

2021-2023 Public Transportation Funding Opportunities

For information regarding 2021-2023 public transportation funding opportunities in Linn County, including application materials, please contact: Mark Volmert, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, mvolmert@co.linn.or.us (541) 231-8903.

Special Transportation Fund

Funding from the Oregon Special Transportation Fund (STF) Program is available to maintain or improve transportation services for seniors 60 years of age and older and/or persons of any age with disabilities.

Eligible applicants include public entities and public or private non-profit corporations which provide transportation services for the elderly and/or people with disabilities in Linn County. Eligible projects include maintenance of existing transportation programs and services for the elderly and people with disabilities; expansion or creation of such programs and services; transportation capital items; and planning and development of transportation services for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Transportation programs, projects and services for funding shall be derived from and shall be consistent with the Linn County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, adopted by the Linn County Board of Commissioners on September 19, 2017.

An estimated \$589,185 in STF funding will be available in 2021-2023 for programs in Linn County. This is essentially the same amount as 2019-2021.

Applications are due by Friday, January 22 at 5:00pm.

Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

The Federal Section 5310 program provides formula funding to states to assist programs in meeting the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate to meet these needs.

Eligible applicants include public entities and public or private non-profit corporations which provide transportation services for the elderly and/or people with disabilities in Linn County. The program funds eligible capital, contract service and preventive maintenance projects.

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An estimated \$619,217 in Federal Section 5310 funding will be available in 2021-2023 for programs in Linn County. This is a decrease of 6% from 2019-2021. Additionally, an estimated \$211,968 will be available for programs serving the Albany Urban Area. This is an increase of 4% from 2019-2021.

Applications are due by Friday, January 22 at 5:00pm.

Statewide Transportation Improvement (STIF) Formula Fund Program

Funding is available from ODOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Fund program to improve or expand public transportation services.

The Legislative Assembly, with the passage of HB 2017 (the 2017 comprehensive transportation funding bill) established a one-tenth of 1% employee payroll tax dedicated to public transportation. 90% of the revenue is allocated, by formula, to counties, transit districts and Native American tribes for allocation to public transportation service providers.

“Public transportation service providers” defined by state law and Oregon Administrative Rules, are eligible to apply for/receive STIF funds. They include city, county, special district, Native American tribe, intergovernmental entity or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corporation that provides public transportation services. Nonprofit and for-profit transit providers are not eligible. However, eligible applicants may contract with a non-profit or for-profit entity to provide transportation services under an approved grant.

Eligible projects funded through Linn County STIF formula funds will expand or improve public transit services within one or between communities inside and adjacent to Linn County.

Transportation programs, projects and services for funding shall be derived from and shall be consistent with the Linn County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, adopted by the Linn County Board of Commissioners on September 19, 2017; and/or consistent with approved regional transportation plans.

The published estimated STIF Formula Fund allocation to Linn County for the 2021-2023 is approximately \$3.5 million. It is anticipated that 2018-2021 carry forward funds will increase the amount of funds allocated for 2021-2023.

Applications are due by Monday, December 14 at 5:00pm.