



# Green Transportation Capital Grant Program

## 2023-2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity

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### Purpose

Green Transportation Capital grants provide funding to transit authorities for cost-effective capital projects that reduce the carbon intensity of the Washington transportation system.

This grant is supported by state funding through [RCW 47.66.120](#).

### Available funding

We anticipate a minimum of \$12 million and up to \$50 million in state funding for Green Transportation Capital Grants in the 2023-2025 biennium. The Legislature will determine the funding level in the 2022-2023 legislative session.

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated to the Green Transportation Capital Grant program, WSDOT will submit a prioritized list of all projects requesting funding to the Legislature Dec. 1, 2022.

WSDOT will notify applicants of awards June 30, 2023. WSDOT may scale awards depending on need and availability of funds.

WSDOT intends to recommend multiple projects focused on reducing the carbon intensity of the Washington transportation system to the Legislature. WSDOT will ensure equitable distribution to large urban, small urban, and/or rural transit agencies across the state.

### Eligible applicants

Any transit agency in Washington state is an eligible applicant. A transit agency is defined as:

- City transit system under [RCW 35.58.2721](#) or chapter [35.95A RCW](#)
- County public transportation authority under chapter [36.57 RCW](#)
- Metropolitan municipal corporation transit system under chapter [36.56 RCW](#)
- Public transportation benefit area under chapter [36.57A RCW](#)
- Unincorporated transportation benefit area under [RCW 36.57.100](#)
- Regional transit authority under chapter [81.112 RCW](#)
- Special purpose district formed to operate a public transportation system

### Eligible projects and related costs

Capital projects and related expenditures may include:

- Electrification of vehicle fleets, including battery and fuel cell-operated electric vehicles
- Updating or modifying facilities for fleet electrification and/or hydrogen refueling infrastructure. New facilities that directly and primarily support fleet electrification.
- Construction of charging and fueling stations
- Necessary upgrades to electrical transmission and distribution systems

- In-house staff directly managing a capital construction or equipment/vehicle procurement project
- Acquisition of property rights for capital projects
- Planning activities (contingent upon legislative appropriation of funding). Planning may include, but is not limited to, zero-emission fleet transition planning, alternatives analyses, major investment studies, preliminary design/engineering, project-level environmental assessment and documentation, and final design.

## Ineligible projects and related costs

- Hybrid vehicles
- Used vehicles
- Fossil fuel-powered generators
- Transit operations
- Any cost not directly related to the project

## Match requirement

Applicants must provide matching funds of at least 20% of the total cost of the project. The match must be direct contributions of cash or assets fundamental to implementing the project.

Applicants may use other grants as match, with the exception of competitive state-funded grants administered by WSDOT's Public Transportation Division. Expenditures associated with the proposed project may qualify for cash match.

## Application deadline

3 p.m. PDT, Sept. 29, 2022

## Award period

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025

## Application materials

The 2023-2025 Green Transportation Capital Grant application will be available in the [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#) Tuesday, Aug. 2.

New applicants must register to use GMS before logging in to access the application. Email [GMS Support](#) or call 360-705-7711 for assistance with registration or GMS training.

Applicants may submit more than one application. One application is required for each individual project.

## Informational webinar

WSDOT will host an informational webinar 11-11:45 a.m. PDT, Wednesday, Aug. 17. Please [register for the GoToWebinar](#) to receive your log-in information.

## Important dates

- **July 1, 2022** – WSDOT posts notice of funding opportunity
- **Aug. 2, 2022** – Grant application available in GMS
- **11 a.m. PDT, Aug. 17, 2022** – Informational webinar for prospective applicants
- **3 p.m. PDT, Sept. 29, 2022** – Grant applications due in GMS

- **October-November 2022** – Evaluation panel reviews and scores applications
- **Dec. 1, 2022** – WSDOT sends prioritized list of projects to the Legislature and Governor’s Office
- **May-June 2023** – WSDOT sends grant award letters to grantees (subject to budget bill enactment)
- **July 1, 2023** – 2023-2025 biennium begins
- **June 30, 2025** – 2023-2025 biennium ends at which time all funded projects must be completed

## Evaluation process

WSDOT uses a competitive process for awards from the Green Transportation Capital Grant program. Designated members of the Green Transportation Capital Grant Advisory Committee will review applications and recommend projects for award to WSDOT. The committee includes representatives from WSDOT; Department of Ecology; Department of Commerce; Utilities and Transportation Commission; Washington State University; and a large urban, small urban, and/or rural transit agency.

## Fatal flaws

WSDOT follows a formal, fatal-flaw policy for its grant applications.

Fatal flaws for applications to the Green Transportation Capital Grant program include:

- Application submitted after the deadline
- Applicant is not in compliance with WSDOT’s In Good Standing Policy

The evaluation panel will not score applications with fatal flaws. Additionally, WSDOT will not include applications for projects with fatal flaws in the list of all projects requesting funding to the Legislature.

For information on the In Good Standing Policy, see the [Regional Mobility & Green Transportation Capital Grants Guidebook](#).

## Scoring criteria

The maximum score on an application is 100 points. Each criterion can receive a maximum of 20 points.

Criterion for the Green Transportation Capital Grant program include:

- **Project description** – Responses clearly describe the project scope of work, goals, measurable objectives, and anticipated results
- **Scalability, sustainability, and support** – Project advances the green transportation goals of the transit agency, and the extent to which the transit agency has coordinated with necessary partners to successfully implement the project
- **Project benefits** – Responses connect benefits to reductions in carbon emissions
- **Project budget and cost effectiveness** – Project’s request for grant funds is reasonable and reductions in carbon emissions provided by the proposed project are cost-effective
- **Readiness to proceed and schedule** – Applicant can feasibly successfully implement proposed project by June 30, 2025

## Technical questions

- Capital construction: email [Jeff Petterson](#) or call 360-485-3933
- Capital vehicles or equipment procurement: email [Emily Geraldts](#) or call 515-451-9594

## **Application questions**

Email [Megan Reardon](#) or call 360-485-7714. You can also contact your local WSDOT Public Transportation Division [community liaison](#).

## **GMS questions**

Email [GMS support](#) or call 360-705-7711.

## **Green Transportation Capital Grant webpage**

The [Green Transportation Capital Grant webpage](#) has more information about this program.