



I-35 Capital Express Central Project

Grant Support Program



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Introductions



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I-35 CapEx Central – Project Corridor

- **Limits:** US 290 East to SH 71/Ben White Boulevard
- **Length:** 8 miles
- **Project Details:**
 - Construct two managed lanes in each direction.
 - Reconstruct ramps, bridges and intersections.
 - Improve frontage roads.
 - Enhance bicycle and pedestrian paths.
 - Accommodate transit routes.
- **Estimated construction cost:** \$4.5 billion
- **Anticipated construction start:** Mid-2024



Purpose

As component of the I-35 Capital Express Central project, TxDOT is establishing a grant support program.

- The purpose of the program will be to help direct resources and expertise to the efforts of community organizations, agencies and groups throughout the Central project corridor and Austin region before and during construction of the project.

Proposed Support Activities:

- Consolidated webpage for local, state and federal grants.
- Reviewing grant applications.
- Providing guidance on grant application processes and procedures.
- Connecting people to others.
- Interagency coordinating.
- Providing community outreach and trainings.

Proposed Eligible Beneficiaries:

1. Local community groups.
2. Non-Profits.
3. Neighborhood groups.
4. Business community organizations.

Proposed Focus:

1. Are a non-profit charitable organization, as defined by IRS 501(c)3,
2. Have employed 4 or fewer full time equivalent staff for less than 3 years,
3. Provide a service that directly assists people located along the I-35 corridor impacted by the I-35 project, and
4. Are looking to increase their grant development capacity through the Program.

Proposed Mission



Support Grant Writing



Identifying Funding Sources
and Grants



Developing Systems or
Structures that Improve
Grant Compliance



Supplementing Training,
and Workforce
Development Capacity



Community Capacity
Building

Support Activities for Partners	Support Action Items For Partners	Support Documentation/Resources
Support Grant Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redlining of draft and final grant applications. ▪ Suggestions on data sources of grant applications. ▪ Assistance with cost estimating. ▪ Review of benefit/cost analysis. Identifying appropriate support entities and securing letters of support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marked-up and annotated applications. ▪ Marked-up cost estimates/spreadsheets. ▪ Sample Fact Sheet (available online).
Identifying Funding Sources and Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of organization's existing and current cash flow of grant money to increase compliance. ▪ Desktop research on grants for which the organization could be eligible. ▪ Maintain calendar of application preparation milestones and due dates (Ongoing). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sample Grant Plan (available online). ▪ Sample Progress Report template (available online). ▪ Tracking Plan (available online). ▪ Grant Application Development Calendar.

Support Activities for Partners	Support Action Items For Partners	Support Documentation/Resources
Developing Systems or Structures that Improve Grant Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of progress reports. Providing guidance on grant application processes and procedures. Elevating project wins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marked-up and annotated progress reports. Sample budget and cash flow spreadsheet (available online).
Supplementing Training, and Workforce Development capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to D.C. experts Technical workshops geared to local community. (Ongoing). Workshops fostering peer learning and participation within a Community of Practice of Grant Services (Ongoing). Connecting communities to other technical assistance resources or network. Workshops/meetings with potential philanthropy, regional, and/or state partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-on-one focused discussions Community conferences. Meeting notes. PowerPoints (available online).
Community Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified funding/grants that allow funding salaries. Facilitation of long-term fund/foundation partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listing of grant opportunities (available online). Writing Workshops.

Biden Administration Transportation Priorities:

1. Safety – USDOT focused on investments that address safety concerns;
2. Invest efficiently - USDOT focused on avoiding waste, fraud and abuse;
3. Transformational Investments – USDOT focused on funding projects aligned with bold visions and plans;
4. Invest equitably – USDOT focused and committed to Justice 40 Initiative and ensuring that 40% of benefits from Federal investments go to disadvantaged communities;
5. Address Climate Change- USDOT focused on investing in infrastructure that can combat and withstand climate change and its effects; and
6. Collaboration – USDOT focused on ensuring that projects have adequate stakeholder engagement and the broad support that comes with collaboration at all levels (Federal, State, Tribal and Local governments).

Where Are We Now?

- Halfway mark of the IIJA is quickly approaching!
 - Time for strategy
- Congressional activity:
 - FY24 appropriations → FY25 appropriations
 - Thinking about the next surface bill yet? You better start.
- Lead up to the election

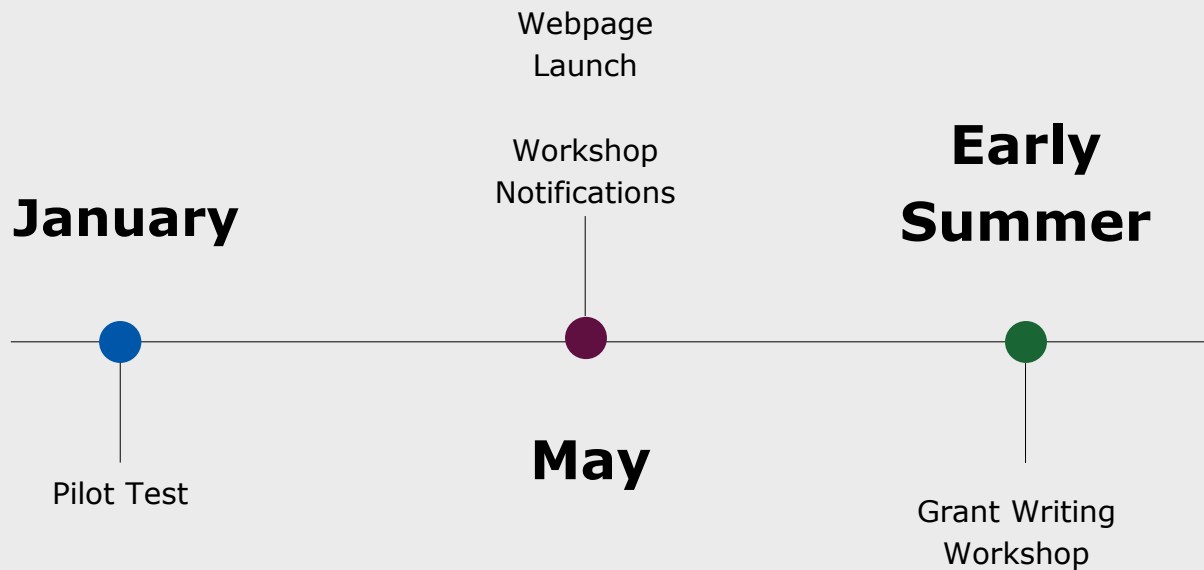
What types of grants does your organization need?

1. Never applied
2. Private
3. Local
4. State
5. Federal

What is the average value of grant your organization applies for?

1. Never applied
2. Up to \$5,000
3. \$5,000 - \$100,000
4. \$100,000 - \$500,000
5. Above \$500,000

Proposed Schedule



Let's Have a Conversation

We want your feedback!

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