

2023-2025 Public Transportation Funding Opportunities

For information regarding 2023-2025 public transportation funding opportunities in Linn County, including application materials, please contact: Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, rmaudlin@co.linn.or.us (541)409-4494.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)- Population Based

Funding from the Oregon Special Transportation Fund (STF) Program is now nested inside the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) beginning in the 23-25 biennium. Through this merger, projects aimed to maintain or improve transportation services for the general population, seniors 65 years of age and older, and/or persons of any age with disabilities are now eligible for STIF funds.

Eligible applicants include Public Transportation Service Providers, public entities and public or private non-profit corporations which provide transportation services for the general population, seniors 65 years of age and older, and/or persons of any age 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 general population, seniors 65 years of age and older, and/or persons of any age 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 \$670,821 in Population Based STIF funding will be available in 2023-2025 for programs in Linn County. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

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 \$601,934 in Federal Section 5310 funding will be available in 2023-2025 for programs in Linn County. Additionally, an estimated \$318,600 will be available for programs serving the Albany Urban Area.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

Statewide Transportation Improvement (STIF) Formula Fund Program (Payroll Based)

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.

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 Payroll Based Fund allocation to Linn County for the 2023-2025 is approximately \$4.3 million. It is anticipated that 2021-2023 carry-forward funds will increase the amount of funds allocated for 2023-2025.

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