

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund

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Match Requirements

There are no match requirements for STIF Formula Funds.

Eligible Recipients Only a Qualified Entity may apply for STIF Formula Funds. A Qualified Entity is a county in which no part of a Mass Transit District or Transportation District exists, a Mass Transit District, a Transportation District or an Indian Tribe, per statute and OAR 732-040-0005. Public Transportation Service Providers may receive STIF Formula Funds by requesting them through a Qualified Entity. A Public Transportation Service Provider is a city, county, Special District, Intergovernmental Entity or any other political subdivision or municipal or Public Corporation that provides Public Transportation Services. Under statute, non-profit public transportation providers are not eligible to apply for or receive STIF moneys through Qualified Entities, but may provide public transportation services as a vendor or contractor to either a Qualified Entity or a Public Transportation Service Provider. A [map of Qualified Entities](https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/STIF.aspx) is located in the STIF Rulemaking Document Library on the STIF webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/STIF.aspx>.

Eligible Projects STIF funding may be used to finance investments and improvements in public transportation services, except for light rail capital expenses. STIF may be used for public transportation purposes that support the effective planning, deployment, operation, and administration of public transportation programs including, but not limited to, the following:

- Creation of new systems and services with origins, destinations or stops in Oregon;
- Maintenance or continuation of systems and services, under certain circumstances;
- Planning for and development of a Local Plan or future STIF Plan to improve public transportation service

STIF moneys are primarily intended to fund the expansion or improvement of public transportation in Oregon and priority will be given to plans that improve or expand services. The majority of funding in this first funding cycle will be directed to improve or expand service. However, as services improve and expand, ongoing costs associated with operation and maintenance of the expansion will increase. OAR 732-040-0010(2)(b), which specifies that STIF funds may be used to maintain or continue systems and services, is directed to future scenarios where a Qualified Entity has expanded service by using STIF moneys and now needs to maintain that expansion. This section may also govern instances where one-time funds are no longer available (e.g., federal one-time discretionary funds, federal ARRA grant funds). STIF moneys are not intended to supplant local funding sources to maintain existing services. A STIF Plan that proposes to use STIF funding to replace local funding to maintain an existing service may result in denial of the funding request.

Applications STIF Plans (applications) must be received by ODOT no later than November 1, 2018 for the first opportunity or May 1, 2019 for the second opportunity.