

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.

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

This program provides funds for public transportation improvements within and between rural communities; transportation services between cities; purchases of new buses and equipment; and public transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities.

Eligible projects: Operating, Capital, Mobility Management, Planning

Eligible applicants: Tribes, transit agencies, non-profits, counties, and cities

2023-2025 funding amounts: \$104 million

Match: 5% for new projects and capital | 10% for continuing projects

Duration: 2- and 4-year awards

Consolidated Grants

One application for 6 funding sources

Applications next available Summer 2024

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

This program provides funding to support the transportation needs of tribal nations.

Eligible projects: Operating, capital, mobility management, planning

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

Available funding: \$10 million

Duration: 2- or 4-year awards

No Match beginning 2025-2027 grant cycle

Available through the Consolidated Grant Program

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

This program provides funding for zero-emission carshare pilot programs in underserved and low- to moderate-income communities.

Eligible projects: Operating, capital vehicle purchase, capital construction/installation of electric charging stations, and utilities.

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

2023-2025 funding : \$3.2 million

Match: 10%

Applications available: April 2025

ZAP Grant carshare projects

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.



Purpose Driven Girl – Tukwila, WA

\$139,848

ZEV ADA accessible van
carshare serving South
King County.



Regional Mobility Grants

This grant supports local efforts to improve connectivity between counties and regional population centers as well as to reduce transportation delay.

Eligible projects: Vehicle and equipment purchases, capital construction, operations, and transportation demand management.

Eligible applicants: Cities, counties, ports, transit agencies. For 2025-2027, regional transportation planning organizations and metropolitan planning organizations are also eligible.

2023-2025 awards: \$76 million

Match 20%

Duration: Two- or four-year awards

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 2024**
 - Pre-application will open February 2024
 - Work with WSDOT regions, Regional Transportation Planning Organizations, and local transits now to be ahead of the process in a year!

Resources

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