic policies that reduce regulatory barriers to the development of affordable housing or infill development (e.g., inclusionary zoning that specifies a percentage of new units are affordable for targeted incomes, the provision of density bonuses for the creation of affordable housing units or a partnership with a community development corporation to accelerate affordable housing plans);
 - Policies that support affordable rental opportunities;
 - Policies that relax parking standards and reduce parking minimums;
 - Policies that support permanent affordable housing for disadvantaged groups in areas with high incidence rates of homelessness; and
 - Policies that encourage streamlined permitting for affordable housing units.

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House America Initiative-

- USDOT supports the federal initiative to address the crisis of homelessness by leveraging federal resources through a Housing First approach.
- Encourages applications to create an affordable plan that Ο addresses homelessness

Additional Affordable Housing Methods-

- Encourage the inclusion of anti-displacement policies or plans Ο
- Additionally, encourage the implementation of innovative Ο financing methods in planning documents, such as
 - Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
 - Rehabilitation Credit (Historic Preservation)

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Build America Bureau, TIFIA/RRIF Incentive

- Additional Departmental Objective:
 - Supports projects that would qualify for TIFIA/RIFF after the completion of a planning study
 - Planning study leads to TOD implementation
 - o Build America Bureau (transportation.gov)





Additional Planning Considerations:

New Focus on Suburban/Rural Development:

- Planning activities that are part of an urbanized area or rural area with lower population density or lower average income levels compared to the adjacent area
 - March 21, 2023, Dear Colleague Letter
- FTA may provide a federal funding share of no less than 90 percent
 - Applicants may request a share up to 100%.



Source: www.smartcitiesdive.com



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 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.





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

 Activities identified in the proposal must align with the Executive Order



Climate Change

Executive Orders (14008 & 13900)

O EO 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

- \blacktriangleright 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.

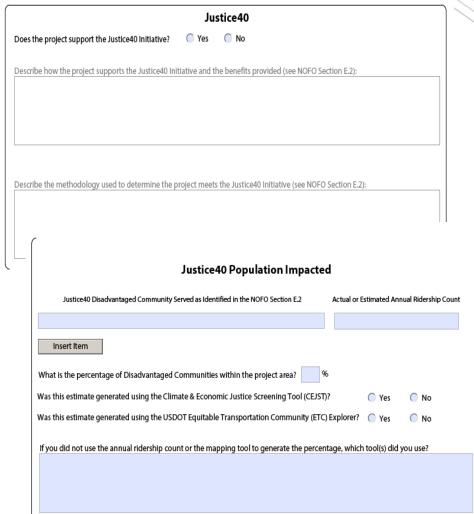
- EO 13900: Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle Climate Crisis
 - > Our commitment to empower our workers and communities; promote and protect our public health and the environment; and conserve our national treasures and monuments, places that secure our national memory.



<u>Justice40, Historically Disadvantaged</u> <u>Communities</u>

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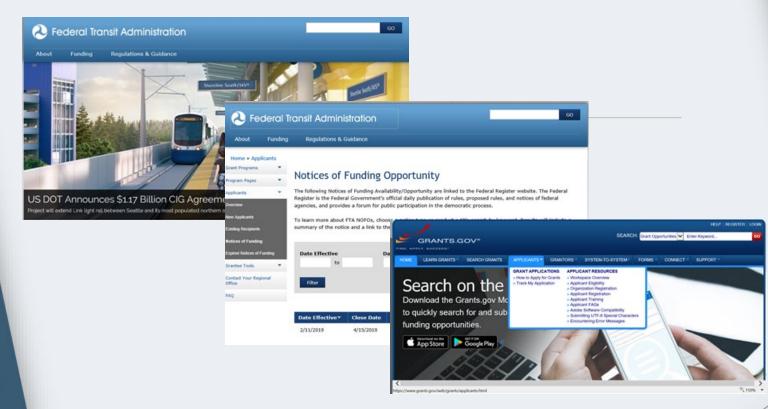
- To assist applicants in identifying whether a project is in a Historically Disadvantaged Community.
- Addresses how the project is related to housing or land use reforms.
- Describe specific and direct ways the project will mitigate or reduce climate change impacts.
 - <u>Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool</u> <u>U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit</u>







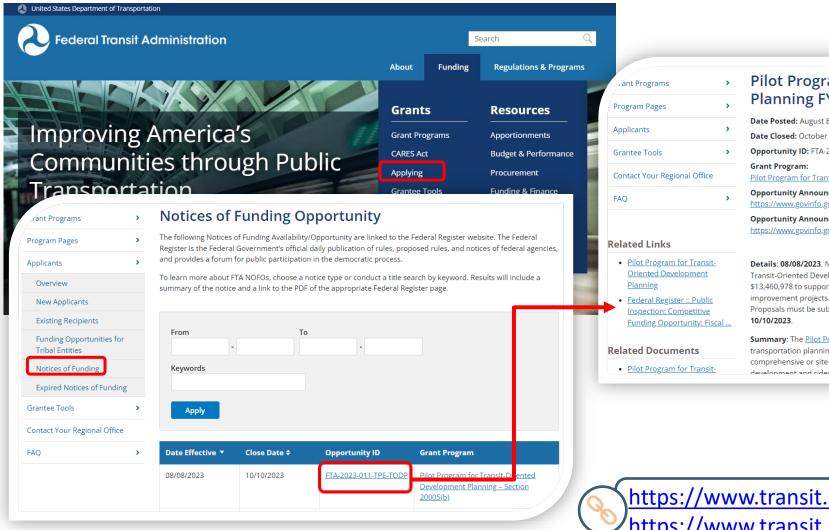
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U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity



Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning FY 2023 Notice of Funding

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Details: 08/08/2023. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$13,460,978 to support comprehensive or site-specific planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects. The full announcement is posted on Grants.gov as opportunity FTA-2023-011-TPE-TODP. Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on 10/10/2023.

Summary: The <u>Pilot Program for TOD Planning</u> provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. As required by statute, any comprehensive or site- specific planning funded through the pilot program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership potential. foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for

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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- \circ Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - o Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
 - Applicants should complete and att submission
- \circ Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- $_{\odot}$ Other references and links

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

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Application Package

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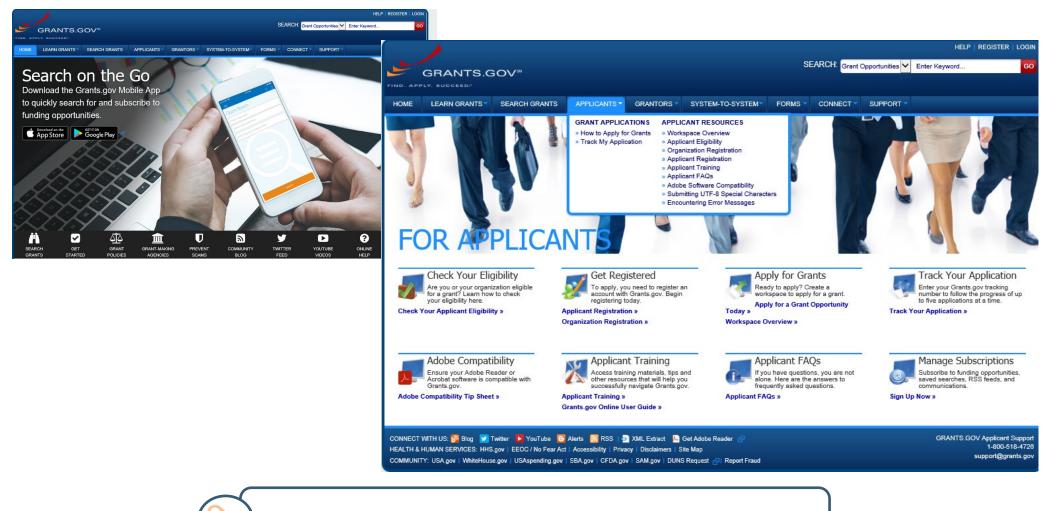
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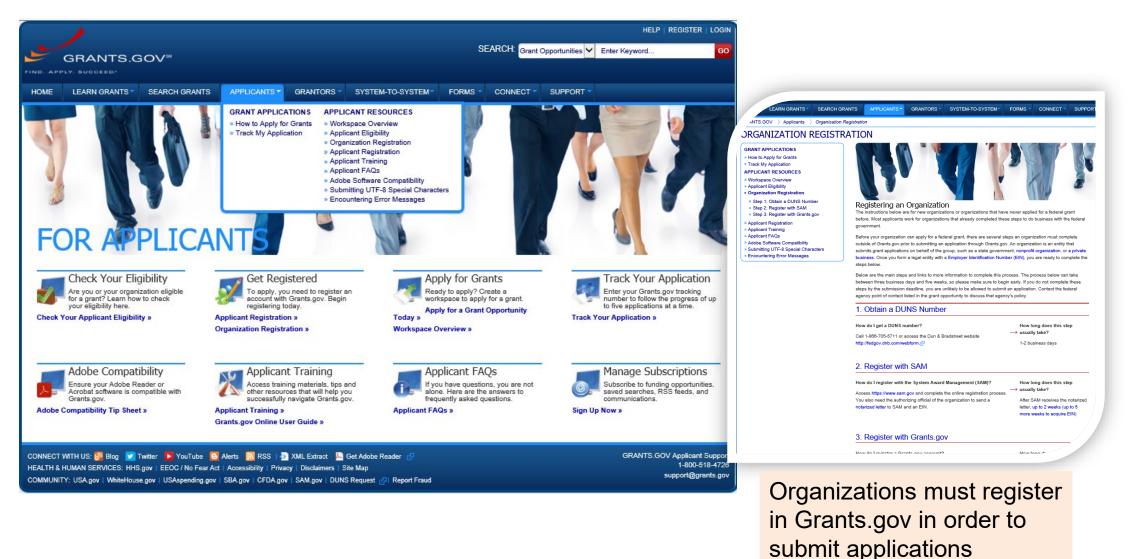
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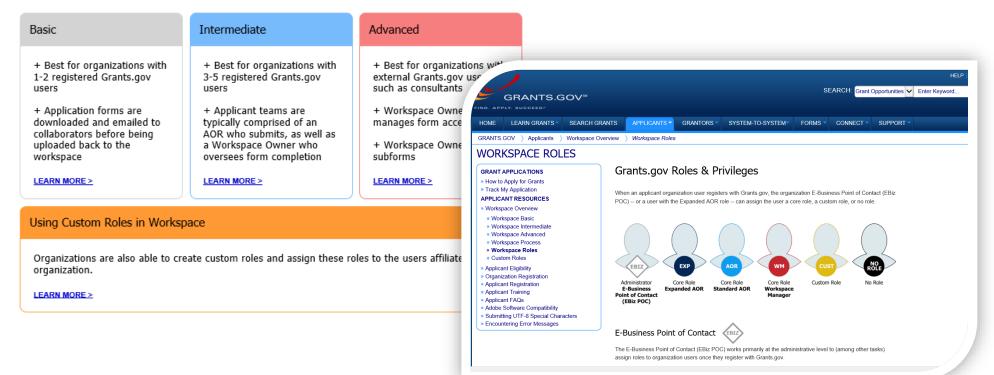
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Common Questions

- 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?
- My agency received TOD Pilot Program funds under a previous funding opportunity. Are we eligible for consideration of another award?

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What does "new" mean in the NOFO description that a "new fixed guideway project" is eligible for Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning (TOD Pilot Program) funds?	
What is an example of a "core capacity improvement project" that is eligible for TOD Pilot Program funds according to the NOFO? $$\wedge$$	
Could a project compete for TOD Pilot Program funds if it is still in the early planning stage and station locations are not yet known? $$\wedge$$	
Is a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service that is in operation but does not currently meet the fixed guideway BRT definition in the NOFO eligible for the TOD Pilot Program funds if the applicant is considering a possible upgrade that will meet the NOFO definition?	
Is there a minimum and maximum number of transit project stations that can be included in the comprehensive TOD work plan described in the application? $$\sim$$	

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