

TSI FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TABLE – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of the funding table?

The funding table provides communities with a simple, centralized list of funding opportunities that may support the goals of the Upper Trinity River Basin Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Study. It helps local governments quickly identify programs that could support transportation and/or stormwater management projects to move those projects toward implementation.

Where can I find the funding table?

The funding table can be downloaded as an Excel spreadsheet on the TSI Study website at www.nctcog.org/tsi or by contacting NCTCOG staff at tsi@nctcog.org.

How should this table of funding opportunities be used?

The table highlights potential funding programs that local governments may use to implement recommendations from the TSI Study. It is intended to serve as a starting point for communities to identify possible funding programs. Funding programs and eligibility requirements may change, so applicants should confirm details directly with the funding agency prior to preparing and submitting a funding application.

What funding categories are included?

The table focuses on funding opportunities that could support TSI-related projects. It is organized into three categories:

- Flood and hazard mitigation: studies and projects that reduce flood risk.
- Water and stormwater: studies and projects that expand infrastructure capacity.
- Watershed Protection and Green Stormwater Infrastructure: studies and projects that incorporate nature-based solutions.

The table is not an exhaustive list of all potential funding opportunities that may be available to local governments.

What types of funding opportunities are included?

The table includes grants, loans, and technical assistance from federal, state, and nonprofit organizations:

- Grant – Funding that does not need to be repaid but often requires a local match; requires strict reporting and compliance with program rules.
- Loan – Funding that must be repaid, often with lower interest rates through government programs.
- Technical Assistance – Non-financial support such as planning help, project development support, application preparation assistance, or training.

KEY TERMS

Community:

A local government or political entity that adopts and enforces ordinances, orders, or regulations applicable to the area under its jurisdiction.

Green Stormwater

Infrastructure:

Vegetation and soil systems that have been engineered to improve urban flood management and water quality by mimicking natural hydrological processes.

Low Impact Development:

A set of sustainable land development practices that minimize the impact of development by promoting infiltration, evapotranspiration, and the use of vegetation to manage stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and improve water quality.

Nature-Based Solutions:

Strategies that use natural systems or processes, such as restored wetlands or enhanced riparian buffers, to address environmental challenges that are broader than those addressed by Green Stormwater Infrastructure.

Stormwater Management:

The use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure, Low Impact Development (LID), Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), detention ponds, permeable surfaces, and drainage systems to manage the runoff of rainwater or melted snow to prevent flooding, water pollution, and erosion.

Can NCTCOG staff prepare or submit funding applications on behalf of my community?

No. While the NCTCOG staff can and do develop applications for regional projects such as the TSI study, NCTCOG staff cannot write, prepare, or submit funding applications for individual local governments. Staff may share information or data from the TSI Study and provide necessary insights that a community could use to support its application. Depending on availability, NCTCOG staff may provide technical review and/or general recommendations for projects that support regional plans and programs.

What is the typical matching requirement for federal or state funding?

Matching requirements vary by program. Many programs require a local match that commonly range from about 10% to 50% of the total project cost. Some programs offer opportunities to use in-kind resources (generally staff and equipment) in lieu of direct financial project support. Applicants should review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for exact requirements.

How can I filter the table to find programs that apply to my community?

The table can be downloaded as an Excel spreadsheet. Users can filter columns such as Funding Origin, Funding Type, Eligible Applicants, and Project Eligibility to find programs that may apply to their community's project.

What challenges do applicants commonly face when pursuing funding?

Common challenges include:

- Lacking identified matching funds;
- Being ineligible for a program;
- Missing or outdated planning documents;
- Limited staff capacity to manage applications and/or awarded funds;
- Missing technical studies, maps, or data.

Applicants should review program requirements carefully before applying.

Disclaimer

This information is not an exhaustive list of all potential funding resources. Funding programs, eligibility requirements, and deadlines may change at any time. Other funding sources may also be available locally through bonds, general revenue, stormwater utility fees, or impact fees.

Who is eligible to apply for the funding opportunities listed?

Eligibility varies by program. The opportunities listed are primarily intended to inform cities, counties, and special districts. Applicants should confirm eligibility with the funding agency before applying.

What steps can a community take to become funding ready?

Communities should review the NOFO or NOFA for each program to understand eligibility requirements and deadlines. It is also helpful to have planning documents, preliminary project scopes, matching funds, and technical information prepared in advance of the funding opportunity being published.



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