



Public Transportation Grants and You

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About the Public Transportation Division

Vision

A sustainable transportation network that connects people to the things that matter to them most.

Mission

We work to advance public transportation and transportation demand management with partners for a safer, more equitable Washington.

About the Public Transportation Division



Planning

Leading and supporting statewide and regional planning efforts to achieve more equitable mobility, improve public transportation, and inform policy decisions.



Oversight

Overseeing the safety of light-rail systems in Washington by ensuring rail agencies comply with Federal Transit Administration regulations, and agencies identify, understand, and mitigate safety risks.



Access

Supporting and delivering investments that connect people to their communities, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing equal access to transit for all people in Washington, including those with special transportation needs.

Background information

- All funds are subject to legislative appropriation
- Start planning now for your projects
- Work with your partners ahead of time
- HEAL Act requires an Environmental Justice Assessment for projects over \$15 million

RCW 81.66.010

Transportation for persons with special needs

Persons with special transportation needs means those persons, including their personal attendants, who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase appropriate transportation.



Consolidated Grants

Funding for public transportation:

- Service improvements within and between rural communities
- Transportation services between cities
- Purchases of new buses and equipment
- Services to seniors and people with disabilities.

Eligible projects:

- Operating
- Capital equipment
- Small capital construction (under \$2.5 million)
- Mobility Management
- Planning

Consolidated Grants

Eligible applicants:

- Tribes
- Transit agencies
- Non-profits
- Counties
- Cities

Match:

5% for new projects and capital

10% for continuing projects

Funding amounts:

- 2023-2025 funding amounts: \$104 million
- 2025-2027 funding requested: \$98 million for 133 projects

Duration: 2- and 4-year awards

Next round available in Summer 2026

Consolidated Grants

One application for 6 funding sources

Applications next available Summer 2026

Must be identified in Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP)

Coordinate with your Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Consolidated Grant projects

Operating

HopeSource (non-profit)
\$1.8 million

Sustain on-demand transit services to accommodate underserved, vulnerable, elderly, disabled, and low-income individuals in Kittitas County.



Capital - vehicle

Grays Harbor Transit Authority
\$4.6 million

Purchase 10 replacement ADA heavy duty buses and 2 ADA light duty vehicles.



Capital – construction

Lummi Indian Business Council
\$15,000

Purchase 12 bus stop seats with poles



Tribal Transit Mobility

Funding to support the transportation needs of tribal nations

Eligible applicants: federally recognized tribes in Washington state and tribes making transportation connections to Washington from border states

Eligible projects:

- Operating
- Capital equipment
- Capital construction
- Mobility Management
- Planning

Tribal Transit Mobility

Match:

None beginning 2025-2027 funding cycle

Projects don't need to be in the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan but it is encouraged!

Funding amounts:

- 2023-2025 funding amount: \$10 million
- 2025-2027 funding amount: \$10 million
 - Awards made September 2024

Duration: 2- and 4-year awards

Next round available in Summer 2026

Tribal Transit Mobility Grant projects

Operating

Spokane Tribe of Indians
\$450,000

The Moccasin Express continued Operations for the general public, elderly, and persons with special needs on an around the Spokane Indian Reservation.

The Moccasin Express



Capital - vehicle

Makah Tribal Council
\$171,000

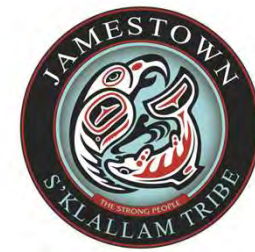
Replacement of 1 cutaway bus used to provide public transportation services on the Makah Reservation.



Capital – construction

Jamestown S'klallam
Tribe
\$283,955

Purchase & Install Bus Shelters, Bike Lockers and Racks.



Zero-emissions Access Program (ZAP)

This program provides funding for zero-emission carshare pilot programs in underserved and low- to moderate-income communities and seeks to expand transit options while reducing emissions in these communities.

Eligible projects: Operating (including software/app licensing), capital vehicle purchase, capital construction/installation of electric charging stations, and utilities.

Eligible applicants: Nonprofits and local governments, including housing authorities.

2023-2025 funding : \$2.8 million. For 25-27 anticipating similar funding level.

Match: 10% (direct or in-kind)

Applications available: April 2025

ZAP Carshare Grants Provide:

- The ZAP grant offers flexibility for applicants to develop programs that work in their communities.
- ZAP carshares are owned and operated by local community organizations/cities.
- Carshares offer dignity, independence and versatility for individuals who might not otherwise have access to a personal vehicle.
- ZAP grant funded carshares include installing EV charging infrastructure in addition to vehicles.
- ZAP grant carshares form partnerships with equity-focused, community-based organizations.

ZAP Grant Carshare Success Stories

**Lopez Island
Community Land Trust**

\$80,213

ZEV carshare serving
affordable housing co-op
community



**Women of Wisdom
Tri-Cities**

\$600,000

ZEV carshare projects
serving Kennewick and
Pasco neighborhoods.



**Tabor 100
Tukwila**
\$200,000

Offers minority owned small
businesses with EV trucks
for supply runs, events, &
community projects.



Regional Mobility Grants

Funding to support local efforts to improve connectivity between counties and regional population centers as well as to reduce transportation delay.

Eligible projects:

- Operations
- Vehicle purchases
- Equipment purchases
- Capital construction
- Transportation demand management

Regional Mobility Grants

Eligible applicants:

- Transit agencies
- Counties
- Cities
- Ports
- *New!* Regional transportation and metropolitan planning organizations

Match:

20%

Funding amounts:

- 2023-2025 funding amounts: \$76 million
- 2025-2027 funding requested: \$74.3 million and 38 projects

Duration: 2- and 4-year awards

Next round concept letters due early 2026

Regional Mobility Grant projects

Operating/ Transportation Demand Management

Twin Transit
\$864,186

Lewis County to Cowlitz
County connector service

Transportation Demand Management

City of Vancouver
\$424,434

Residential transportation
demand management
programs

Capital – construction

Sound Transit
\$4.8 million

Stride bus rapid transit: non-
motorized elements and
transit signal priority



Regional Mobility Grants

- **Next opportunity will be 2026**
 - Pre-application will open February 2026
 - Work with WSDOT regions, Regional Transportation Planning Organizations, and local transits now to be ahead of the process in a year!

Resources

[Grants-at-a-glance](#) timelines

Public Transportation Division [grant program](#) pages

[Grants Management System](#)

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Questions/feedback

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