



# 2025-2027 TRIBAL TRANSIT MOBILITY GRANT

## Capital Project Application Instructions

Application due date: 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

June 18, 2024 Tribal Transit Mobility application available in Grants Management System

(GMS). WSDOT posts notice of funding opportunity.

**10 a.m., July 9, 2024** Drop-in office hours for application questions.

**3 p.m., August 1, 2024** Applications due in GMS.

August 2024 Evaluation panel review and rank applications. WSDOT develops

recommended funding list.

Sept. 1, 2024 WSDOT submits recommended funding list to Transportation Committee

and Office of Financial Management.

May 2025 WSDOT notifies applicants of grant funding.

## **CHAPTER 1: OVERVIEW**

## ABOUT THE TRIBAL TRANSIT MOBILITY GRANT PROGRAM

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Tribal Transit Mobility Grant program is to provide for the transportation needs of tribal communities. The Legislature created the Tribal Transit Mobility Grant program as part of the Move Ahead Washington transportation funding package. Tribal Transit Mobility Grant funding is identified under the spending summary at up to \$10 million per biennium for the next 16 years. This is a competitive, state-funded grant administered under the Consolidated Grant program.

## **AVAILABLE FUNDING**

WSDOT anticipates approximately \$10 million will be available for Tribal Transit Mobility projects for this application cycle.

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

WSDOT will submit a list of recommended projects for funding to the Legislature by Sept. 1, 2024.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Federally recognized tribes.

## **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Capital grants for federally recognized tribes may be for transit-related purposes.

New applicants may only propose two-year projects. Applicants that have already received WSDOT grant funding may propose two- or four-year projects. Examples of eligible project types include:

- Purchasing buses, vans, and other passenger-service vehicles
- Refurbishing existing passenger-service vehicles
- Retrofitting vehicles for wheelchair lifts
- Purchasing equipment needed for new technologies that enhance public transportation operations, mobility, and access
- Purchasing other equipment such as bicycle racks and fareboxes
- Purchasing replacement parts for passenger-service vehicles
- Purchasing radios and communications equipment
- Purchasing bus-passenger shelters
- Purchasing security equipment
- Purchasing computer hardware and software, including dispatching software and data systems
- Purchasing maintenance equipment (e.g., bus lifts, specialized diagnostic tools)
- Bus stop upgrades
- A new facility roof
- A small park and ride

## **GRANT LIMITS**

Construction projects are limited to \$2.5 million.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024

## **FATAL-FLAW POLICY**

WSDOT uses a fatal-flaw policy for its grant programs. WSDOT will not consider applications containing fatal flaws for funding. WSDOT considers the following to be fatal flaws that will cause an application to be rejected:

Applicant is not in compliance with WSDOT's in-good-standing policy

## **IN-GOOD-STANDING POLICY**

WSDOT is responsible for administering grant funds in accordance with state laws. To ensure compliance with state laws and commonly recognized best practices for grant management, WSDOT has implemented an in-good-standing policy as described in the Consolidated Grants Guidebook (p. 47).

All grant recipients must maintain in-good-standing status to receive payments and be eligible for future funding consideration from WSDOT.

### **MATCHING FUNDS**

There is no local match requirement for the Tribal Transit Mobility grant program.

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES AND FUNDING**

WSDOT expects applicants to coordinate services with other transportation providers in their area, as well as other organizations that can use or purchase services that the applicant provides. WSDOT verifies activity related to this requirement during the application process. WSDOT recommends applicants notify and coordinate with local transit systems if an applicant's project is located within a public transit service district.

## **CHAPTER 2: APPLYING FOR FUNDING**

### **GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Applicants must complete and submit applications in the Grants Management System (GMS).

Applicants must be registered in GMS before accessing the application. The GMS registration instructions provide a step-by-step guide for new users to create an account. Additional GMS training is available under "announcements" on the right side of the GMS landing page. For assistance regarding registration and training, contact GMS support at PTDGMSsupport@wsdot.wa.gov or call 360-705-7711.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The Tribal Transit Mobility application deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024. Applicants should submit applications prior to the deadline to accommodate any unforeseen challenges. WSDOT will not accept late applications.

GMS will autogenerate a confirmation email for each application submitted. The confirmation will not include an assessment of the completeness of the application, nor will the confirmation imply a review of the submission has been conducted.

**Note:** Applicants may print applications from the "application details" screen in GMS. However, WSDOT won't accept scanned or printed applications.

## NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

Organizations may submit an unlimited number of applications. Each project requires a separate application.

Organizations may submit projects for the following project types on this application form:

- · Vehicles and/or equipment
- Construction (up to \$2.5 million in cost)

## **CHAPTER 3: APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

## STARTING THE APPLICATION

**Note:** Applicants must be registered in GMS before accessing the application. The GMS registration instructions provide new users with a step-by-step guide for creating an account. Additional GMS training is available under "announcements" on the GMS landing page. For assistance regarding registration and training, contact GMS Support at PTDGMSsupport@wsdot.wa.gov or call 360-705-7711.

- 1. Log in to GMS.
- 2. Select "funding opportunities" in the left-hand column.
- 3. Select "2025-2027 Tribal Transit Mobility Capital Grant program opportunity."
- 4. The first time you access a funding opportunity, select "start new application." When you return to GMS, you will find your draft applications listed under "current applications" in the "applications module."
- 5. Open and scroll down in each of the application's dropdown menus to input information.
- **6.** As you input information into sections, be sure to select "save form" often. Some fields won't be visible if you do not save the prior section.
- When you complete a section, select "mark as complete."
- **8.** Space is limited in the application's narrative boxes. If you need more room for your answers, use the "supplemental information" section near the end of the application. You may also use this section to describe how your application aligns with regional priorities.

## PREVIEWING THE APPLICATION

As you complete sections of the application, the "application details" screen will update the status of each section.

You may select any incomplete sections to continue with the application.

Note: If you only see a full application preview and not a list of sections, select "edit application".

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **Application creation wizard**

After selecting "start new application," GMS will open the application creation wizard.

Your agency's information should already be in the system from the time you registered.

Input the following:

- **Step 1 Application title** The exact title of the project. Titles shouldn't be more than two sentences and may be as brief as two words. You'll have a chance to provide a more detailed description of the project later in the application.
- Step 2 Primary contact This information should self-populate based on your login.

Select "save form information" and move to the next section.

**Step 3 Organization** – If your organization hasn't self-populated, use the dropdown menu to choose your organization.

Select "save form information" and move to the next section.

Step 4 Additional applicants – From the dropdown, add other members of your staff who will need access to the application, including the person who is authorized to submit the application on behalf of your agency (depending on your agency, this responsibility may be delegated to the grants manager, budget manager, or other related position). The dropdown menu includes names at your agency that were added during agency registration.

Select "save form information" and move to next page.

### 1. ORGANIZATION CONTACT INFORMATION

WSDOT staff may need to contact your organization's director, applicant contact, or project contact. Please fill in the name, title, and email address for all three, even if they are the same person.

Select "save form." If the organization contact information is correct, select the orange "mark as complete" button and move to the next section.

## 2. SUMMARY OF PROJECT INFORMATION

## Capital type

Select only one: Construction or Vehicles and equipment

## Identify the areas this project will serve

Use the dropdown boxes to choose the state legislative district(s) and county/counties that your project will serve.

## 3. SCOPE OF WORK

## **Project description**

Provide a brief description of the proposed project (who, what, and where). This may be used to describe your project to the Legislature. Examples of eligible capital projects include, but are not limited to:

- Purchasing buses, vans, and other passenger-service vehicles
- Refurbishing existing passenger-service vehicles
- · Retrofitting vehicles for wheelchair lifts
- Purchasing equipment needed for new technologies that enhance public transportation operations, mobility, and access
- Purchasing other equipment (e.g., bicycle racks, fareboxes)
- Purchasing replacement parts for passenger-service vehicles
- Purchasing radios and communications equipment
- Purchasing bus-passenger shelters
- Purchasing security equipment

- Purchasing computer hardware and software, including dispatching software and data systems
- Expanding park and ride facilities
- Replacing agency facilities (e.g., roof)
- Purchasing pre-owned wheelchair-accessible, passenger-service vehicles (only if clearly identified in the application)
- Purchasing maintenance equipment (e.g., bus lifts, specialized diagnostic tools)

### Need

Describe why you are pursuing the proposed project. Include a description of:

- The transportation problem the project will address
- How you or others identified the problem
- How the proposed project will address the problem

### **Coordination efforts**

Describe your coordination with your regional transportation planning organization/metropolitan planning organization and other local or regional partners for your project. Include details such as:

- The project's inclusion in regional plans
- What prioritized strategies the project supports
- Who was involved in identifying the transportation problem that the project addresses
- Other alternatives that were/are being considered for solving the transportation problem
- Demonstrations of local/regional support for implementing the project

## Special needs transportation

If your project involves special needs transportation, describe how your project advances efficiencies in, accessibility to, or coordination of transportation services for people with special transportation needs.

Additionally, identify the special needs population your project will serve.

## **Multimodal partnerships**

Describe how your project connects to, coordinates with, leverages, or enhances other transportation modes and facilities in your service area (e.g., aviation, intercity bus, rail, park-and-ride lots, bicycle, pedestrian).

Describe how your project supports and interacts with other modes of transportation in the project area.

Additionally, describe:

- How the service, equipment, or plan enhances other transportation or social services within your organization or among partners
- The efficiencies your project will realize within your service area

## **Project staff**

Identify the staff members who'll work on your project.

Describe each staff member's level of experience with similar projects and grant management.

Select "save form".

## 4. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROJECTS

The Public Transportation Division has many different funding opportunities for which a single project may be eligible. Due to our awarding timelines, we recognize that an applicant may not know the results of an application until the beginning of a new biennium.

Your responses to the questions in this section will inform our grants administrators of relationships between your projects, thereby reducing the potential for duplicate awards for the same project or failure to award projects dependent on each other.

- Is your project dependent on any other projects submitted by your organization? Select "yes" or "no."
  - If yes, describe the relationship between the projects in both applications. Identify the priority for funding (if applicable).
- Did you apply for this project in another grant program this biennium? Select "yes" or "no."
  - If yes, identify that program. Select "other" to indicate any local, state, or federal assistance requests not through the WSDOT Public Transportation Division and enter the name(s) of the other grant program(s).
- Did you apply for the same project in a prior biennium and not receive funding? Select "yes" or "no."
- If you are applying for other projects within this funding opportunity, provide the titles of other applications in order of priority.
- Once you have input all information, select "save form."

## 5. CAPITAL BUDGET

## **Duration of project**

Select the appropriate duration. The four-year option is for existing grantees only.

For more information, see Eligibility for sustaining projects and four-year contracts.

Select "save form."

Follow the instructions below to complete all applicable budget sections. To start adding rows to a budget table, you may first need to click the green "save" button on the page.

For existing and expansion projects, complete all columns.

For new projects, leave the current biennium (i.e., 2023-2025) fields blank.

Note: WSDOT may deem specific expenses ineligible upon review.

Don't select "mark as complete" until you complete all budget tables, other sources, and budget development methodology.

### **Transit vehicles**

You must enter each requested vehicle as a separate line item using the "add row" function.

The line item should include all costs associated with the vehicle. Vehicle costs may include accessories such as bike racks, wheelchair lifts, annunciators, cameras, electric charging equipment, wraps, logos, driver barriers, factory site visits, and more.

## Replace, rebuild, or expand

Select whether the transit vehicle you hope to purchase is for replacing an existing vehicle, for rebuilding, or for expanding service. For definitions of replacement, rebuild, and expansion, see the glossary.

## Vehicle type

Choose the vehicle from the dropdown that best describes your project vehicle.

## Description of vehicle purchased

Provide the vehicle description (i.e., make, model, type). Examples:

- Ford Escape SUV
- Ford E-350 cutaway 24-foot-long bus

## Passenger seating

Indicate the number of seats (not counting driver) when the vehicle is at maximum capacity, with no adjustments for wheelchair stations.

## Wheelchair stations

Indicate the number of wheelchair-securement positions the vehicle will accommodate. If the vehicle has no ADA-accessible seating, enter zero.

### Fuel type

Select the appropriate type of fuel from the dropdown menu.

## **Total cost**

Identify your independent cost estimate for each vehicle or other equipment item. Be sure to account for the cost of the additional features as part of the vehicle's total cost.

If you aren't sure of the cost, contact PTDProcurement@wsdot.wa.gov.

For estimates, use the sales tax rate charged in your area. If you are a public transit agency, the portion of the local tax rate collected for transit purposes is not eligible for reimbursement. Therefore, you should reduce the amount estimated by that percentage. For example, if your local tax rate is 7.9 percent and the transit share of this tax is 0.3 percent, you should calculate the sales tax at 7.6 percent.

**Note**: Relying on historical purchase prices for your estimates may fail to consider inflation, model changes, and current market conditions.

**Note:** Vehicles carrying 15 or fewer passengers used for vanpooling or special needs transportation are not subject to sales tax (RCW 82.08.0287). To exercise this option, the vehicle must qualify for and be licensed with rideshare plates through the Washington State Department of Licensing.

## Requested amount

This amount is auto-calculated by GMS after you click the green "save row" button.

## **Equipment**

Equipment is defined as an article of nonexpendable, tangible property with a useful life of at least one year. Any standalone equipment not associated with a revenue vehicle or not connected to a facility such as a service vehicle (vehicles used to maintain revenue vehicles, perform transit-oriented administrative duties, etc.) will have its own budget line item. Equipment projects are two years only.

If your project includes standalone electric vehicle charging infrastructure (not part of facility construction), contact <a href="mailto:ptdgrants@wsdot.wa.gov">ptdgrants@wsdot.wa.gov</a> to determine if your project should be categorized as an equipment or construction project.

Develop your budget line item(s) using the following guidelines:

- Equipment with a replacement value greater than \$50,000 must have an individual budget line item for each piece of equipment. This piece of equipment will become a new individual asset in your Transit Asset Management Plan.
- Service vehicles of any replacement value must have an individual budget line item for each service vehicle.
- Equipment with an individual replacement value less than \$50,000 (except electric vehicle chargers) will be one line item with a combined total cost. For example, if the grant is purchasing 10 pieces of equipment at \$2,000 each, the line item will be for \$20,000 total. For two pieces of equipment at \$30,000 each, the line item will be for \$60,000 total.
- Electric-vehicle chargers must have an individual budget line item regardless of cost.
- Equipment installation costs must be an individual budget line item separate from the equipment itself and must include all installation costs such as design, installation, etc.

Round your total cost amounts to the nearest dollar. Do not include cents in your budget.

### **Equipment description**

Identify and briefly describe the equipment you are requesting. If applicable, include the number and cost per item.

### **Total cost**

Enter the total cost of the equipment.

## Requested amount

This amount is auto-calculated by GMS.

Click the green "save row" button.

## Construction

Complete all columns in the budget area(s) applicable to your project.

Click "add row" to begin populating budget tables. Enter project activity and estimate the total project cost for each biennium. The amount requested will auto-calculate. Repeat for each phase of construction in which your project will have activity.

## **Scalability**

Describe whether your project is scalable.

If your project is scalable, specify the minimum funds needed and explain the scalability. For example, if you propose to purchase two buses to replace existing buses but are willing to accept funding for one bus due to funding availability, identify your willingness to reduce the scope of your project accordingly.

Select "save form."

## **ADA accessibility**

Select "edit form" and describe how you will address ADA-accessibility issues with the procurement.

Describe how your agency will ensure and provide ADA accessibility.

Indicate whether the vehicles proposed for purchase meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 38, ADA Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles.

For more information on ADA-accessibility specifications, visit the U.S. Access Board's transportation vehicles webpage.

Select "save form."

## **Procurement plan**

Select "edit form" and describe your procurement plan for the vehicles and/or equipment in this application.

Select "save form."

### Other sources

Select "edit form" and describe your efforts to leverage resources for your project from sources other than WSDOT.

Describe any efforts or plans to:

- Leverage funds from other sources
- Secure financial support from non-governmental organizations
- Request additional funding from other governmental sources

Additionally, use this space to describe any community partnerships that provide value, if not monetary.

Select "save form."

Select the orange "mark as complete" button.

## 6. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

## Are you replacing or rebuilding a vehicle?

If you are not replacing a vehicle, select "no" and "save form." Click the orange "mark as complete" button.

If you are requesting to replace one or more vehicles that have reached the end of its/their useful life, select "yes" and click "save form," then "add row" to fill out the vehicle information in the section below.

### **Vehicle information**

Select "add row" to complete the table for the vehicles your project will replace. You must enter each vehicle separately. You must include these vehicles on your organization's inventory report. Identify the vehicles by:

- Replace or rebuild
- Vehicle type
- Year
- Make/model
- Fuel type
- Remaining useful life (for vehicles past their useful life, enter a negative indicating the number of years past useful life)
- Vehicle identification number (VIN)
- Current status (i.e., active, spare)
- Current mileage
- Request to replace the same vehicle in a different Public Transportation Division grant application (yes/no)

Click the green "save row" button. If you are replacing multiple vehicles, repeat the steps above.

Select the orange "mark as complete" button after saving all rows.

## 7. SERVICE LEVEL

Provide information on the levels of transportation services solely for this project if vehicle procurement; otherwise, use agency service levels (total hours, miles, and trips for your entire system).

## **Project service-level information**

Click the green "edit grid" button to provide information on the levels of transportation services for the time periods indicated using whole numbers.

Include only revenue service miles and hours. Passenger trips are one-way (each passenger boarding is counted as one trip).

GMS will auto-calculate the total and percent-of-change fields once you complete the grid and save it.

Click the green "save grid" button.

## **Project service level description**

Describe how your service-level estimates were developed and the methodology used, including any assumptions used in their development.

Click the green "save form" button.

## 8. MILESTONES

## **Project activities**

Complete the milestone table for all project activities. Click the green "edit grid" button to begin.

If an activity isn't applicable to your project, mark "no."

If a milestone is already completed, enter the completion date, and add "completed" to the notes.

Use the Equipment section for any equipment purchases for this project that are not part of your vehicle or construction request.

## Vehicles/equipment

- Solicitation (request for proposals [RFP] or invitation for bid [IFB]) published: date the solicitation (RFP/IFB) is published or the date that the grantee obtains quotes for simplified acquisition purchases
- Contract award/purchase order: date of the purchase order or notice to proceed
- First vehicle/piece of equipment accepted: date the first vehicle/piece of equipment is accepted
- All vehicles/pieces of equipment accepted: date the last vehicle/piece of equipment is accepted
- All vehicles/equipment placed in service: date that the grantee has paid the vendor and all vehicles/equipment are in service

## Construction

- Preliminary engineering start date
- Environmental documentation complete
- Property acquisition complete
- Contract advertisement
- Operationally/substantially complete

Note: You must expend all awarded grant funds for the 2025–2027 biennium by June 30, 2027.

Click the green "save grid" button.

### Milestone risks

Consider what risks may impact the procurement and deployment of vehicles and equipment, such as contractor performance and supply-chain delays.

Identify and describe the risks that may affect the timely completion of your project and possible mitigation strategies.

### 9. ATTACHMENTS

Note: Save all attachments in PDF format. Do not upload encrypted or password-protected files.

Upload the required attachments and any conditionally required or optional attachments that support your project. Provide a brief description of the file you have attached.

If awarded federal funds, you may be required to submit additional documents. For examples of last biennium's federal requirements, see the Consolidated Grant Guidebook.

To add attachments: click on the attachment label to open the upload window. Select and upload the file. Add a description of the file.

**Note:** WSDOT will deem any applications without the required attachments—including applicable conditional attachments—as incomplete.

## Requirements for all projects

- · Your organization's most recent audit report
- Population density map

You must attach a service area map that shows the general population density for each project.

If you need technical assistance in order to generate the population density map, contact your metropolitan planning organization/regional transportation planning organization or WSDOT staff.

## Service area map

You must attach a map that clearly identifies the geographic area in which you will provide service and/or the location of the project described in your application.

A PDF file is required (but if you also have a shapefile, submit that as an additional, optional file).

**Note:** If you are applying for funding for one or more specific routes, you must identify the routes on the service-area map.

## Requirements for new, nonprofit applicants only

- 501(c) IRS letter of determination
- Certification from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (for new nonprofit applicants that are direct service providers)

## **Conditionally required attachments**

- Indirect costs documentation (required if you are charging indirect costs to the project)
- In-kind match valuation proposal (required for operating and mobility-management projects that propose to use in-kind as matching funds)
- Procurement policy (required for new applicants or current grantees without a current policy on file with WSDOT)

## **Optional attachments**

Letters committing matching funds

If your organization is applying for a four-year grant, the match letter must commit to funding for all four years.

If you submit multiple letters committing matching funds, combine them into one PDF before uploading.

- Letter of concurrence from other metropolitan planning organization/regional transportation planning organization for projects that operate in multiple planning regions
- Letters of support

Letters of support should be addressed to your organization (not WSDOT), clearly reference your project, and identify the benefits that will be gained if your project is funded.

If you submit multiple letters of support, combine them into one PDF before uploading.

Note: Letters of support do not suffice for letters committing matching funds.

Supplemental information

## Optional construction attachments (not applicable for operating, mobility-management, and planning projects)

- NEPA/SEPA assessment, if available
- Supplemental construction project information (building or site designs, site plans, location exhibits, etc.), if available

Select the orange "mark as complete" button once you have uploaded all your attachments.

## 10. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

You may use this space to elaborate on information provided in other sections of the application. However, try to keep your comments brief.

You may also use this space to describe how this project aligns with regional goals and strategies.

If you are applying for a construction project, provide Google Street View link(s) for your project's location(s). If a Google Street View link isn't available for your project site, include a Google Map of the location (with coordinates) in the Attachments section.

Select the orange "mark as complete" button.

## 11. CERTIFICATION

Your application is subject to the public disclosure laws of Washington State RCW 42.56. please inform WSDOT if any information is proprietary, as it may be released during a public disclosure request.

**Application authority:** This application must be certified by someone authorized or delegated to sign contracts on behalf of your organization.

Complete this section by selecting "yes" in the certification field and typing the name of the application authority, their title, and the date. This is the equivalent of an electronic signature. WSDOT does not need to obtain your memo or letter delegating authority.

Note: You will be unable to submit your application until you select "yes."

## **CHAPTER 4: EVALUATION CRITERIA**

WSDOT has criteria for evaluating applications in collaboration with partners and stakeholders. WSDOT evaluates all applications based on the extent to which:

- 1. The project establishes, preserves, or improves public transportation services within a community
- 2. The project addresses a recognized need within the community
- 3. The project reflects a community process of coordination and input
- 4. The project leverages funds from other sources and/or documents local commitment to support the implementation of the project
- 5. The project appears to be feasible as described
- 6. The project connects to other systems and/or modes
- 7. The project defines specific performance measures it will use to determine its success
- 8. The project describes an active effort aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of transportation services
- 9. The applicant reports sufficient experience managing transportation projects and grant awards to ensure success
- 10. The applicant reports sufficient financial capability and resources to implement and successfully carry out the project
- 11. The applicant demonstrates a good-faith effort to utilize and/or contract with disadvantaged businesses on the project
- 12. The project contributes to the state's effort to maintain the number of public transportation vehicles within their minimum useful life
- 13. (For vehicle purchases) The project complies with state rules (Chapter 194-29 WAC) regarding alternative fuels

## **CHAPTER 5: SELECTION PROCESS**

## **WSDOT INTERNAL REVIEW**

WSDOT staff will perform an initial assessment of grant applications for compliance and completeness between August 2 and August 16, 2024. WSDOT may contact applicants to provide additional information or to adjust their applications as needed. You should make yourself available during the internal review.

## INDEPENDENT EVALUATION PANEL

WSDOT conducts its evaluation of projects using a panel of subject-matter experts.

The panel is composed of subject-matter experts with experience including, but not limited to:

- Coordinated special needs transportation
- Planning
- Rural transit operations
- Transit asset management
- Transportation funding
- Tribal transit

The panel ranks projects based on the criteria described in Chapter 4.

The panel will recommend projects for a prioritized project list.

## PROJECT START DATE

A project funded for the 2025-2027 biennium may begin incurring eligible expenses July 1, 2025.

WSDOT cannot reimburse eligible expenses until a contract has been executed. The agreement period extends from the date of contract execution through June 30, 2027.

## **GRANT MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

To ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and established best practices, WSDOT requires grantees to adhere to specific grant-management practices.

Grantees must participate in WSDOT's training(s) on grant-management practices. Specific information on WSDOT's grant-management requirements is in the Consolidated Grant Guidebook.

Each grant recipient will have an assigned WSDOT community transportation planner who will provide support, technical assistance, and compliance oversight of grants in their geographic area.

## **GLOSSARY**

See https://wsdot.ptd.webgrantscloud.com/externalDocRepository.do for definitions of terms and programs referenced in this application.

## **English**

## **Title VI Notice to Public**

It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090.

## Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information

This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the Office of Equity and Civil Rights at wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov or by calling toll free, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request by calling the Washington State Relay at 711.

## **Español**

### Notificación de Titulo VI al Público

La política del Departamento de Transporte del Estado de Washington (Washington State Department of Transportation, WSDOT) es garantizar que ninguna persona, por motivos de raza, color u origen nacional, según lo dispuesto en el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, sea excluida de la participación, se le nieguen los beneficios o se le discrimine de otro modo en cualquiera de sus programas y actividades. Cualquier persona que considere que se ha violado su protección del Título VI puede presentar una queja ante la Oficina de Equidad y Derechos Civiles (Office of Equity and Civil Rights, OECR) del WSDOT. Para obtener más información sobre los procedimientos de queja del Título VI o información sobre nuestras obligaciones contra la discriminación, comuníquese con el coordinador del Título VI de la OECR al (360) 705-7090.

## Información de la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés)

Este material puede estar disponible en un formato alternativo al enviar un correo electrónico a la Oficina de Equidad y Derechos Civiles a wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov o llamando a la línea sin cargo 855-362-4ADA(4232). Personas sordas o con discapacidad auditiva pueden solicitar la misma información llamando al Washington State Relay al 711.

### 한국어-Korean

## 제6조 관련 공지사항

워싱턴 주 교통부(WSDOT)는 1964년 민권법 타이틀 VI 규정에 따라, 누구도 인종, 피부색 또는 출신 국가를 근거로 본부서의 모든 프로그램 및 활동에 대한 참여가 배제되거나 혜택이 거부되거나, 또는 달리 차별받지 않도록 하는 것을 정책으로 하고 있습니다. 타이틀 VI에 따른 그/그녀에 대한 보호 조항이 위반되었다고 생각된다면 누구든지 WSDOT의 평등 및 민권 사무국(OECR)에 민원을 제기할 수 있습니다. 타이틀 VI에 따른 민원 처리 절차에 관한 보다 자세한 정보 및/또는 본 부서의 차별금지 의무에 관한 정보를 원하신다면, (360) 705-7090으로 OECR의 타이틀 VI 담당자에게 연락해주십시오.

## 미국 장애인법(ADA) 정보

본 자료는 또한 평등 및 민권 사무국에 이메일 wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov\_을 보내시거나 무료 전화 855-362-4ADA(4232)로 연락하셔서 대체 형식으로 받아보실 수 있습니다. 청각장애인은 워싱턴주 중계 711로 전화하여 요청하실 수 있습니다.

### русский-Russian

## Раздел VI Общественное заявление

Политика Департамента транспорта штата Вашингтон (WSDOT) заключается в том, чтобы исключить любые случаи дискриминации по признаку расы, цвета кожи, или национального происхождения, как это предусмотрено Разделом VI Закона о гражданских правах 1964 года, а также случаи недопущения участия, лишения льгот, или другие формы дискриминации в рамках любой из своих программ и мероприятий. Любое лицо, которое считает, что его средства защиты в рамках раздела VI были нарушены, может подать жалобу в Ведомство по вопросам равенства и гражданских прав WSDOT (OECR). Для дополнительной информации о процедуре подачи жалобы на несоблюдение требований раздела VI, а также получения информации о наших обязательствах по борьбе с дискриминацией, пожалуйста свяжитесь с координатором OECR по разделу VI по телефону (360) 705-7090.

## Закон США о защите прав граждан с ограниченными возможностями (ADA)

Эту информацию можно получить в альтернативном формате, отправив электронное письмо в Ведомство по вопросам равенства и гражданских прав по адресу wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov или позвонив по бесплатному телефону 855-362-4ADA(4232). Глухие и слабослышащие лица могут сделать запрос, позвонив в специальную диспетчерскую службу штата Вашингтон по номеру 711.

### tiếng Việt-Vietnamese

## Thông báo Khoản VI dành cho công chúng

Chính sách của Sở Giao Thông Vận Tải Tiểu Bang Washington (WSDOT) là bảo đảm không để cho ai bị loại khỏi sự tham gia, bị từ khước quyền lợi, hoặc bị kỳ thị trong bất cứ chương trình hay hoạt động nào vì lý do chủng tộc, màu da, hoặc nguồn gốc quốc gia, theo như quy định trong Mục VI của Đạo Luật Dân Quyền năm 1964. Bất cứ ai tin rằng quyền bảo vệ trong Mục VI của họ bị vi phạm, đều có thể nộp đơn khiếu nại cho Văn Phòng Bảo Vệ Dân Quyền và Bình Đẳng (OECR) của WSDOT. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết liên quan đến thủ tục khiếu nại Mục VI và/hoặc chi tiết liên quan đến trách nhiệm không kỳ thị của chúng tôi, xin liên lạc với Phối Trí Viên Mục VI của OECR số (360) 705-7090.

## Thông tin về Đao luất Người Mỹ tàn tất (Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA)

Tài liệu này có thể thực hiện bằng một hình thức khác bằng cách email cho Văn Phòng Bảo Vệ Dân Quyền và Bình Đằng wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov hoặc gọi điện thoại miễn phí số, 855-362- 4ADA(4232). Người điếc hoặc khiếm thính có thể yêu cầu bằng cách gọi cho Dịch vụ Tiếp âm Tiểu bang Washington theo số 711.

## Arabic - الْغَ رَبِيّة

في ضمان عدم استبعاد أي شخص، على أساس العرق أو اللون أو األصل (WSDOT) إشعار للجمهور تتمثل سياسة وزارة النقل في والية واشنطن 6العنوان القومي من المشاركة في أي من برامجها وأنشطتها أو الحرمان من الفوائد المتاحة بموجبها أو التعرض للتمييز فيها بخالف ذلك، كما هو منصوص عليه في الباب ويمكن ألي شخص يعتقد أنه تم انتهاك حقوقه التي يكفلها الباب السادس تقديم شكوى إلى مكتب المساواة والحقوق 1964.السادس من قانون الحقوق المدنية لعام أو بشأن التزاماتنا بعدم التمييز بموجب الباب / للحصول على معلومات إضافية بشأن إجراءات الشكاوى و. التابع لوزارة النقل في والية واشنطن(OECR)المدنية السادس، يرجى االتصال بمنسق الباب

السادس في مكتب المساواة والحقوق المدنية على الرقم 7090-705 (360).

معلومات قانون األمريكيين ذوى االعاقة (ADA)

أو عن wsdotada@wsdot.wa.govيمكن توفير هذه المواد في تنسيق بديل عن طريق إرسال رسالة بريد إلكتروني إلى مكتب المساواة والحقوق المدنية على يمكن لألشخاص(4232) 855-362-4ADA: طريق االتصال بالرقم المجاني على الرقم Washington State Relayالصم أو ضعاف السمع تقديم طلب عن طريق االتصال بخدمة 711.

## 中文 - Chinese

### 《权利法案》Title VI公告

<華盛頓州交通部(WSDOT)政策規定,按照《1964 年民權法案》第六篇規定,確保無人因種族、膚色或國籍而被排除在WSDOT任何計畫和活動之外,被剝奪相關權益或以其他方式遭到歧視。如任何人認為其第六篇保護權益遭到侵犯,則可向WSDOT的公平和民權辦公室(OECR)提交投訴。如需關於第六篇投訴程式的更多資訊和/或關於我們非歧視義務的資訊,請聯絡OECR的第六篇協調員,電話 (360) 705-7090。

## 《美国残疾人法案》(ADA)信息

可向公平和民權辦公室發送電子郵件wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov或撥打免費電話

855-362-4ADA(4232), 以其他格式獲取此資料。听力丧失或听觉障碍人士可拨打711联系Washington州转接站。

### Af-soomaaliga - Somali

## Ciwaanka VI Ogeysiiska Dadweynaha

Waa siyaasada Waaxda Gaadiidka Gobolka Washington (WSDOT) in la xaqiijiyo in aan qofna, ayadoo la cuskanaayo sababo la xariira isir, midab, ama wadanku kasoo jeedo, sida ku qoran Title VI (Qodobka VI) ee Sharciga Xaquuqda Madaniga ah ah oo soo baxay 1964, laga saarin ka qaybgalka, loo diidin faa'iidooyinka, ama si kale loogu takoorin barnaamijyadeeda iyo shaqooyinkeeda. Qof kasta oo aaminsan in difaaciisa Title VI la jebiyay, ayaa cabasho u gudbin kara Xafiiska Sinaanta iyo Xaquuqda Madaniga ah (OECR) ee WSDOT. Si aad u hesho xog dheeraad ah oo ku saabsan hanaannada cabashada Title VI iyo/ama xogta la xariirta waajibaadkeena ka caagan takoorka, fadlan la xariir Iskuduwaha Title VI ee OECR oo aad ka wacayso (360) 705-7090.

## Macluumaadka Xeerka Naafada Marykanka (ADA)

Agabkaan ayaad ku heli kartaa qaab kale adoo iimeel u diraaya Xafiiska Sinaanta iyo Xaquuqda Madaniga ah oo aad ka helayso wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov ama adoo wacaaya laynka bilaashka ah, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Dadka naafada maqalka ama maqalku ku adag yahay waxay ku codsan karaan wicitaanka Adeega Gudbinta Gobolka Washington 711.