FTA's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Discretionary Grant

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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Agenda

- Overview of the Program
- Introduction to Grants.gov
- Common Questions
- Q & A
- Survey

TOD Pilot Program

- In 2012, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) established a Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning program (TOD Pilot Program).
- Grants for comprehensive or site-specific planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit project corridors
- Since 2014, FTA has awarded 129 TOD Pilot Program grants totaling $104M to transit agencies and other entities.
- On **August 8th,** FTA released its 8th NOFO, making $13.4M available for TOD funding.
- Applications are due on **October 10th, 2023**

Six Grant Objectives (MAP-21)

1. Enhances economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering processes
2. Facilitates multimodal connectivity and accessibility
3. Increases access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic
4. Enables mixed-use development
5. Identifies infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project
6. Includes private sector participation

Recipients for Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Awards | FTA (dot.gov)

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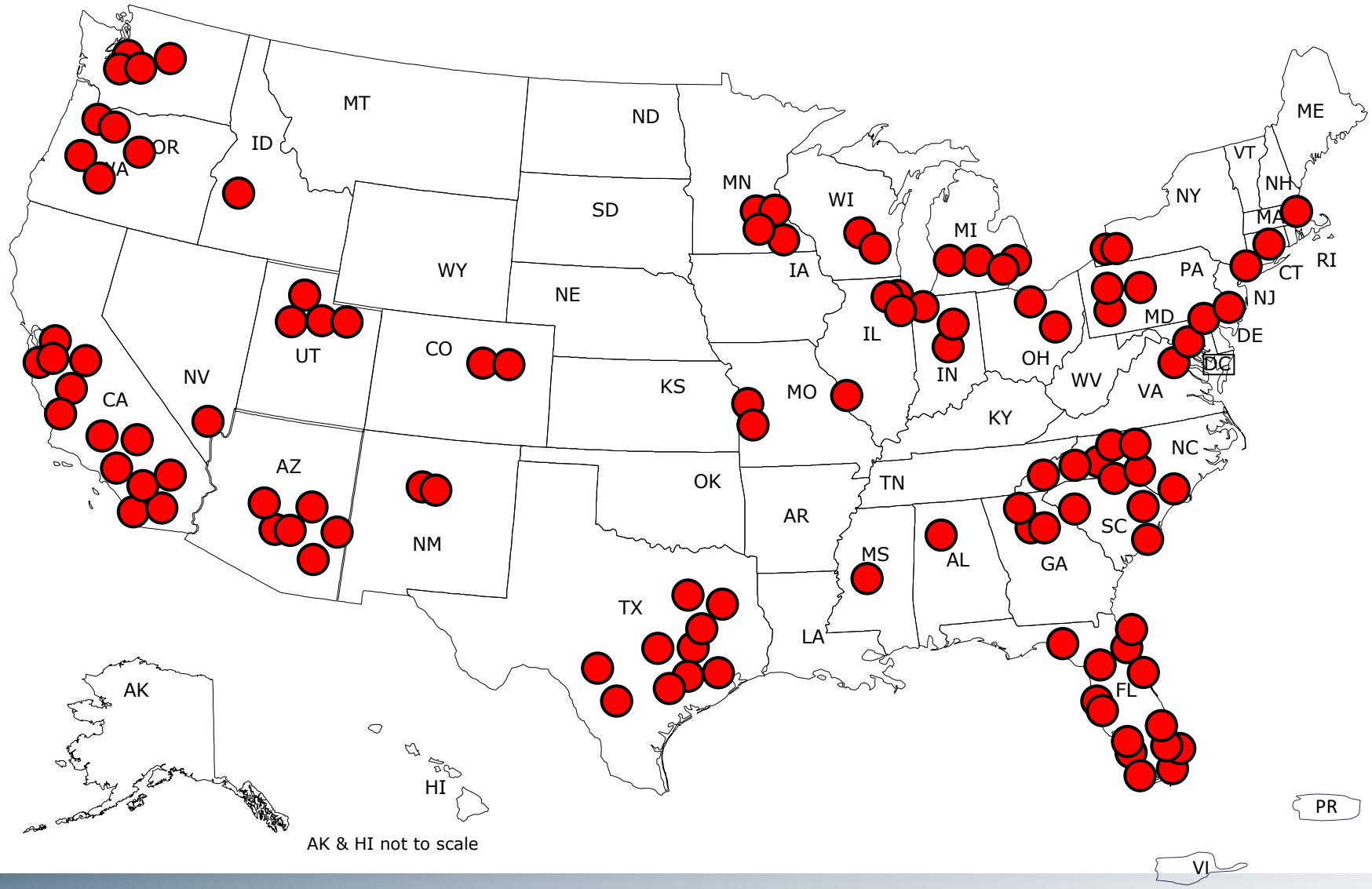

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Goals for the Program

- Encourage comprehensive or site-specific TOD planning at transit station areas in corridors containing eligible projects
- Support TOD planning work that goes beyond what local agencies would usually fund themselves
- Encourage partnerships to maximize chances for successful TOD implementations

Transit Project Requirements

TOD planning work must be associated with a new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project as defined in the NOFO

- **Does not** need to be a candidate for or recent recipient of Capital Investment Grants Program funding (or candidate for or recent recipient of any FTA/DOT funding)
- Fixed guideway projects under construction or recently opened can be considered “new”
- Core capacity improvement projects are also “new”

Eligible Applicants

- Existing FTA grantees that meet one of the following:
  - Sponsor of an eligible transit project and partnering with an entity in the project corridor that has land use authority
  - An entity in an eligible transit project corridor that has land use authority and is partnering with the transit project sponsor
  - Sponsor of an eligible transit project and has land use authority
- Only one application per transit project corridor
- Multiple corridors allowed (but separate application needed for each)

Work Plans

Address all six aspects in NOFO section (C)(3)(ii)

A. Enhance economic development and ridership
B. Facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility
C. Increase non-motorized access to transit hubs
D. Enable mixed-use development
E. Identify infrastructure needs associated with the transit project
F. Include private sector participation

Identify final deliverables

- See NOFO section (C)(3)(ii) for examples

Grant Conditions

- Maximum 80 percent Federal funding share
- In-kind contributions permitted; transportation development credits (toll revenue credits) do not count towards the local match requirement
- Pre-award authority guidance with notice of award selections
- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program requirements apply

Ineligible Activities

- Transit project development activities that would be reimbursable under an FTA capital grant
- Must be an FTA grant recipient
- Capital projects
  - See NOFO section (C)(3)(iii) for examples

Initial Application Screening Criteria

- Eligible applicant and transit project
- Evidence of partnership
- Complete application including:
  - Overview of comprehensive or site-specific TOD planning study
  - Work plan by task, including substantial deliverables
  - Schedule in terms of milestones
  - Project budget and identification of matching funds
  - Performance measures for the planning work
  - Potential impediments and how the work plan will address it

Formal Application Evaluation Criteria

Based on the information provided in the Applicant and Proposal Profile supplemental form and other attachments

- Demonstrated need for TOD planning funds
- Strength of the work plan, schedule and process
- Funding commitments for TOD planning work

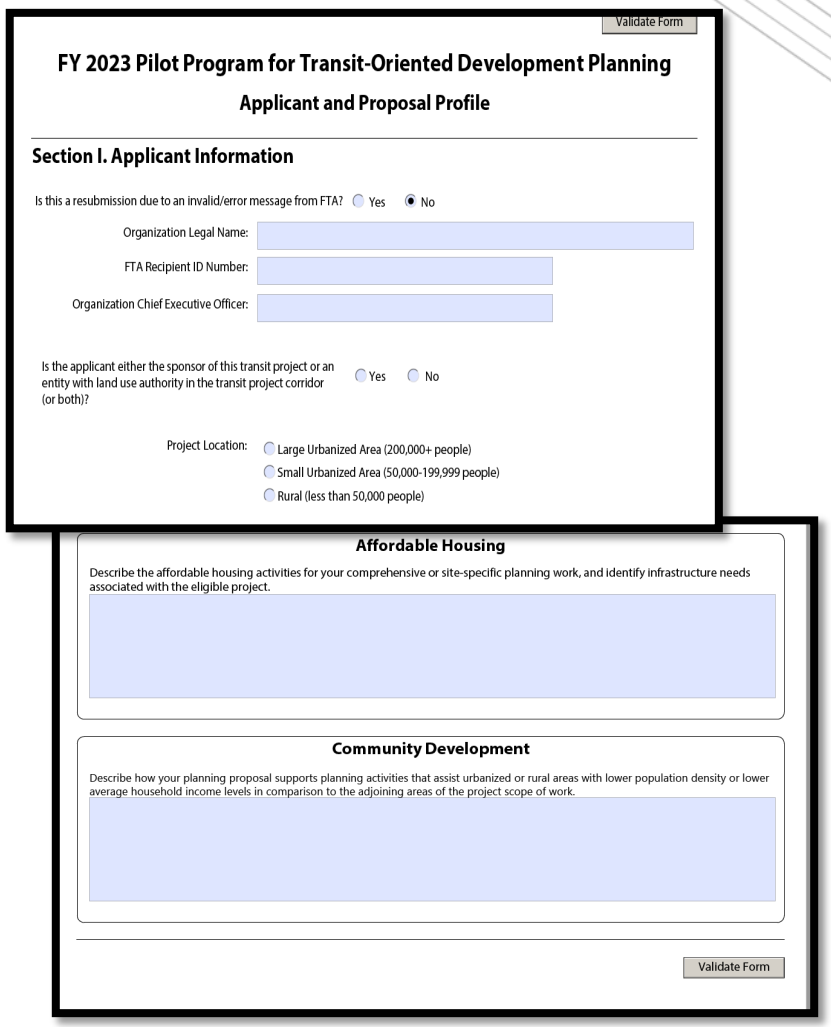
Additional Considerations

FTA's strategic goals and objectives:

- Address affordable housing needs and mixed-income
- Provide equitable housing choices
- Avoid displacement of low-income households
- Address homelessness
- Geographic diversity
- Diversity in the size of the grantees receiving funding
- Applicant's receipt of other competitive awards
- Address value capture
- TIFIA/RRIF

Affordable Housing

- **New** section geared at incentivizing affordable housing:
  - 100% federal share for proposals that address 3+ activities related to affordable housing
  - Affordable housing policies may focus on, among other things:
    - Reducing regulatory barriers to the development of affordable housing through inclusionary zoning
    - Reduce parking standards,
    - Support affordable rental opportunities
    - Encourage streamlined permitting for affordable housing units
    - Encourage TOD, including actions that reduce regulatory barriers that unnecessarily raise the costs of housing development or impede the development of affordable housing;



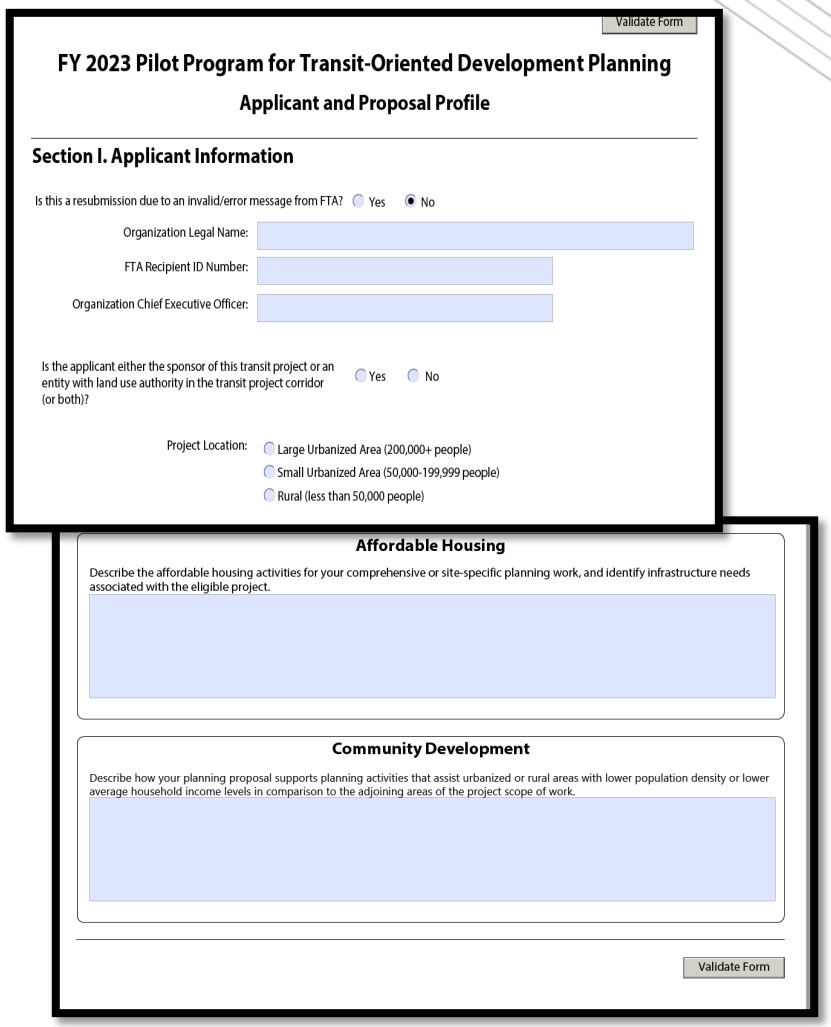
Affordable Housing Cont’

House America Initiative-

- USDOT supports the federal initiative to address the crisis of homelessness by leveraging the federal resources through a Housing First approach.
- Encourages applications to create an affordable plan that address homelessness

Additional Affordable Housing Methods-

- Encourage the inclusion of anti-displacement polices or plans
- Additionally, encourage the implementation of innovative financing methods in planning documents, such as
  - Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
  - Rehabilitation Credit (Historic Preservation)



Build America Bureau, TIFIA/RRIF Incentive

- New departmental objective:
  - Supports projects that would qualify for TIFIA/RIFF after the completion of a planning study
  - Planning study leads to TOD implementation
  - Build America Bureau (transportation.gov)

Additional Planning Considerations:

New focus on urban/rural development:

- Planning activities that are part of an urbanized area or rural area with lower population density or lower average income levels compared to the adjacent area
  - March 21, 2023, Dear Colleague Letter
- FTA may provide a federal funding share of no less than 90 percent
  - Applicants may request a share up to 100%.

Source: www.smartcitiesdive.com

Environmental Justice

- Environmental justice populations include low income and minority population(s) as defined in Executive Order 12898 “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations” and FTA’s Environmental Justice Circular 4703.1.
- Applicants are encouraged to identify any EJ populations located within the proposed service area and describe anticipated benefits to that population(s).
- The geographic unit should be appropriate to the scope of the project.

A formal EJ analysis is not requested.

Equity

Executive Order 13985:

- Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
- Pursue a government-wide approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality

Climate Change

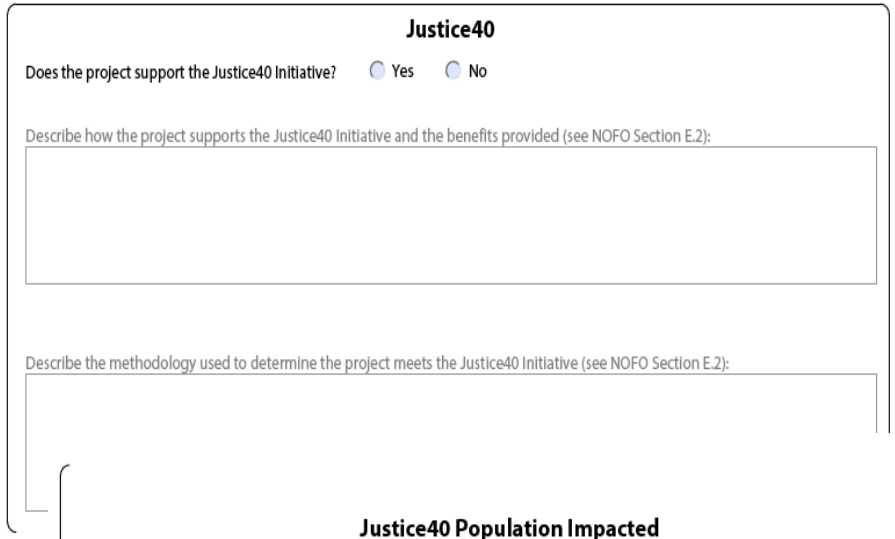
Executive Order 14008 & 13900

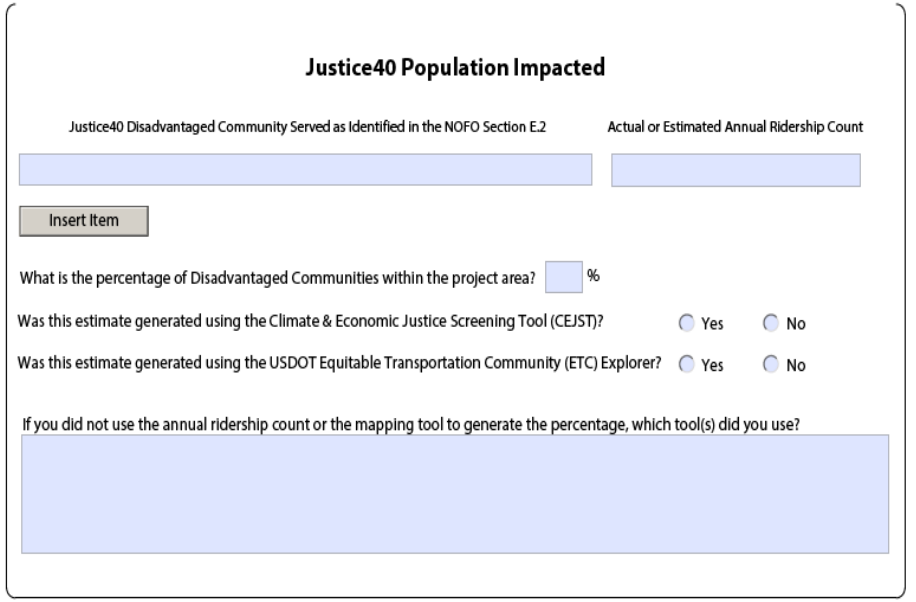
- Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle Climate Crisis
- Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- An approach to achieve net-zero emissions by no later than 2050
- Addressing the disproportionately high and adverse human health, environmental, climate-related and other cumulative impacts on disadvantaged communities

Justice40, Historically Disadvantaged Communities

Mapping Tool:

- To assist applicants in identifying whether a project is in a Historically Disadvantaged Community.
- Addresses how the project is related to housing or land use reforms.
- Describe specific and direct ways the project will mitigate or reduce climate change impacts.
  - Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool | U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit





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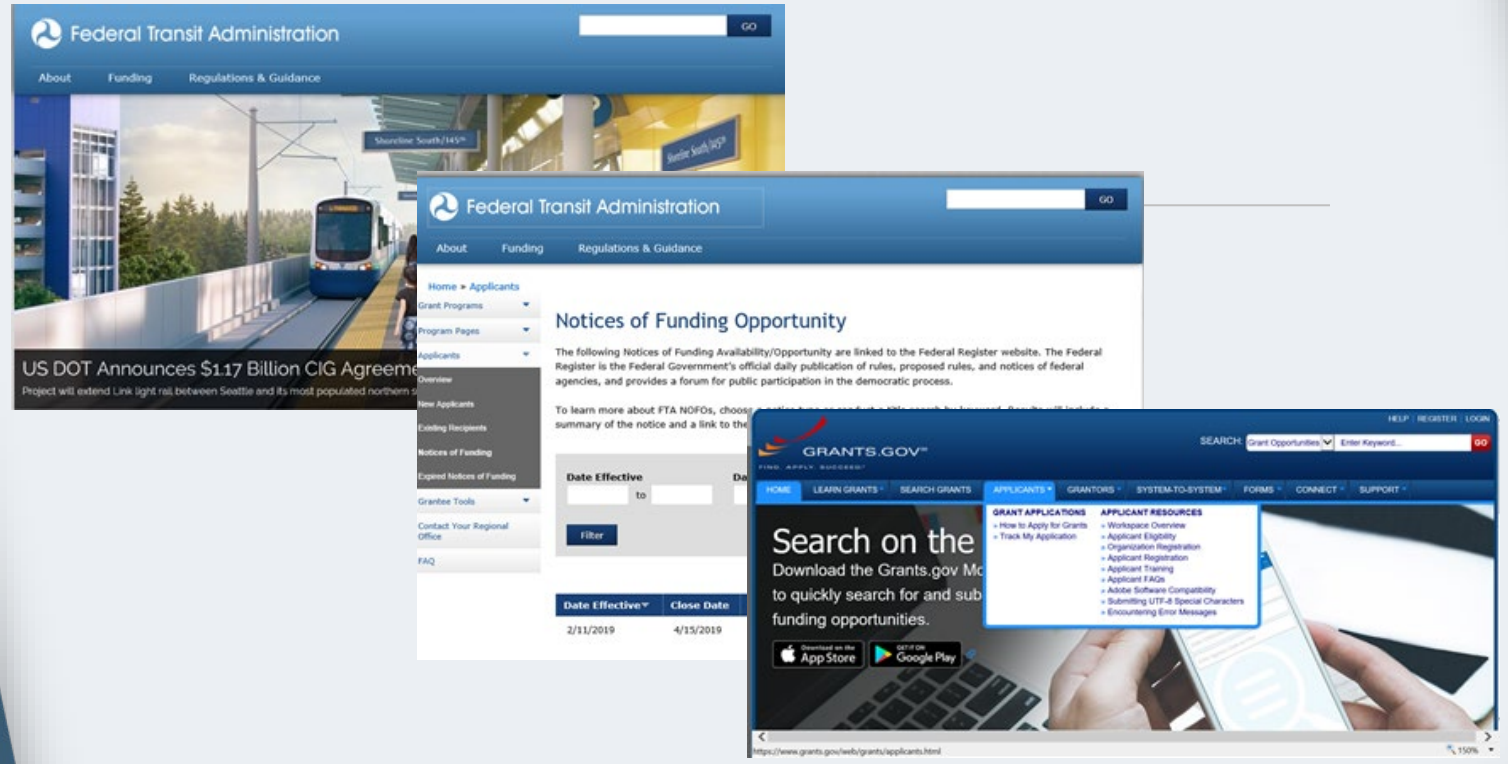

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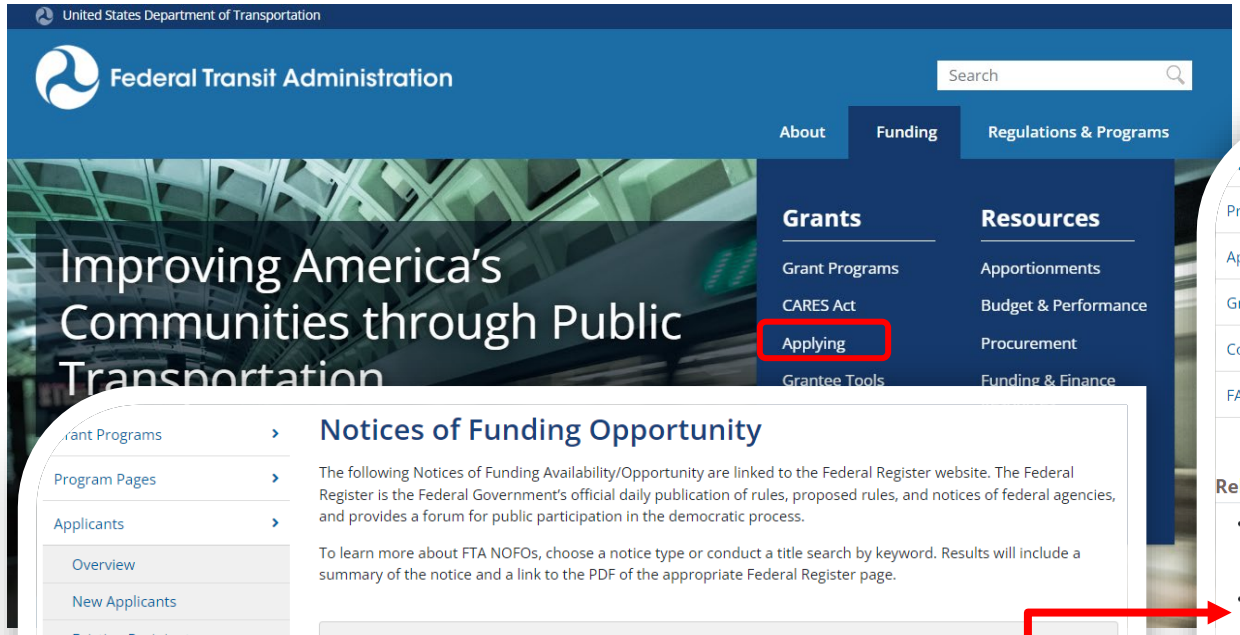

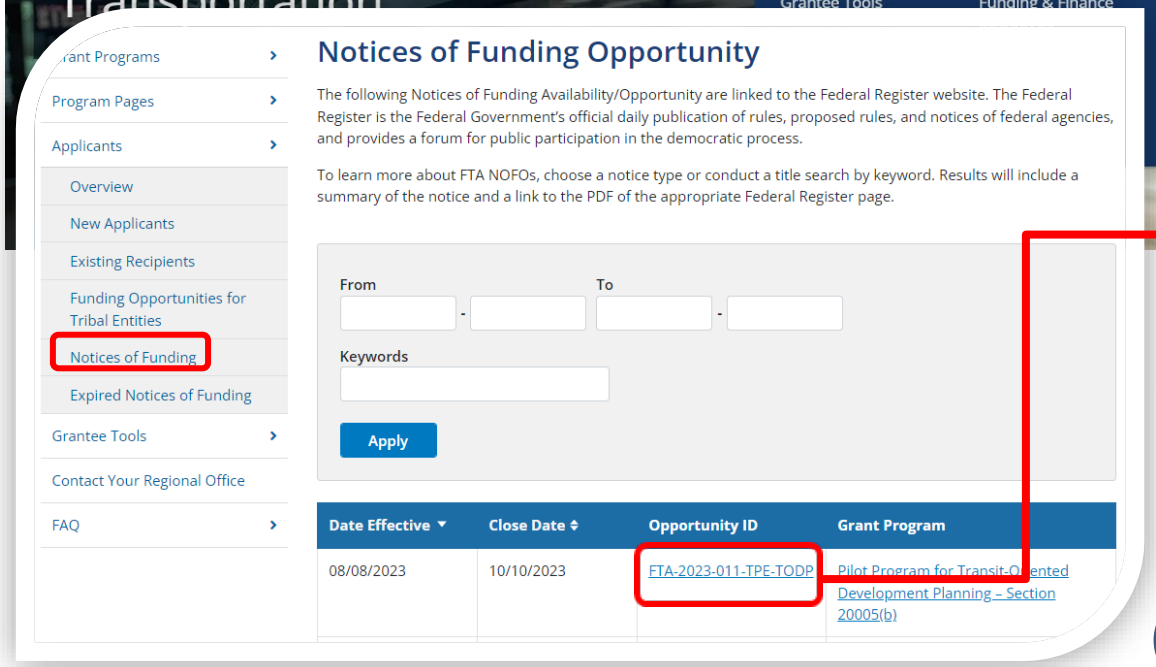

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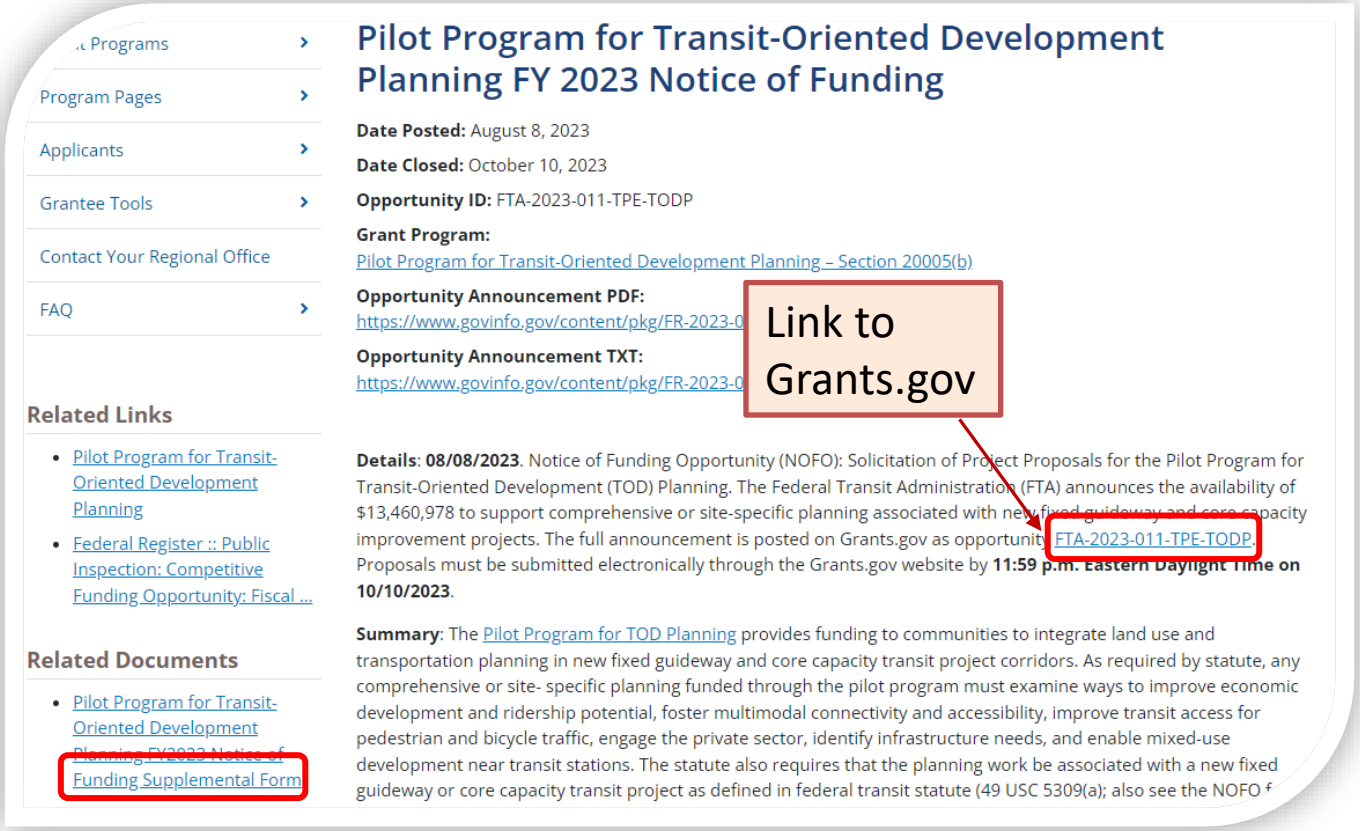
FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
  - Application requirements
  - Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
  - Applicants should complete and attach this to their submission
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links



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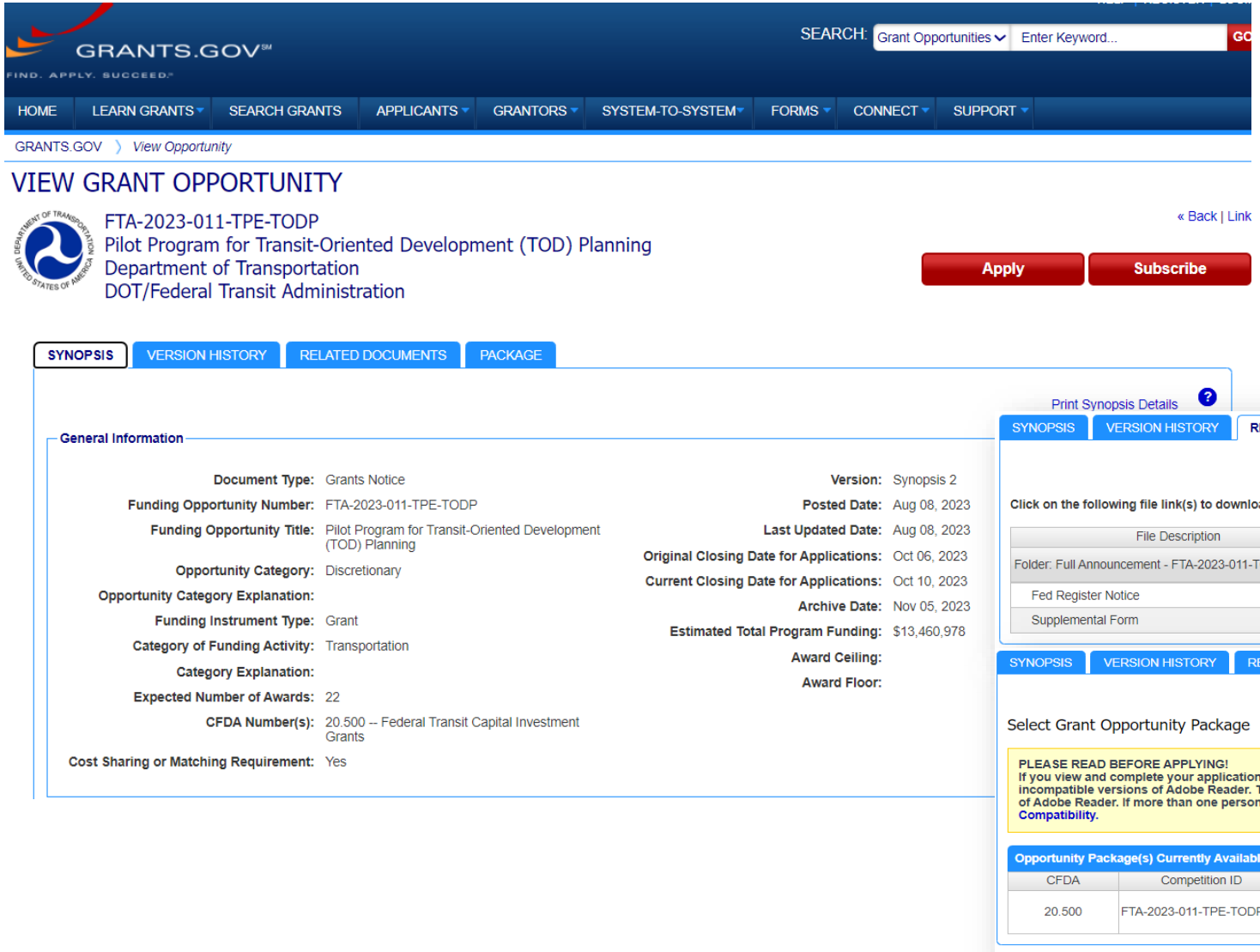
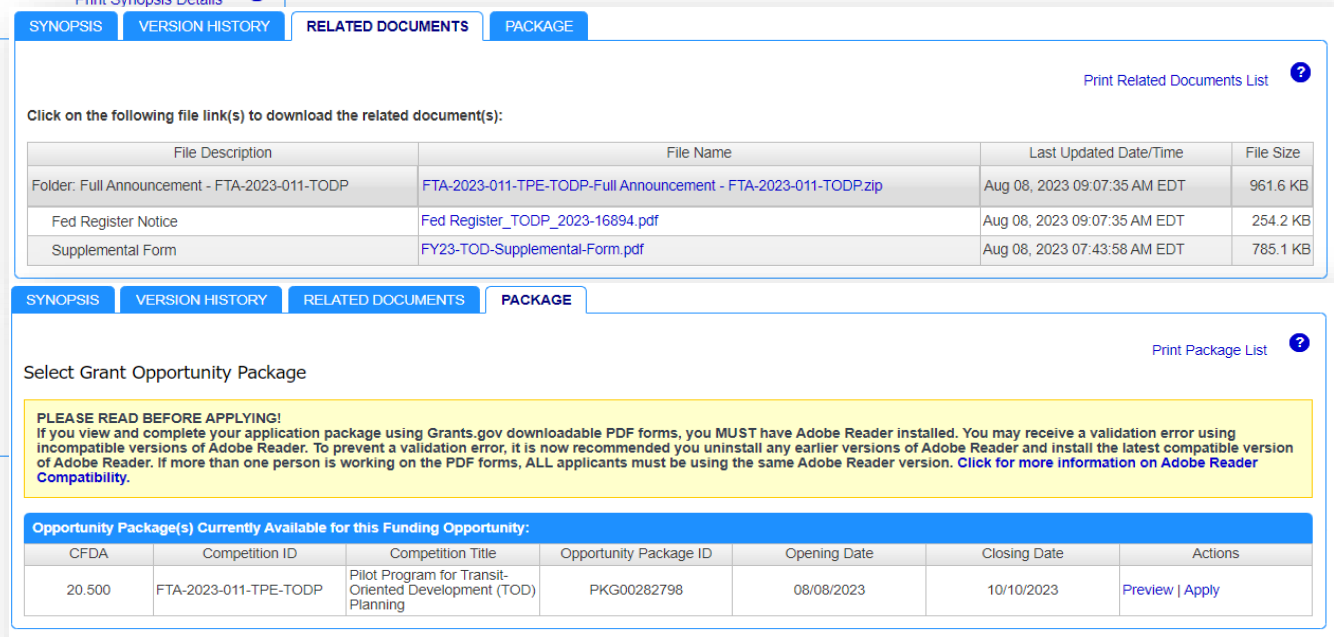
FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.

Download Application





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Application Package

SYNOPSIS | VERSION HISTORY | RELATED DOCUMENTS | PACKAGE

Print Package List

Select Grant Opportunity Package

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Opportunity Package(s) Currently Available for this Funding Opportunity:

CFDA	Competition ID	Competition Title	Opportunity Package ID	Opening Date	Closing Date	Actions
20.500	FTA-2023-011-TPE-TODP	Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning	PKG00282798	08/08/2023	10/10/2023	Preview | Apply

Preview Opportunity Package Details

Opportunity Package Details:

Agency Contact Information: April.McLeanMcCoy@dot.gov
Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS: Download Instructions

Mandatory Forms (Click to Preview)	Optional Forms (Click to Preview)
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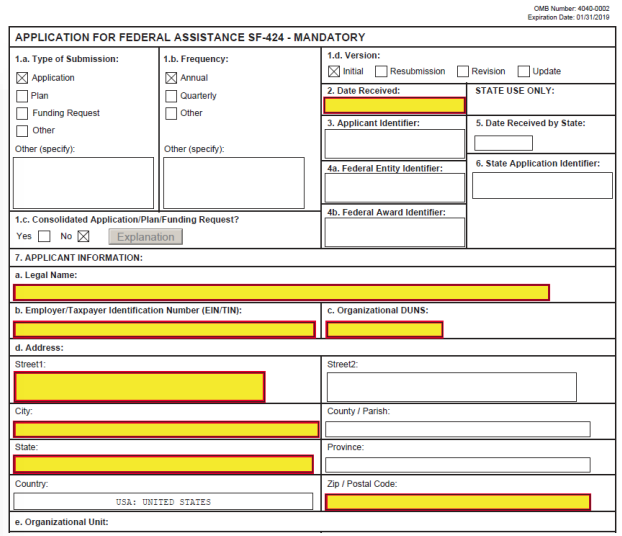

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Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

1.a. Type of Submission: ☒ Application ☐ Plan ☐ Funding Request ☐ Other — Other (specify):
1.b. Frequency: ☒ Annual ☐ Quarterly ☐ Other — Other (specify):
1.d. Version: ☒ Initial ☐ Resubmission ☐ Revision ☐ Update
2. Date Received: | STATE USE ONLY:
3. Applicant Identifier: | 5. Date Received by State:
4a. Federal Entity Identifier: | 6. State Application Identifier:
1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request? Yes ☐ No ☒ Explanation
4b. Federal Award Identifier:
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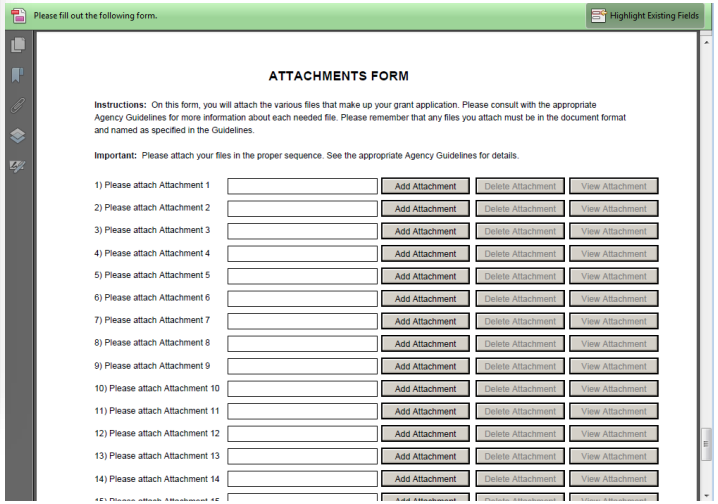

Please fill out the following form. Highlight Existing Fields

ATTACHMENTS FORM

Instructions: On this form, you will attach the various files that make up your grant application. Please consult with the appropriate Agency Guidelines for more information about each needed file. Please remember that any files you attach must be in the document format and named as specified in the Guidelines.

Important: Please attach your files in the proper sequence. See the appropriate Agency Guidelines for details.

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Application Package

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FY 2023 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

Applicant and Proposal Profile

Section I. Applicant Information

Is this a resubmission due to an invalid/error message from FTA? ○ Yes ◉ No

Organization Legal Name:

FTA Recipient ID Number:

Organization Chief Executive Officer:

Is the applicant either the sponsor of this transit project or an entity with land use authority in the transit project corridor (or both)? ○ Yes ○ No

Project Location:
- ○ Large Urbanized Area (200,000+ people)
- ○ Small Urbanized Area (50,000-199,999 people)
- ○ Rural (less than 50,000 people)

Description of Service Provided and Areas Served:

The "**Attachment Form**" shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package in Grants.gov.

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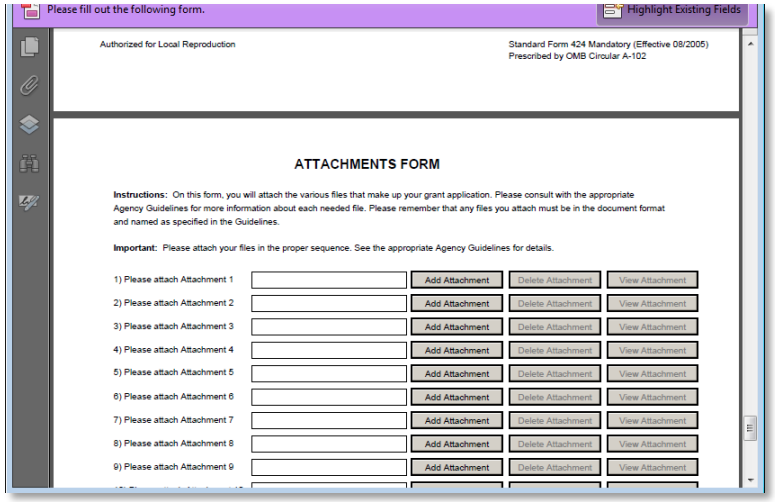

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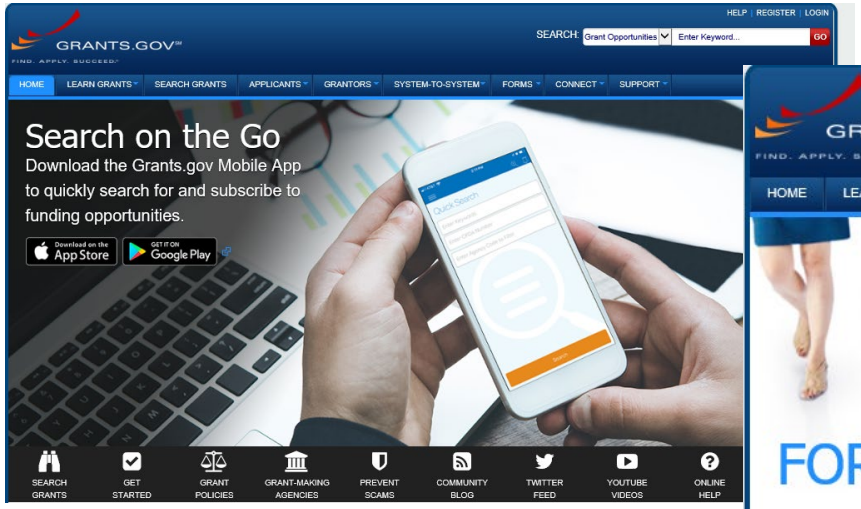

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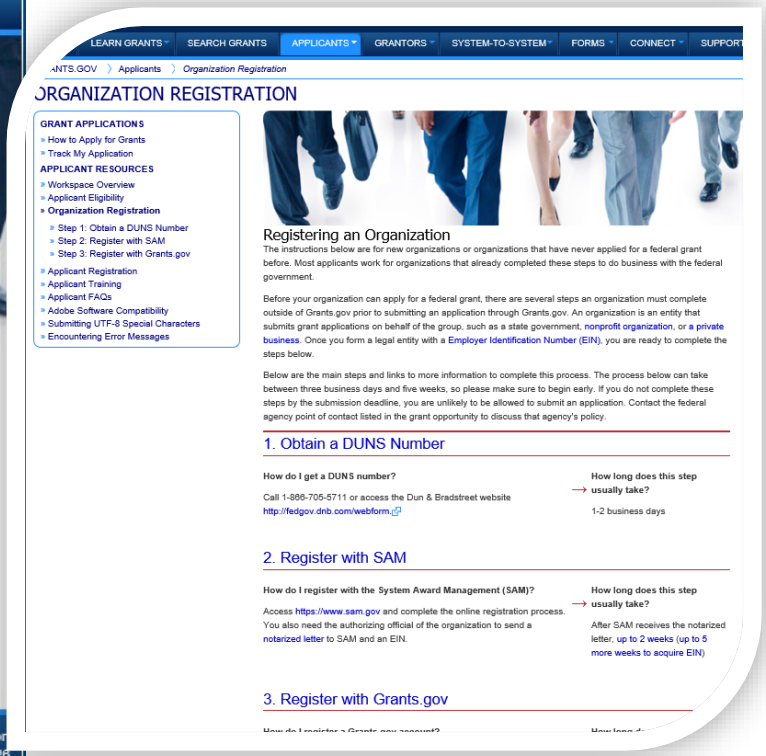
Applicant – Organization Registration



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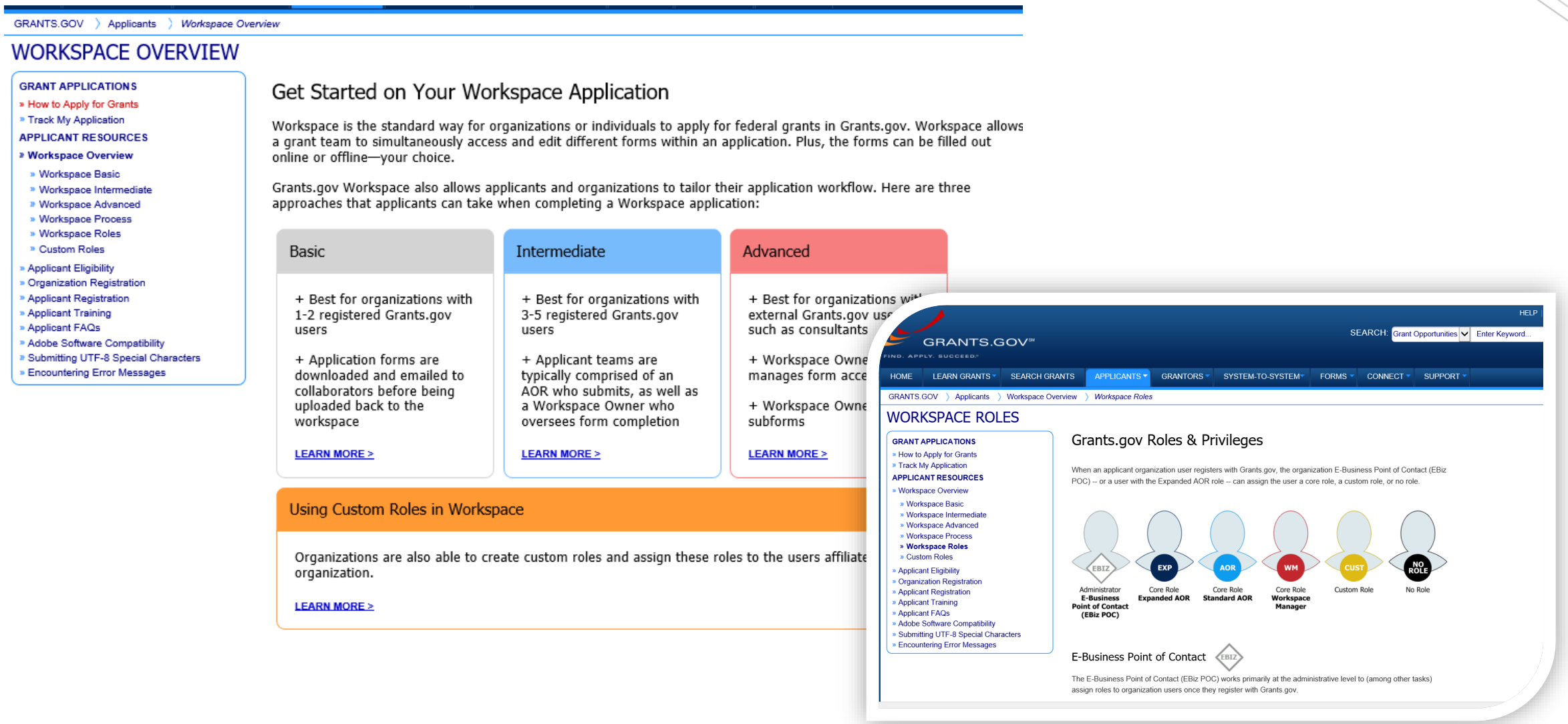

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support@grants.gov

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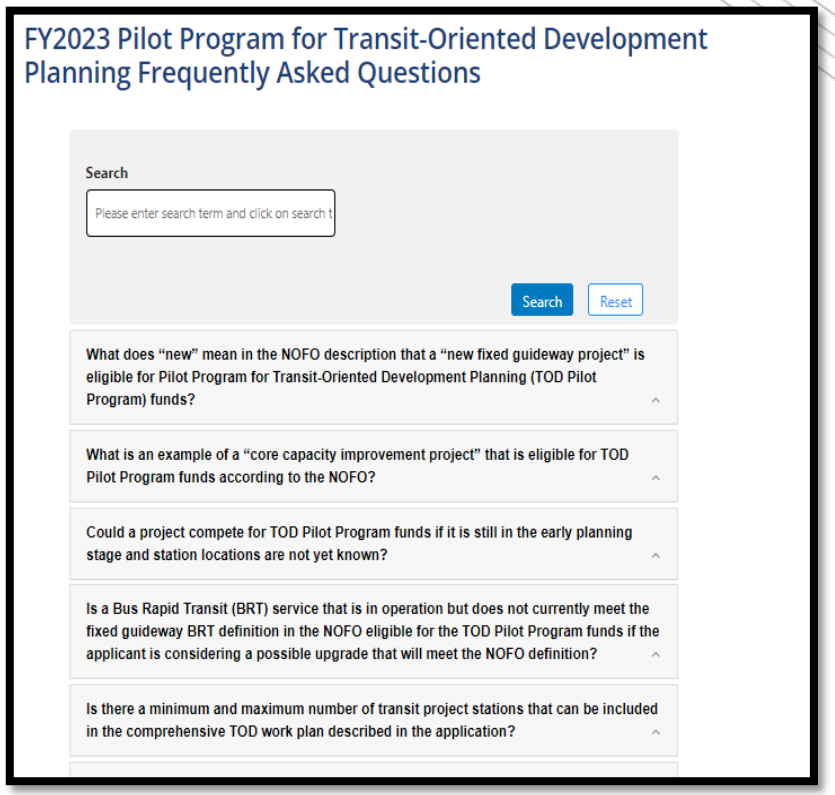
COMMON QUESTIONS

Common Questions

- If we get a TOD planning award, does this mean we must eventually pursue a Capital Investment Grants application?

- We have a BRT service in operation that does not meet the fixed guideway BRT definition in the NOFO, but are considering a possible upgrade that will meet this definition, would this project be eligible?

- My agency received TOD Pilot Program funds under a previous funding opportunity. Are we eligible for consideration of another award?



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Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

List of Projects

(Sorted by Award Year then State)

- Tempe Streetcar, Tempe, AZ (2015)
- Mid-Coast Corridor, San Diego, CA (2015)
- Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project, San Francisco to San Jose, CA (2015)
- Downtown Riverfront Streetcar, Sacramento and West Sacramento, CA (2015)
- BART Transbay Corridor Core Capacity, Oakland and San Francisco, CA (2015)
- New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line, New Haven to Springfield, CT (2015)
- Wave Streetcar, For[illegible] (20[illegible])
- Tri-Rail Coastal Link, Miami to Jupiter, FL (2015)
- Atlanta BeltLine, Atlanta, GA (2015)
- MARTA I-20 East Rail Extension, DeKalb County, GA (2015)
- Red and Purple Line Modernization Phase One, Chicago, IL (2015)

Projects by Award Year

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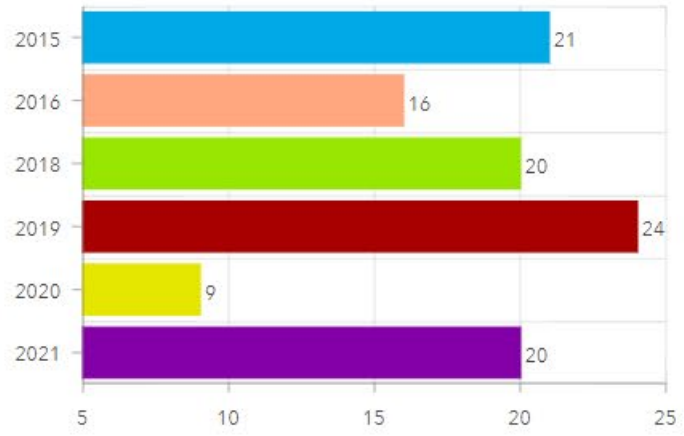
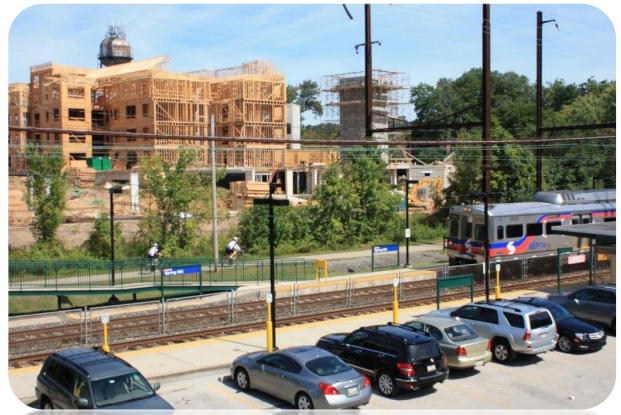


FTA's TOD Planning GIS Dashboard

Questions & Answers



Thank you!

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