

FY18 Access and Mobility Partnership Grants

Webinar Q & A

1. When will awards be announced? A: FTA is targeting grant announcements to be made in Winter of 2019 (January or February).

2. Are Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) eligible applicants?

A: Yes, MPOs are eligible for both funding opportunities.

3. Is mobility management treated as a capital expenditure, even if it includes costs that are usually considered operating (like 5310).

A: Yes, mobility management can be a capital expense for this program.

4. Would Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) be eligible for the local match?

Yes, TDC's are an eligible source for the local match.

5. Please define one-click/one call center.

A: A one call/one click service for transportation provides customers with a single point of contact to learn about available transportation resources. This customer-friendly tool can empower travelers by providing information about, assistance with, and access to available services.

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6. Can Title III-B funds be used as a source of local match, as well as the program revenue generated from a service agreement from Title III-B funded programs?

A: Yes

7. Are these funding opportunities for new projects only? Can the funding be used for a second phase of a previously-funded Section 5310 project?

A: Yes, both Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) and Human Services Coordination Research (HSCR) are intended to fund new, innovative projects. An expansion of an existing project could be eligible if it represents a new and innovative service or activity.

8. Are applicants required to partner with federal agencies or can demonstrated partnerships with state and local agencies be sufficient to make an application competitive?

A: No partnerships directly with federal agencies are required. Recipients are expected to foster local, regional or state partnerships between health, transportation, home and community-based services and other sectors, on the state, regional, or local level, as appropriate to the project.

9. If an existing project would be undergoing a significant change in how it will be delivered in the next year (and again in the following two years) would it qualify as a pilot?

A: Yes, Projects that represent a new and innovative service or activity would be eligible.

10. Do you require data sources to support demonstration of need.

A: Yes, supporting documentation and data sources will help your application be successful.

11. Is this a reimbursement grant? Where we submit monthly reports and then get reimbursed?

A: Yes, these are reimbursement grants. The grants are managed through FTA's award management system, known as TrAMS. FTA's Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO)-Web application allows FTA grant recipients to request payments from their grant awards.

12. Is ICAM restricted to seniors and disabled persons, or does it include all low-income transportation-disadvantaged populations?

A: Programs targeted at older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income transportation disadvantaged populations are all eligible for ICAM funding.

13. Should budgets reflect an 18-month period?

A: Yes, the grant budget should reflect an 18-month project. Showing that funding is available for future years is one way to demonstrate long-term sustainability of the project.

14. Can an agency apply for both pots of funding?

A: Yes, an agency can apply for both funding opportunities. A separate application must be submitted for each opportunity. Be sure to complete the correct supplemental form for each opportunity.

15. If awarded, what is the project start date?

A: The period of performance for the 18-month period would begin on date the grant is executed in FTA's award management system. If awarded, FTA may grant pre-award authority on the date that grant awards are announced. Pre-award authority allows recipients to begin to incur project cost which would be eligible for reimbursement.

16. We are a nonprofit that leases a county facility for a dollar per year, can we use the value of the lease as an in-kind match.

A: Yes, the value of the county facility may be used as the in-kind or donation for the local match. Only the portion of the facility being used to support the project can be used as local match, and the value must be included in the budget for the project. The value must be supported and documented in the application.

17. What are the reporting requirements?

A: Post-award reporting requirements include submission of Federal Financial Reports and Milestone Progress Reports in FTA's electronic grants management system. An independent evaluation of the pilot program or research grant may occur at various points in the deployment



process and at the end of the pilot project. In addition, FTA is responsible for producing an Annual Report to Congress that compiles evaluations of selected projects, including an evaluation of the performance measures identified by the applicants. All applicants must develop an evaluation plan to measure the success or failure of their projects and to describe any plans for broad-based implementation of successful projects. The FTA may request data and reports to support the independent evaluation and annual report.

18. What is a volunteer driver program?

A: A volunteer driver program will reimburse volunteers for the mileage to transport clients to medical appointments, out of county medical appointments, shopping, etc.

19. Does a state university belong to the type of State and local governmental authority?

A: A state university is an eligible recipient under the HSCR (Section 5312) funding source.

20. Would HSCR funding be available for example, to fund an expansion of paratransit service hours, or vouchers to reimburse taxi fare to get clients to where they would be eligible for paratransit pickups?

A: Yes, the project must be an expansion to address an identified gap in service.

21. Just to clarify...is the ICAM grant opportunity only capital or operational as well?

A: ICAM funds capital projects only. HSCR funds capital and operating projects.

22. If an existing medical transportation program recently completed a research project to find solutions for making the project sustainable in the future, could they apply for HSCR operational funding to test the viability of the suggested solution?

A: Yes, as long as the project meets the HSCR Program Evaluation Criteria.

23. Can you use both ICAM and HSCR funds for a single project?

A: Potentially, yes. Each project must meet the project evaluation criteria for the opportunity for which you are applying. Separate applications must be submitted for each opportunity. Be sure to use the correct supplemental form for each opportunity.

24. When applying for both programs, should the two supplemental forms be included in the same application in Grants.gov or should they be separate submittals?

A: Each application should be submitted separately in Grants.gov. One project may be submitted per SF 424 form and Supplemental form. Be sure to use the appropriate Supplemental form for ICAM and HSCR.

25. Would services provided to a drug and alcohol recovery/rehabilitation treatment center be an eligible project?

A: A person who is not currently using illegal drugs but who is addicted to drugs or has a history of addiction and whose addiction to drugs and alcohol poses a substantial limitation on one or



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more major life activities is a person with a disability and a project that serves such persons, including transportation to a drug rehabilitation facility, is an eligible project.