



Notice of Funding Opportunity:

Surface Transportation Block Grant - Transportation Alternatives (STBG-TA) Program

The FHWA's Surface Transportation Block Grant – Transportation Alternatives (STBG-TA) program provides funding for a range of transportation projects and plans focused primarily on non-motorized transportation networks. Cost-reimbursable funds are awarded across three categories (Urban, Rural, and Any), depending on the project location. "Any" funds can be applied to either Urban or Rural projects.

Issue Date: February 2, 2023

Application Due Date: March 30, 2023 before 4 PM; note that late applications will not be accepted

Eligible Applicants:

In addition to all WWVMPO/SRTPO members in Washington State, natural resource agencies, public land agencies, school districts, Tribal governments, and nonprofit entities are encouraged to apply.

For a full list of eligible applicants, please refer to the FHWA STBG-TA guidance here:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/guidance/ta_guidance_2022.pdf

Eligible Activities:

STBG-TA funds cover many different types of projects that address bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, safe routes to school, safety, the environment, and cultural access. A number of other activities are also eligible for funding - for the full list, please consult the FHWA STBG guidance here: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/guidance/ta_guidance_2022.pdf

Available Funding (through FFY 2026):

Urban - \$241,224

Any - \$240,943

Rural - \$0

Funding may be combined with another MPO-administered grant program by submitting an additional application for the other program or programs.

How to apply:

The application form is available on the WWVMPO's website (<https://wwwmpo.org/plans--programs.html>), or a printed copy can be picked up at our office by request. The Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRTPO is committed to making this call for projects open to all eligible applicants. The following services are available to all eligible applicants by request:

- ◆ Application process and information assistance
- ◆ Project and applicant eligibility determinations

- ◆ Printed application forms and other documents
- ◆ Community or council presentations (webinar or in-person)

In addition to the application form, please include the following documents or information:

Required:

- ◆ Project location map, final design (if applicable), or a typical roadway cross-section (if applicable)
- ◆ Documentation of project in an approved or adopted plan, ordinance, and/or policy (please limit to the relevant pages)

Optional:

- ◆ Photographs of existing infrastructure conditions
- ◆ Design sketches or conceptual layout drawings of the proposed project
- ◆ Documentation of the project's public outreach process (e.g., meeting minutes, press releases, surveys and results, etc.)
- ◆ Crash reports and/or related data
- ◆ Letters of support or endorsement, or petitions

Application Submittal:

Please submit a completed and signed application form, along with any required or optional attachments via email to Timothy J. Barrett (tbarrett@wvmpo.org), or by mailing or hand-delivering your application materials to our office.

Project Information

Lead Agency: _____ Contact Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cosponsor Agency (if applicable): _____ Contact Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Project Name (include STIP ID number if applicable): _____

Project Description (please limit response to 200 words):

Project Location: _____

Federal Functional Classification (if applicable): _____

Beginning and Ending Termini: _____

Project Contribution Towards WWVMPO Performance Goals

Which of the following performance goals apply to this project? (Check all that apply)

- Safety – Reduction in the number of serious injury and/or fatal collisions
- System Reliability - Increase in travel predictability and reduced delay and/or support for travel modes other than single-occupancy vehicles (SOVs)

Program Eligibility – Please list all applicable eligible activities that this project will include using the STBG-TA Guidance document found here

(https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/guidance/ta_guidance_2022.pdf):

Project Funding

Funds Requested (Check all that apply): Urban Rural Any

Project Phase Details

Phase	Preferred Obligation Year	Total Phase Cost	STBG-TA Funds Requested	Sponsor Match	Sponsor Match %
PE or Planning Study					
Right-of-Way					
Construction					
Total Project Cost					

Will these funds be combined with another MPO grant application (STBG, CRP)? Yes No

Project Evaluation

Overmatch and Prior Investments

Previously invested local funding (planning, design, etc.): <5% **(3)** 5-10% **(6)** >10% **(9)**

Local overmatch beyond 13.5% requirement: <10% **(2)** 10-20% **(4)** >20% **(8)**

Is the project in the final phase of a multi-phase project? Yes **(8)** No **(0)**

Project Readiness

How far along is the project? (Check only one response)

At least 30% design completed **(10)**

Construction-ready (design, environment, and right-of-way completed) **(20)**

Project is a plan or study for one of the following: vulnerable road user safety assessment, vegetation management, historical preservation, environmental mitigation, Safe Routes to School, or trails **(20)**

If applying for funding for one of the plans listed above, describe the plan’s scope and goals using the 2045 Plan’s goal areas and weighting on pages 75-76 as a guideline for how this section will be scored (use additional pages if necessary; note that plans are not eligible for points after this section): **(up to 212)**

Safety

Describe the safety issues at or along the project location (pedestrian or cyclist crashes; common or prevalent crash types, environmental characteristics, contributing factors, maintenance): **(up to 25)**

How will this project address the safety issues described above? (lighting, signage, crossing improvements, striping, traffic calming, maintenance, etc.) **(up to 25)**

Does this project improve walking and biking facilities within 1 mile of a school? Yes **(10)** No **(0)**

System Preservation and Maintenance

Describe the existing infrastructure conditions (sidewalk and/or crossing conditions, bike lane surface type and condition, markings, signage, lighting, etc.) **(up to 10)**

Does this project address known maintenance issues? Yes **(10)** No **(0)**

Will construction of this project be coordinated with any needed utility relocation? Yes **(10)** No **(0)**

If yes, please describe:

Non-Motorized Transportation Access & Connectivity

Describe how this project will improve non-motorized transportation choices and connections between different modes: **(up to 20)**

Describe how this project will connect people to important activity centers (employment centers, civic centers, libraries, grocery stores, parks, medical facilities, schools, etc.): **(up to 20)**

Environmental Mitigation

How will this project manage stormwater and water pollution during and after construction? **(up to 15)**

Will this project include invasive species removal or native species propagation? Yes **(5)** No **(0)**

Will this project restore or maintain wildlife habitat connectivity? Yes **(5)** No **(0)**

Historical and Cultural

Does this project include a turnout, overlook, or scenic viewing area? Yes **(5)** No **(0)**

Does this project improve access to a historical transportation facility? Yes **(5)** No **(0)**

Accessibility & Equity

Does this project remove a priority ADA barrier, as identified in an adopted ADA Transition Plan or similar plan? Yes **(15)** No **(0)**

Is the project located in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC), as identified by the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) (<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/>), Washington State Department of Health’s Health Disparities Map (<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtnibl/WTNIBL/>), or other available demographic data? Yes **(15)** No **(0)**

If yes, please briefly describe the method used and the resulting data:

Assurances and Acknowledgements

Certification of Matching Funds

By signing below, the Project Sponsor assures that sufficient funds are available to pay the non-federal share of the expenditures for this application’s project, and that completion of this project is not contingent upon additional grants (sources of matching funds may be changed after STBG-TA funding has been awarded, in accordance with all established TIP amendment guidelines).

Local Match Amount: _____

Name and Title (print): _____

Signature and Date: _____

Applicant Acknowledgements

By signing below, the Project Sponsor ensures that they have read and understood the appropriate federal guidance and agree to follow all applicable federal regulations and requirements from the acceptance of STBG-TA funds, should this project receive an award. In addition, the Project Sponsor agrees to follow the WWVMPO’s established M/RTIP Policies and acknowledges the potential loss of STBG-TA funds if they are not obligated by the date specified on the award letter.

Name and Title (print): _____

Signature and Date: _____