

Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Funding Sources

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) apportions Sections 5307 and 5310 program funds to our region

Non-competitive (formula)

About 98% available annually to transit provides through Program of Projects (POP) process

Competitive

By RTC policy, about 2% is set aside for transit projects that support long-range mobility plan goals and address needs outlined in Access North Texas



Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Program Elements/Eligibility

Competitive funding program to support transit project ideas and implement services that address Mobility 2045 goals and Access North Texas

Eligible applicants	Transit authorities Public Transit providers Non-profits (encourage partnership with an existing transit provider)
Eligibility	Must be an entity that can receive federal funds
Project Length	Typically a 2-3 year pilot

Project
elements

Cannot be used for operating shortfalls.

Service must be within the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Denton-Lewisville Urbanized areas

Encourage partnerships and collaboration between non-service providers (non-profits) and transit providers

Address innovation, Access North Texas, recent transit study recommendations, accessibility, environmental justice, transit dependent populations, risk ³



Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Program Evaluation Criteria

CATEGORY	POSSIBLE POINTS
Needs Assessment Address Access North Texas, Transit Studies, Transit Dependent Populations, Environmental Justice, and/or Accessibility. Is it non-duplicative?	60
Strategic Value and Innovation Is it an innovative project that serves an immediate need? Could it serve as a model to other areas?	15
Project Funding and Sustainability Are budget assumptions sound and reasonable? Meet minimum funding requirements? Local match identified? Sustainability?	15
Implementation Capacity and Collaboration Include coordination with stakeholders and existing providers? Does the agency have the required capacity to implement?	10
TOTAL	100



Recommended Projects for November 2023 Cycle

Project	Description	Agency	Federal Total
Mansfield On-Demand ZIPZONE Service	Introduce new ZIPZONE on- demand service for the City of Mansfield. Service boundaries cover Mansfield City limits with connection to TCC Southeast Campus in Arlington.	Trinity Metro	\$684,254

Transit Strategic Partnerships Program Funding Cycle

Ideas accepted on a rolling basis, and evaluated twice a year

(currently on Spring 2024 Cycle)





² The Proposal Submission Form will be updated for the Fall 2024 Cycle



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