

## North Central Texas Council of Governments

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DATE: July 2, 2021

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.

Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Blue-Green-Grey Applications for New Ideas Round 3

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is selecting projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth twelve county Metropolitan Planning Area which develop innovative outcomes focused on three elements – Blue (water), Green (environment), and Grey (transportation infrastructure). Through this funding opportunity, NCTCOG will fund with a maximum award of \$75,000 to teams of individuals, non-profits, private firms with a local government sponsor, universities, or governmental agencies. Enclosed is a one page summary of this initiative.

This is an invitation to respond to Round 3 of the Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas. NCTCOG will be hosting a virtual pre-application meeting via Zoom **on July 15, 2021, at 1:30 pm** to share more information about the funding opportunity and submittal process. Applications are due to Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011, **no later than 5:00 pm on August 13, 2021.** Visit <a href="https://www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure">www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure</a> to register for the Zoom meeting.

After review of applications and selection for funding, each project will go to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Regional Transportation Council for consideration. Final project selection is scheduled to occur in November 2021.

Please contact Shawn Conrad at (817) 704-5695 or <a href="mailto:sconrad@nctcog.org">sconrad@nctcog.org</a> if you have any questions about this opportunity.

Michael Morris, P.E.

SS:lk Enclosure

cc: Members of the Regional Transportation Council
Members of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee



## Blue-Green-Grey Round Three Application for New Ideas

What: Submit a proposal, three pages or less, to receive up to \$75,000 to advance projects or programs that develop innovative outcomes. The projects must have three elements: Blue (water), Green (environment), and Grey (transportation infrastructure).

Who: Open to individuals, non-profits, private firms with a local government sponsor, universities, and government agencies.

When: Applications are due August 13, 2021, at 5:00 pm, at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Applications must be in hand by this date and time. More than one application can be submitted and funded.

Where: Within the twelve county Metropolitan Planning Area

Why: The \$75,000 is intended to serve as seed money to develop new ideas that could be transmitted to other organizations for funding of the next phase, or to fund innovative applications or implementation of new project ideas.

How: All proposals must include a required budget (template to be provided). If applicable to the type of project, a map must also be attached. Neither the budget nor map will count toward the three-page limit.

How Much: Up to \$75,000.

Next Steps: A virtual pre-application meeting will be held on July 15, 2021, at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Visit <a href="www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure">www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure</a> to register for the meeting.