



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

The Recovery Act appropriated \$1.5 billion of supplemental discretionary grant funding for TIGER discretionary grants. This money can be used for a variety of projects, many of which are outlined below. The Act specifies that grants awarded must be between \$20 and \$300 million; however, the \$20 million minimum can be waived to fund projects in smaller cities, states or regions. Though the grants can be used for 100% of project costs, priority will be given to projects that will combine a TIGER grant with non-federal funds. As well, priority will be given to projects which can be completed by February 17, 2012.

Eligible applicants:

State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional applicants.

Eligible Projects:

- Transit ITS
 - o Mobile computers
 - o Scheduling software
 - o Automatic vehicle location
 - o Real-time bus arrival information
 - o Computer-aided dispatching
 - o Automated passenger counters
 - o Advanced fare payment methods
- The major purchase of bus and bus-related facilities
- Purchase of clean fuel buses, constructing of electrical recharging stations, and improvements of public transportation facilities to accommodate these buses.
- Design and art in transit
- Crime prevention and security
- Education and training
- Bicycle facilities
- Public transportation improvements such as: projects that enhance economic development or incorporate private investment, including pedestrian and bicycle access to a public transportation facility, renovation of historic transportation facilities, intercity bus and intercity rail stations and terminals, and establishment of new or enhanced coordination between public transportation and other transportation

Project Requirements:

Main Criteria

1. Long Term Outcomes

a. Priority will be given to projects that have significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation, metropolitan area, or region.

The following outcomes will be given priority:

i. State of Good Repair: Improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, with particular emphasis on projects that minimize life-cycle costs.

ii. Economic Competitiveness: contributing to the economic competitiveness of the United States over the medium- to long-term

iii. Livability: Improving the quality of living and working environments and the experience for people in communities across the US

iv. Sustainability: Improving energy efficiency, reducing dependence on oil, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefiting the environment.

v. Safety: Improving the safety of the US transportation facilities and systems.

2. Job Creation and Economic Stimulus

a. Priority will be given to projects that are expected to quickly create and preserve jobs and stimulate rapid increase in economic activity.

Secondary Criteria

1. Innovation

a. Priority will be given to projects that use innovative technology (ex. intelligent transportation systems, dynamic pricing, smart cards, real-time dispatching, etc.) to pursue one or more of the long-term outcomes.

2. Partnership

a. Projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among a wide range of participants and/or the integration of public transportation with other public service efforts will be given priority.

Application Deadline:

- September 15, 2009 – complete applications must be submitted
- Grant awards announced no later than February 17, 2010

For More Information/Application Procedures :

- Visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-14262.htm>
- Contact the TIGER Discretionary Grants program manager via email at: TIGERGrants@dot.gov