Regional Mobility Grant - Notice of Funding Opportunity

Purpose
The Regional Mobility Grant supports local efforts to improve connectivity between counties and regional population centers, and reduce transportation delay (RCW 47.66.030). This program is supported exclusively by state funding.

Application deadline
Concepts are due by Friday May 15, 2020.
Applications are due by Friday September 11, 2020.

Award period
Funding for this program is awarded for projects that can be completed in 2 or 4 years. Two-year projects are funded from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023. Four-year projects are funded from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2025.

Match requirements
Applicants must match funds in the form of direct contributions at 20 percent of their total project cost. Direct contributions are cash or other assets that directly benefit the project, and are fundamental to implementing the project.

Applicants can use any funding source other than competitive state public transportation grants as match.

Eligible applicants
Cities, counties, ports and transit agencies in Washington State are eligible to apply.

Eligible projects
WSDOT selects applications for projects that are consistent with:
- Local, regional, and state transportation plans
- Local transit development plans
- Local comprehensive land use plans

WSDOT also considers criteria in RCW 47.66.040 when selecting projects.

In previous biennia, the Regional Mobility Grant selected projects for:
- Transportation Demand Management
- Inter-county connectivity service
- Park and ride lots
- Rush-hour transit service
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- Capital projects that improve the connectivity and efficiency of the transportation system

Evaluation process
An independent evaluation panel reviews eligible applications. The panel may include subject matter experts in the fields of construction, capital investment, transportation demand management and operations. The panel scores each application and develops a list of recommended projects.

Scoring criteria
Evaluators score applications using the following criteria:
- Reduce delay
- Improve connectivity
- Project performance
- Readiness to proceed

Each criteria contains 10 possible points, for a possible total of 40 points.

Award process
WSDOT submits a prioritized list of selected projects to the Legislature and the Governor’s office. The Legislature takes action during the development of the transportation budget and releases a Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program list of funded projects.

Important dates
- April 20, 2020 – Concept available
- May 15, 2020 – Concept due
- June 23, 2020 – Application available
- September 11, 2020 – Applications due
- September-October 2020 - WSDOT internal review
- October 12, 2020 – Revised applications due
- March-June 2021 – Notice of award
- July 1, 2021 – Biennium begins (grantees may incur eligible expenses)
- July 2021 – Performance measurement plan due

Application materials
- 2021-2023 Regional Mobility Grant Concept

More information
More information is at www.wsdot.wa.gov/transit/home.
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