

Technology Transfer (T2) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the goal of the T2 Program?

The purpose of this program is to promote the deployment of research and technology resulting from federally funded efforts and the implementation of research and technology development to advance the interests of public transportation. Additional information is available in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

2. Who is eligible to apply? Can individuals apply for funding?

Eligible applicants include Federal government departments, agencies, and other Federal entities, including Federal laboratories; State, local, and Tribal governmental entities; providers of public transportation; private or nonprofit organizations; institutions of higher education; and technical and community colleges. Individuals are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

3. Your website says that the FY 25 T2 Program has \$5 million available. Is this amount for the entire program or per project?

The program makes \$5,000,000 available for one competitively selected application to develop and manage FTA's T2 program with an expected period of performance spanning at least 48 months. FTA's Research Office will meet with the award recipient quarterly to determine which programs and projects to deploy. Applicants' budget proposals should not exceed the funding amount available under this funding opportunity.

4. Are MPOs eligible applicants for this funding opportunity?

MPOs are eligible as local government entities, as defined in 49 USC 5302(11)(D). As with any applicant, the MPO is responsible for ensuring they have legal authority to execute the award.

5. Can I apply for funding to advance an IT project in my organization?

The successful applicant will facilitate the deployment of federally funded research and technology solutions and the implementation of research and technology development to advance the interests of public transportation. The FTA Research Office and the awardee will meet quarterly to plan which programs and projects to deploy. Applicants are advised to review the [Strategic Transit Automation Research Plan](#) for a list of FTA-funded research and technology projects.

6. During the webinar, you stated companies with existing products could not apply for this opportunity. We are in the process of implementing products to help agencies respond to customer complaints by reducing email. Can we fund our startup through this program?

FTA's T2 program is focused on facilitating the deployment of research and technology resulting from federally funded research efforts, including an average of over \$200 million in active FTA-funded research projects annually. This funding opportunity is not available for existing, non-federally funded research and development efforts.

7. Can we partner with and help another organization integrate features into their product? Could we be a standalone product that integrates with their product?

Project partnerships are permitted under this NOFO. However, this funding opportunity is not available for existing, non-federally funded research and development efforts but is limited to facilitating the development of research and technology resulting from federally funded research efforts.

8. Would it be possible to access a recording of the session?

The webinar recording and presentation slides are available on the [T2 Program page](#).

9. Could you provide insights into other grants that support innovation in transit?

FTA provides grants to public transit systems, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, trolleys and ferries. FTA Research Office programs are on the [FTA website](#). FTA does not have information on non-FTA grant programs.

10. Can Collaborative Team members be included in more than one application?

Yes, Collaborative Team members may appear on multiple applications for this funding opportunity. However, as stated in the NOFO, FTA will only make one award under this program.

11. Is there a list of webinar attendees available? I am interested in approaching an organization to join a team.

FTA does not disseminate webinar attendee information due to privacy concerns.

12. Does Goal #2 (Support the commercialization and production of technologies developed in the U.S. in part through FTA-funded research and development) impact a project's eligibility if the proposed technology is based outside of the United States?

The country of origin of a technology or project partner will not impact the eligibility of an applicant so long as the applicant is a U.S. entity. However, other federal requirements may exclude certain technologies (see, e.g., 2 CFR 200.216).

13. In the NOFO, Section D: Application and Submission Information states, "Applicants must submit one electronic file for applications in a Microsoft Word, PDF, or compatible file format, double-spaced using Times New Roman, 12-point font." Can the Government confirm that the requirement for double-spacing is accurate?

Yes. Applications should be double-spaced using Times New Roman, 12-point font. No other document format, font type, or size will be accepted.

14. Regarding the organizational chart requirement, will an organizational chart of the team that will be supporting this effort suffice?

Yes. An organizational chart for the project team supporting this effort should suffice.

15. Given the limited number of pages available for the Staff Qualifications section and the requirement that text be double-spaced, would the Government allow applicants to include resumes of key staff in an Appendix?

No. The purpose of the page limit is to expedite the application review process for the review teams. Staff Qualifications should not exceed the page limit. The application must include key bios or resume information and not in an Appendix.