

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Programmatic Request Form Guidance: FTA Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program**

To ensure every Member of Congress has an opportunity to participate in the annual appropriations process, Members may submit programmatic requests on their priorities to the Appropriations Committee and Subcommittees. Programmatic requests are requests specific to funding levels for agencies and programs funded in the 12 appropriations bills.

Members of the House of Representatives and Senate are now accepting requests for the FY 2026 Appropriations cycle and the process. Members of Congress often have individual deadlines regarding their submissions on behalf of their constituents. Both the House and Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies will consider programmatic requests from Members of Congress that are submitted by the **deadline of May 23, 2025**.

**APTA strongly encourages you to submit a programmatic request to your Representatives and Senators to fully fund the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program at the FY 2026 authorized amount of \$4,600,000,000.** Programmatic requests are not “earmarks” but are requests to set funding for an agency program for the fiscal year. Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members look to see which programs receive high Member support when considering funding levels.

For a Member of Congress to give a programmatic funding request consideration, interested stakeholders requesting the funding must complete an online form for each request. The online form is often found on the Member’s website or by contacting the office directly.

APTA has put together a sample template for what the online request form may require and to assist you in participating in this process. We urge you to use the draft answers below, but please note that some of the information requested may not be available. Please list “Not available at this time” in those fields.

APTA also encourages you to utilize its [My Economic Impact Tool](#), which allows transit agency members to use their budget data to calculate the economic impact of their transit service in the Member’s State and/or District. The analysis produces figures for jobs, wages, sales, and value-add supported by transit agency spending. The tool’s reports also help users understand direct and indirect effects on the local economy, as well as the diverse occupational mix of jobs supported by public transit spending.

If the deadlines for submissions to your Senators or Representatives have passed, there may still be an opportunity to submit a programmatic request. We encourage you to reach out directly to the Member’s office. Politely inquire about the possibility of submitting a programmatic request despite the deadline passing. They will provide you with guidance on next steps or offer alternative options.

After you have completed the request, we strongly encourage you to follow up and request a meeting with the legislative staff that covers transportation policy in your Representatives' or Senators' offices to discuss your submission and answer any outstanding questions you or the office may have. APTA can provide you with the best point of contact for your Members to schedule a meeting and/or additional follow up. In addition, please provide APTA with a copy of your submission, which will enable us to highlight your support as we continue our advocacy on Capitol Hill.

*Below is a sample template to assist you through the online request form and questions.*

1. General information:

Organization Name, address, phone number, etc.

2. Request information.

a. **What appropriations subcommittee funds this program?**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

b. **Which federal agency administers this program?**

Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

c. **Within this agency, what is the specific program or account you are making a request for?**

U.S. Department of Transportation > Federal Transit Administration > Capital Investment Grants Program

d. **If you are submitting multiple requests, please indicate the priority order from highest to lowest.**

Not available at this time.

e. **What type of request are you making?**

Programmatic Funding Request

f. **Funding amount requested:**

[Transit Agency Name] requests that Congress provide \$4,600,000,000 for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program to help our communities begin to address the backlog of demand for more mobility choices.

g. **Report language requested:**

Not available at this time.

h. **Please provide a justification for your request:**

*The justification should include background information on how increased funding will benefit your transit agency or business and community served in the District and/or State,*

*and any other pertinent information that might strengthen the request. The justification should also include a description of the local project(s) that would benefit from the FY 2026 CIG funding and if possible, the amount the project is likely to receive from this program if the \$4.6 billion is appropriated.*

Public transportation is a \$79 billion industry that directly employs 430,000 people and supports millions of private-sector jobs. Every \$1 invested in public transit generates \$5 in long-term economic returns, and every \$1 billion invested in public transit creates or sustains nearly 50,000 jobs across the entire economy.

While the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117 -58) provided \$1,600,000,000 annually in advance appropriations to the CIG program, building a needs-based, efficient, and resilient transportation system requires investing the full authorized discretionally funding. Local taxpayers rely on partnerships with the Federal Government to develop essential transit projects like those supported by CIG, and this funding is critical to developing a future-oriented transportation system that will meet the needs of our communities to reduce congestion, expand access to economic opportunity, and provide transportation options.

We urge you to include the fully authorized amount of \$4,600,000,000 for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program to help communities meet mobility demands. Today, 61 projects across the nation are seeking almost \$35,300,000,000 of CIG funds.

**i. Explanation of the request stating why this is a good use of taxpayer funds.**

*The justification should include background information on how increased funding will benefit your transit agency or business and community served in the District and/or State, and any other pertinent information that might strengthen the request.*

The CIG program is critical to building communities and planning these transit investments. It generates regional economic growth, attracts businesses to the project corridor, connects workers to their employers, and relieves freight congestion chokepoints. Today, 25 States have a CIG project in the pipeline, demonstrating the nationwide demand for transit capital investments.

Transit project benefits extend well beyond the project corridor. In fact, 77 percent of Federal public transit investments flow to the private sector via manufacturers, suppliers, and service firms located in nearly every Congressional District in the United States.

**j. If this is a request within the Department of Defense, please provide the appropriate line number or program element number.**

Not available at this time.

**k. If requesting funding, what was this program funded at in Fiscal Year 2024?**

*If this is new funding or if you are unsure of the FY24 enacted level, please indicate that in the field. If submitting before final passage of the FY24 appropriations bills, please indicate N/A in the field.*

The CIG program was funded at \$3,800,000,000 in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-42).

l. **If requesting funding, what was this program funded at in Fiscal Year 2025?**

*If this is new funding or if you are unsure of the FY25 enacted level, please indicate that in the field. If submitting before final passage of the FY25 appropriations bills, please indicate N/A in the field.*

The CIG program was funded at \$3,800,000,000 in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4).

m. **If requesting funding, what did the President request for this program in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget?**

Not available at this time.

n. **If you are requesting report language, was this language or similar language previously included in an appropriations bill? (Yes or No).**

Not available at this time.

o. **Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? If so, which member? If not, please enter "None."**

Not available at this time.