



Vanpool Investment Program

2021-2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Purpose

WSDOT provides state funds through Vanpool Investment Program (VIP) grants to support vanpool programs at transit agencies across Washington. Transit agencies use these funds to expand vanpool fleets, replace aging vans, and provide incentives to employers to increase vanpool ridership. The funding allows transit agencies to purchase vans with alternative fuel types, including low-emission plug-in hybrids and zero-emission all-electric vans.

Available funding

WSDOT has \$2 million in grant funding for the 2021-2023 biennium. This program is supported by state funding.

Eligible applicants

All Washington state transit agencies are eligible to apply for VIP funding.

Eligible projects

The VIP capital grant program supports these types of projects:

- Van replacement and expansion
- Incentives to promote vanpool ridesharing

Application deadline

3 p.m. PST Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021

Award period

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023

Match requirements

No match required.

Award prioritization

Tier 1

WSDOT will prioritize VIP grant awards for:

- Replacement van requests
- Employer incentives

Evaluation criteria for replacement vans:

- Must be beyond the Federal Transit Administration’s minimum useful life standards (i.e., four years or 100,000 miles).
- Must be consistent with an agency’s transit development plan.

Transit agencies can apply for VIP incentives to increase or maintain employee vanpool participation. Transit agencies can distribute incentives through employers.

Tier 2

WSDOT will give expansion van requests the lowest priority.

Fatal flaws

- Application is submitted after the deadline.
- Applicant is not in compliance with WSDOT’s “In Good Standing” policy.

Important dates

July 1, 2021	2021-2023 biennium begins.
Oct. 1, 2021	WSDOT posts the notice of funding opportunity. Grant applications available in the Grants Management System (GMS).
Nov. 2, 2021	Grant applications are due in GMS by 3 p.m. PST.
December 2021	WSDOT sends award letters to grantees.
June 30, 2023	2021-2023 biennium ends.

Application materials

Applicants must use the new, online GMS to apply for VIP funding. Before accessing the VIP application, applicants must complete registration and basic training for GMS. More information about GMS is [available online](#). For additional assistance regarding registration and training, email [GMS Support](#) or call 360-705-7711.

Application instructions can be found on the [VIP webpage](#).

More information

For additional information, email [Allyson Ruppenthal](#) or call 360-791-5613. You can also contact your local WSDOT Public Transportation [community liaison](#).