

MTP POLICY BUNDLE FACT SHEET - ROUND 6

FAQS

Who is eligible to apply for the Policy Bundle/Transportation Development Credit?

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- Cities
- Counties
- Independent School Districts
- Transit Authorities

How many applications per entity are allowed?

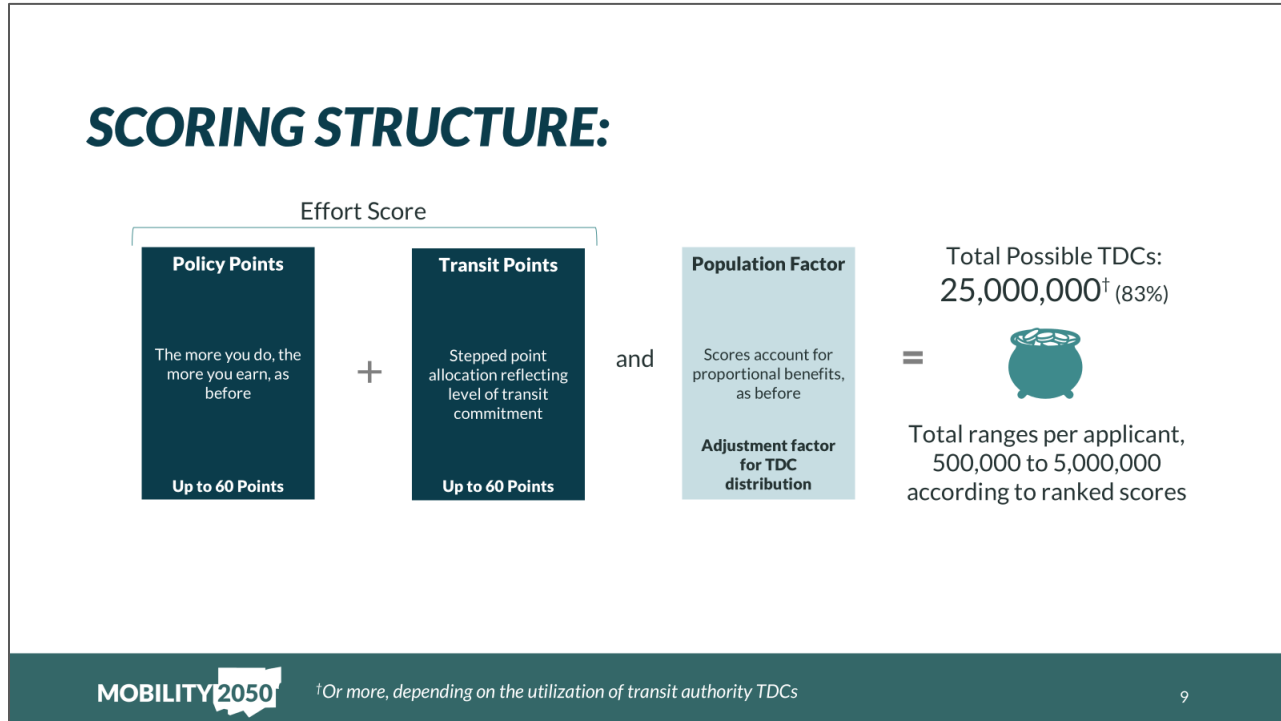
Only one application per entity will be accepted. Entities should communicate internally to ensure that only one application is submitted.

Must my entity complete a new application?

Yes, all entities must complete a new application every round and submit all required documentation.

What is the scoring process?

Cities will be scored based on policy points, transit participation, and population, as shown below:



Transit authorities need 50 percent of the policies to qualify (six policies) and have a fixed Transportation Development Credit allocation based on the number of policies, as shown below.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY SCORING



6 policies
needed to
qualify

Transit Authority Size	Maximum TDC Award
Small (DCTA)	1,000,000
Medium (Trinity Metro)	1,500,000
Large (DART)	2,500,000

Total Possible TDCs:
5,000,000 (17%)



Unallocated awards from
this pot become available
to cities



Cities and transit authorities scored separately from each other

How many Transportation Development Credits will be available?

Each round, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) team reviews federal funding availability for the upcoming round and determines the number of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to be allocated to all qualifying entities. The distribution of TDCs for Round 6 is by population, transit participation, and point tier.

Round 6 has 30,000,000 TDCs available for allocation to qualifying entities. Of that total, 5,000,000 is set aside for Transit Authority allocation with the following distribution upon qualifying:

Transit Authority Size	Maximum TDC Award
Small (DCTA)	1,000,000
Medium (Trinity Metro)	1,500,000
Large (DART)	2,500,000

If a transit authority chooses not to apply, the unallocated TDCs would be returned to the overall pot of TDCs to be allocated to other qualifying entities.

When can I request an application?

Applications open when the round begins. To sign up before the round opens to receive an application, use the "Request an Application" link on the [Policy Bundle website](#). Your name will be added to an email list and an application will be sent once the round opens.

How long do we have to use any TDCs awarded?

TDCs will be available to qualifying entities through the TIP team’s normal processes throughout two fiscal years following Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval, as opportunities arise. Entities participating in this round will have two years from the date of the award to add new projects to the TIP. Entities must work with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff to allocate TDCs to an eligible project. Once projects are selected for inclusion in the TIP, entities have two years to meet the following requirements or the TDCs expire:

- Sign a TDC agreement with the Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Begin project implementation

What type of projects are eligible?

- Must be used for new projects, not previously selected projects
- Must be eligible for federal roadway or air quality funds
- Projects that improve air quality and relieve congestion, including transit improvements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs, and traffic flow improvements
- Projects will be vetted against typical Regional Transportation Council selection criteria

What is the timeline for Round 6?

March 23, 2026	Round 6 applications available online
April 27, 2026	Early Deadline – Applications due for those requesting NCTCOG assistance
May 26, 2026	Final Deadline – all applications due
June through July 2026	NCTCOG Application Scoring
September 10, 2026	Request Regional Transportation Council approval of Policy Bundle Awards

What is the scoring process for Round 6?

First, agencies apply online. In that application process, agencies document completed actions for each of the eligible policies of interest. Next, NCTCOG totals points awarded based on certified documentation, transit participation, and population to determine the TDC award. Finally, TDCs are awarded in the RTC approval process.

Transit Participation Scale

Entities other than transit authorities (e.g., cities, counties) are assigned transit point values based on their level of participation with a transit authority.

Transit Status	Points
None	0
Contract Service (Other than Transit Authority)	Earn points in policy list
Local Government Corporation (LGC) (Small Amount)/Small Contract with Authority	10
LGC 3/8 Cent	30
1/2 Cent Cities	40
Full Transit (e.g., “1-cent cities”)	60

RULES

Previous Applicants

All entities must complete a new application every round and submit all required documentation, even if entities have applied and qualified in previous rounds.

Application Limit

One application is permitted per entity. In the event more than one is submitted, the first application received will be used to score and award TDCs.

Deadline

- The final date and time to submit an application online through the official form is Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
- Applications received after 5:00 PM on that day or later will not be accepted.

Incomplete Applications

- Incomplete applications that have not been submitted as complete through the form will not be accepted.
- Incomplete applications that have been submitted as complete, but are missing documentation, will be scored and may or may not qualify, depending on the level of completeness and whether any submitted/partial documentation qualifies.

Transportation Development Credit Use

- Qualifying entities will receive Transportation Development Credits to be used in fiscal years 2027-2028.
- Entities must work with NCTCOG staff to allocate TDCs to an eligible project.
- Once projects are selected for inclusion in the TIP, entities have two years to sign a TDC agreement with the Metropolitan Planning Organization or begin project implementation or the TDCs expire.

Project Eligibility

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