

ODOT Public Transit Division 2011-2013 Discretionary Grant Program

In the past, ODOT PTD has conducted solicitations for the discretionary grant program in a variety of ways. The Special Transportation Fund (STF) laws require STF Agencies to be the recipient of state funds, and to have a coordinated human service/public transportation plan in place. Therefore, STF Agencies have been encouraged to receive federally-funded projects for special needs on behalf of nonprofit agencies. For other programs, we have used a statewide solicitation process in which applicants apply directly to ODOT PTD. Finally, for certain projects that are not required to be derived from a coordinated plan, we have asked STF Agencies to review and concur with the projects.

This biennium, ODOT PTD plans to conduct two solicitation types as follows:

- The special needs transportation grant programs for STF discretionary and FTA 5310 projects. Projects must be derived from a coordinated plan, will be applied for through the STF Agency, and the STF Agency is required or encouraged to be the grant recipient;
- A statewide solicitation for projects in all other programs (see chart on Page 2) will be applied for directly through ODOT PTD with no STF Agency review.

Solicitations for projects will be announced and materials will be made available as soon as possible. In the meantime, application materials and forms will be updated or created and posted to the ODOT PTD Web site. Information will be provided and updated regarding policy changes, eligible applicants or projects, schedules and due dates, funding decisions.

Applications will be open for 45-60 days, depending upon the program funding the projects. There may be different due dates for materials to be submitted to ODOT PTD.

Program funds are estimates until after funding is appropriated.

GRANT PROGRAM TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

July - September 2010	STF Agencies and local partners review/update Coordinated Plans and identify potential projects for special needs solicitation. All agencies competing for statewide solicitation programs will identify potential projects—ODOT PTD will not accept multiple solicitations for the same project this biennium.
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	Preliminary information is distributed to STF Agencies, eligible applicants, and other stakeholders via e-mail and posted to the ODOT PTD Web site.
October - November 2010	ODOT PTD publishes Discretionary Grant Program applications and instructions.
September - December 2010	Discretionary Grant Workshops; schedule to be determined.
January - February 2011	Applications due to ODOT PTD (timing depends on the program).
April 2011	Grant awards are announced and grant agreements written.
July 1, 2011	Projects start, pending executed agreements.

FUNDING ESTIMATES BY PROGRAM

Special Needs Solicitation for Projects through STF Agencies	Estimated Funds	Questions? ODOT PTD Contact:
STF Discretionary	\$2 million	Jean Palmateer Jean.m.palmateer@odot.state.or.us
FTA E&D Program – 5310	\$16 million	Joni Bramlett Joni.d.bramlett@odot.state.or.us

Statewide Solicitations for Projects	Estimated Funds	Questions? ODOT PTD Contact:
Intercity – 5311(f)	\$1.7 million	Matthew Barnes Matthew.m.barnes@odot.state.or.us
Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Program (6 Urban Areas)	\$4 million	Joni Bramlett Joni.d.bramlett@odot.state.or.us
Planning Projects	\$300,000	Sherrin Coleman Sherrin.k.coleman@odot.state.or.us
JARC – 5316	\$2.5 million	Jean Palmateer Jean.m.palmateer@odot.state.or.us
New Freedom – 5317	\$1.5 million	Jean Palmateer Jean.m.palmateer@odot.state.or.us