

Benton-Franklin Council of Governments 2019 Call for Projects Guidebook



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Introduction

This document provides instruction and guidance for the 2019 Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCG) call for projects. BFCG will allocate \$13.14 million in the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds, \$1.49 million Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds, and \$799,000 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds to projects that will obligate in federal fiscal years 2020-2023.

This document contains information about available funding, schedule, key elements of the call for projects process, funding program information, application materials, and scoring sheets which facilitate the evaluation and selection of projects to receive funding.

BFCG Staff Support

Applicants may request direct support from BFCG staff through the call for projects process. To obtain guidance, responses to questions, or set up a meeting to discuss project proposals, contact BFCG staff at (509) 943-9185 or via email at:

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Available Funding

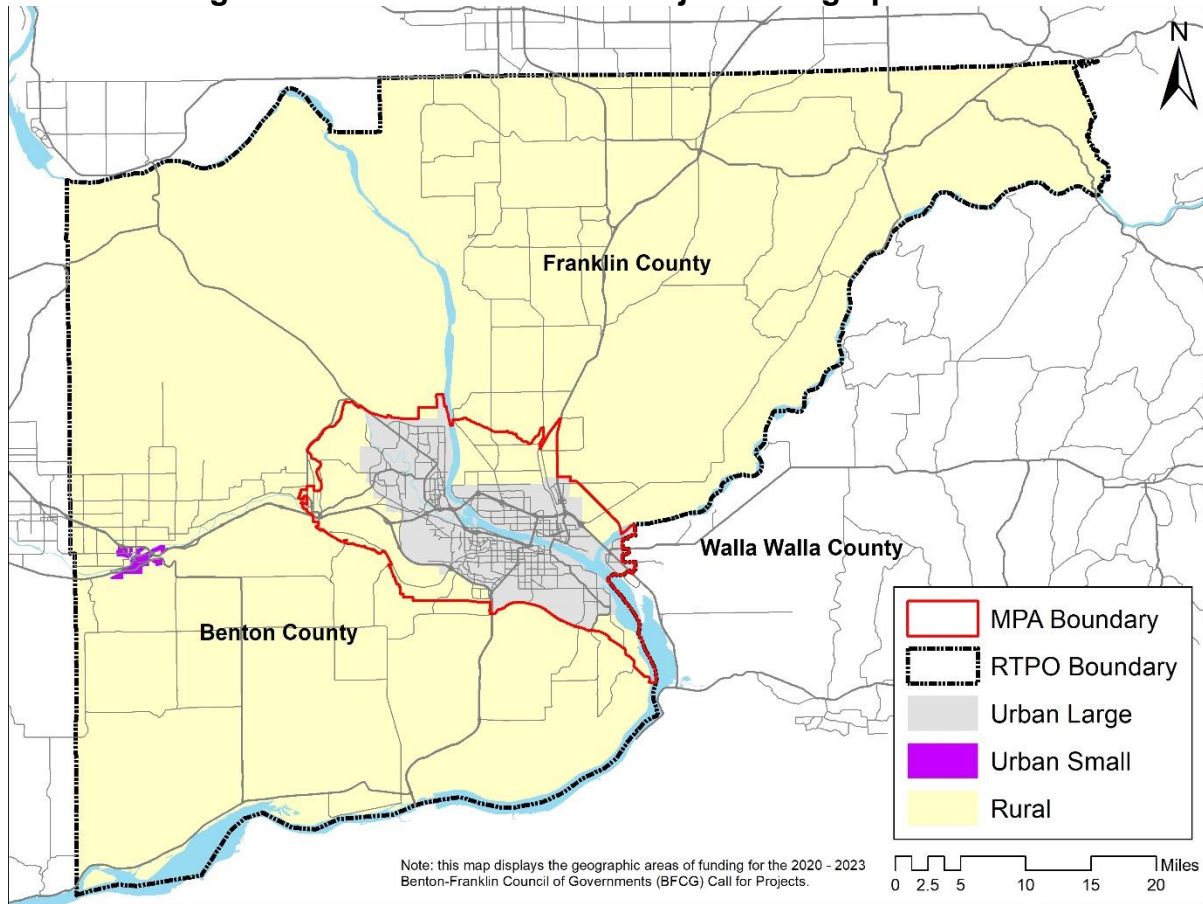
A total of \$15.4 million in federal funding is available for the BFCG 2020-2023 call for projects, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Available Federal Funds for BFCG 2019 Call for Projects

Source of Funds	Area	Funding Available				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
STBG	Urban Large	\$2,382,861	\$981,214	\$3,364,075	\$3,364,075	\$10,092,225
	Urban Small	\$0	\$110,725	\$110,725	\$110,725	\$332,175
	Rural	\$0	\$908,056	\$908,056	\$908,056	\$2,724,168
	Any Area	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$2,382,861	\$1,999,995	\$4,382,856	\$4,382,856	\$13,148,568
TAP	Urban Large	\$541,796	\$133,077	\$279,968	\$279,968	\$1,234,809
	Urban Small	\$12,998	\$9,215	\$9,215	\$9,215	\$40,643
	Rural	\$69,549	\$49,307	\$49,307	\$49,307	\$217,470
	Any Area	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$624,343	\$338,490	\$338,490	\$338,490	\$1,492,922
HIP	Urban Large	\$799,391	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$799,391
	Urban Small	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Rural	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Any Area	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$799,391	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$799,391
Total		\$3,806,595	\$2,191,594	\$4,721,346	\$4,721,346	\$15,440,881



Figure 1: 2020 - 2023 Call for Projects Geographic Areas



The geographic areas for each source of funding described in Table 1 (urban large, urban small, rural, and any area) are displayed in Figure 1.



Process Schedule

The STBG, TAP, and HIP project application and selection process are on the same schedule. The following 2019 dates and deadlines shown in Table 2 apply to all three programs:

Table 2: BFCG 2020 - 2023 Call for Projects Schedule and Process

Date	Activity
October 3	Call for projects process, applications, and scoring sheets presented to the TAC.
October 18	Call for projects process, applications, and scoring sheets presented to the BFCG Board.
October 21	Applications solicited for the BFCG 2020 – 2023 call for projects.
November 8	Applications due to BFCG by 4:00 pm.
November 18	BFCG distributes project applications and scoring sheets to TAC.
December 5	Extended TAC meeting to rank and vote on projects. Jurisdictions will not be voting for their own projects. Call for projects scoring and funding proposals are discussed.
December 20	BFCG call for projects funding proposal to BFCG Board – project selection.

Key Elements of the Process

Results of this Process

The call for projects will result in a program of projects utilizing all available funds in each funding category. A contingency list of projects will also be created. The contingency list will be prioritized and allow for the future allocation of available funds to unfunded or partially funded projects for eligible funding types.

Evaluation and Selection of Projects

Project sponsors will submit applications to BFCG staff for consideration. BFCG staff will review all submitted applications for completeness and responsiveness and will contact project sponsors for additional clarification as needed to ensure project eligibility. Eligible projects will be distributed to TAC members of all jurisdictions for evaluation with the exception that project sponsors will not receive and review their own applications. TAC members will have an opportunity to review submitted applications before a special TAC meeting is held for the evaluation of proposed projects. TAC members will score each project (other than their own) at the special TAC meeting with the opportunity to ask questions of project sponsors as needed. After projects are scored and prioritized, BFCG staff will work with TAC members and project sponsors to allocate funding available by year and funding type to projects. The allocation of funding to projects by year and funding type along with a list of contingency projects will be provided to the BFCG Board for its consideration. Following Board action, project sponsors will be informed of the action to allocate funds and BFCG staff will initiate modifications to the regional TIP/STIP to make the funds available.



Relationship to Performance Measures

The call for projects process represents a key step in implementing the regional planning process carried-out through multiple planning efforts. An important element of the planning and programming processes is the relationship to performance measures. This call for projects will be conducted mindful of the need to allocate funds to projects which are not only consistent with regional planning goals but also help the region and state meet performance management targets. These targets include those related to safety and system preservation. When the draft and final allocations of funds are developed, BFCG will identify the projects which promote the attainment of targets.

Funding Limits for Individual Projects

There are no minimum or maximum funding limits for projects proposed in this call for projects. However, project sponsors should be aware of the implications of very large or small projects. Very large projects have the potential to impact overall regional needs and make the region dependent on very few projects to meet obligation targets. Project sponsors considering very small projects should be aware of the federal and state requirements associated with any project receiving these types of funds regardless of size. BFCG understands that certain projects and situations require flexibility and encourage combination of funding sources and expect that the TAC and will take specific circumstances into account when scoring and selecting projects for BFCG Board consideration.

Federal Sources of Funds

There are three sources of federal funds being allocated in this call for projects – STBG, HIP, and TAP. STBG funds have the broadest eligibility. HIP and TAP funds are more restricted in their eligible uses, but all projects eligible for HIP or TAP are eligible for STBG as well. BFCG retains the ability to allocate any eligible funding source to a selected project including allocating funds from multiple sources. This provides the most flexibility in allocating funds both in terms of utilizing available funds by year and attempting to fully fund projects when possible. Additional information about the eligible uses of funds is provided later in this document.

Local Match Requirements

The minimum local match requirement for projects selected in this call for projects is 13.5% (86.5% federal funding provided, except 100% federal funding can be provided for standalone TAP projects). Project sponsors may provide local matches which exceed 13.5% of total project cost, but a minimum of 13.5% must be provided for each phase of a project. Project sponsors are required to list their local contributions and the sources of those contributions.

Funding for Multiple Phases of a Project

Project sponsors may apply for funding for multiple separate phases of a project which will be programmed and obligate separately. However, project sponsors should intentionally develop schedules for their projects which take into account the time to accomplish each phase and allow for the obligation of subsequent phases. There have frequently been issues statewide of project sponsors underestimating the effort and time required to complete preliminary engineering and/or right-of-way phases which has resulted in delays in obligating the larger construction phases of projects. Please be mindful of this common issue and attempt to avoid it.



Funding Program Information

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

Projects eligible for STBG may also be eligible for HIP or TAP.

Objective

BFCG will allocate \$13,987,839 in STBG funds to projects that fully support the established priorities of the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan, *Transition2040*, and which can proceed with project delivery on a committed schedule.

2020 – 2023 Project Programming

Applicants must state their desired year(s) for programming for each phase of the project in the application. The year in which a phase of a project is programmed represents a commitment by the project sponsor to obligate that phase in that specific year. The regional TIP and STIP are based on a calendar year. However, programming in a specific year commits the project sponsor to obligating a phase of a project by the federal obligation date of September 30 of each year. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has implemented an obligation authority policy which provides for the potential sanctioning (removal) of funds if statewide obligation targets are not met by August 1 of each year. Project sponsors should note that while obligation by September 30 will meet the federal target date, obligation after August 1 could potentially jeopardize the funding for a project under certain statewide circumstances. Failure to meet the committed year of obligation may result in the allocated funds being withdrawn from the project. The BFCG TIP Policies and Procedures document will guide the administration of related situations.

Project Eligibility

BFCG will fund a variety of projects in both urban and rural areas of Benton and Franklin Counties. The flexibility inherent in STBG means that most types of transportation projects. Project sponsors eligible to receive STBG funds include cities, counties, and Ben Franklin Transit.

Roadway projects must be located on federal-aid routes. Projects located on rural minor collectors and local roads are ineligible (visit WSDOT's Federal Functional Classification Map App to view federal-aid routes: <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/data/tools/geoportal/?config=FunctionalClass>).

The following projects and activities are eligible for STBG funding:

- Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration preservation, or operational improvements of highways
- Bridge and tunnel replacement
- Inspection and evaluation of bridges
- Capital costs for transit projects (vehicles and facilities)
- Carpool projects, electric and natural gas vehicle infrastructure
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including trails
- Modification of sidewalks to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act
- Highway and transit safety projects, hazard eliminations, railway/highway grade crossings
- Capital and operating costs for traffic management systems



- Planning programs
- Transportation alternatives
- Environmental mitigation
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- TAP-eligible projects are generally also STBG-eligible

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act information on STBG and eligible activities:
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/stp/160307.cfm>.

STBG Set-Aside / Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Projects eligible for TAP funding may also eligible for STBG funding.

Objective

BFCG will allocate \$1,492,922 in TAP funds to projects that support objectives of the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan and the BFCG Active Transportation Plan, and which can proceed with project delivery on a committed schedule.

2020 – 2023 Project Programming

Applicants must state their desired year(s) for programming for each phase of the project in the application. The year in which a phase of a project is programmed represents a commitment by the project sponsor to obligate that phase in that specific year. The regional TIP and STIP are based on a calendar year. However, programming in a specific year commits the project sponsor to obligating a phase of a project by the federal obligation date of September 30 of each year. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has implemented an obligation authority policy which provides for the potential sanctioning (removal) of funds if statewide obligation targets are not met by August 1 of each year. Project sponsors should note that while obligation by September 30 will meet the federal target date, obligation after August 1 could potentially jeopardize the funding for a project under certain statewide circumstances. Failure to meet the committed year of obligation may result in the allocated funds being withdrawn from the project. The BFCG TIP Policies and Procedures document will guide the administration of related situations.

Project Eligibility

BFCG will consider all eligible project types equally in this TAP grant process. However, BFCG typically has invested TAP funds in bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs.

The Transportation Alternatives Program is a set-aside within the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) with its own rules and requirements. Federal statute identifies a very broad – but very specific – array of project types eligible to receive funding. In general, the eligible projects and activities permitted under previous federal transportation legislation – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) – apply to the current federal transportation legislation (FAST Act). Eligible activities include:

- The Safe Routes to School program under Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity (SAFETEA-LU) Act:



- Non-infrastructure-related activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school, including public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders, traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment, and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of Safe Routes to School programs;
- Safe Routes to School coordinator; and
- Infrastructure-related projects such as planning, design, and construction of projects on any public road or any bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail in the vicinity of schools that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities; off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools.
- Planning, design, and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bike infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting, and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
- Planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs;
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users;
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas;
- The recreational trails program under section 206 of title 23;
- Community improvement activities, including:
 - Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising;
 - Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities;
 - Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control;
 - Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under title 23.
- Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to:
 - Address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in sections 133(b)(11), 328(a), and 329 of title 23; or
 - Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.
- Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

FAST Act information about TAP and guidance on eligible activities:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/transportationalternativesfs.cfm>.



Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

Projects eligible for HIP funding may also be eligible for STBG funding.

Objective

BFCG will allocate \$799,391 in HIP funds to projects that fully support the established priorities of the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan, *Transition2040*, and which can proceed with project delivery on a committed schedule.

2020 – 2023 Project Programming

Applicants must state their desired year(s) for programming for each phase of the project in the application. The year in which a phase of a project is programmed represents a commitment by the project sponsor to obligate that phase in that specific year. The regional TIP and STIP are based on a calendar year. However, programming in a specific year commits the project sponsor to obligating a phase of a project by the federal obligation date of September 30 of each year. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has implemented an obligation authority policy which provides for the potential sanctioning (removal) of funds if statewide obligation targets are not met by August 1 of each year. Project sponsors should note that while obligation by September 30 will meet the federal target date, obligation after August 1 could potentially jeopardize the funding for a project under certain statewide circumstances. Failure to meet the committed year of obligation may result in the allocated funds being withdrawn from the project. The BFCG TIP Policies and Procedures document will guide the administration of related situations.

Project Eligibility

Cities and Counties located within the federally classified urbanized area (urban large on Figure 1) are eligible to receive HIP funds.

The following are eligible projects and activities to receive HIP funding:

- The construction of highways, bridges, tunnels for the elimination of hazards and the installation of protective devices at railway-highway crossings.
- Construction includes right of way (ROW) that directly relates to the construction of these projects.

HIP funds are not eligible to be used on the following:

- Rural minor collectors or local access;
- Transportation alternatives (ferries, transit, etc.); and
- Transportation planning studies.



APPLICATION FORMS AND SCORING CRITERIA

- **URBAN LARGE AREA – STBG/HIP**
- **URBAN SMALL AND RURAL AREA – STBG**
- **ALL AREAS – TAP ELIGIBLE – TAP/STBG**



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects Urban Large Project Overview Projects Eligible for STBG/HIP

Instructions

Complete application in the space provided. Applicants are limited to application form, required attachments, and three additional pages of attachments.

General Information

Project Title: _____

Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Project Limits: _____

Project Length (miles): _____

Federal Classification: _____

Description

Describe the nature of the project, work involved, and the existing and proposed conditions:



*Benton-Franklin Council of Governments
Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization
Benton-Franklin Regional Transportation Planning Organization*

Describe how the project is consistent with the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan:

Describe how the project is consistent with local plans and programs:



Schedule

Indicate in the table below the schedule of the project by checking the applicable boxes:

Phase	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Planning (PL)				
Preliminary Engineering (PE)				
Right-of-Way (ROW)				
Construction (CN)				

Cost Summary

Fill in the table below to show the funding of the project:

Phase	Funding Requested	Other Funds	Total
Planning (PL)			
Preliminary Engineering (PE)			
Right-of-Way (ROW)			
Construction (CN)			

Funding Source(s)

Check the box for eligible funding sources sought:

- STBG
- HIP

Indicate the sources(s) of other funds listed above:



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System Preservation and Improvement

Describe below how the project preserves existing facilities and networks and helps obtain performance measure targets for pavement and bridges:

Describe below how the project improves existing facilities and networks:

Safety

Describe below how the project reduces the frequency and/or severity of roadway crashes and helps obtain safety performance measure targets:



Freight Movement and Economic Vitality

Describe below how the project provides access to existing/new economic opportunities:

Describe below how the project improves the movement of goods through the regional transportation network:

Mobility and Connectivity

Describe below how the project improves multi-modal transportation including serving multiple modes on a facility or improving connection between modes:



Mobility and Connectivity (continued)

Describe below how the project improves connection of employment/activity centers to population centers:

Congestion

Describe how the project reduces the amount of congestion on the regional transportation network including how the project relates to the congested corridors identified in the Congestion Management Process (CMP):

Regional Benefit

Describe how the project provides benefit to the overall region:



*Benton-Franklin Council of Governments
Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization
Benton-Franklin Regional Transportation Planning Organization*

Project Readiness

Describe the project readiness and likelihood of the project meeting the proposed schedule including the status of PE, ROW, other funding sources, and the agency's capacity approach to delivering the project:

Please contact BFCG staff with any questions or needed clarifications at (509) 943-9185.



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects Urban Large Project Scoring Sheet Projects Eligible for STBG/HIP

Scoring Criteria	Points (0-5)	Multiplier	Possible Points
System Preservation and Improvement (15 points)			
Preserves existing facilities and networks	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Safety (20 points)			
Reduces the frequency and/or severity of roadway crashes	0 1 2 3 4 5	4	20
Freight Movement and Economic Vitality (10 points)			
Provides access to existing/new economic opportunities	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Improves movement of goods efficiently through the regional transportation network	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Mobility and Connectivity (10 points)			
Improves multi-modal transportation	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Improves connection of employment/activity centers to population centers	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Congestion (15 points)			
Reduces the amount of congestion on the regional transportation network	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Regional Benefit (15 points)			
Provides benefit to the overall region	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Project Readiness (15 points)			
Project readiness and likelihood of meeting proposed schedule	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Total Points			100



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects Rural/Urban Small Project Overview Projects Eligible for STBG

Instructions

Complete application in the space provided. Applicants are limited to application form, required attachments, and three additional pages of attachments.

General Information

Project Title: _____

Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Project Limits: _____

Project Length (miles): _____

Federal Classification: _____

Description

Describe the nature of the project, work involved, and the existing and proposed conditions:



*Benton-Franklin Council of Governments
Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization
Benton-Franklin Regional Transportation Planning Organization*

Describe how the project is consistent with the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan:

Describe how the project is consistent with local plans and programs:



Schedule

Indicate in the table below the schedule of the project by checking the applicable boxes:

Phase	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Planning (PL)				
Preliminary Engineering (PE)				
Right-of-Way (ROW)				
Construction (CN)				

Cost Summary

Fill in the table below to show the funding of the project:

Phase	Funding Requested	Other Funds	Total
Planning (PL)			
Preliminary Engineering (PE)			
Right-of-Way (ROW)			
Construction (CN)			

Indicate the sources(s) of other funds listed above:



2020 – 2023 Call for Projects Rural/Urban Small Project Application Projects Eligible for STBG

System Preservation and Improvement

Describe below how the project preserves existing facilities and networks and helps obtain performance measure targets for pavement and bridges:

Describe below how the project improves existing facilities and networks:

Safety

Describe below how the project reduces the frequency and/or severity of roadway crashes and helps obtain safety performance measure targets:



Freight Movement and Economic Vitality

Describe below how the project provides access to existing/new economic opportunities:

Describe below how the project improves the movement of goods through the regional transportation network:

Mobility and Connectivity

Describe below how the project improves multi-modal transportation including serving multiple modes on a facility or improving connection between modes:



Mobility and Connectivity (continued)

Describe below how the project improves connection of employment/activity centers to population centers:

Regional Benefit

Describe how the project provides benefit to the overall region:

Project Readiness

Describe the project readiness and likelihood of the project meeting the proposed schedule including the status of PE, ROW, other funding sources, and the agency's capacity approach to delivering the project:

Please contact BFCG staff with any questions or needed clarifications at (509) 943-9185.



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects Rural/Urban Small Project Scoring Sheet Projects Eligible for STBG

Scoring Criteria	Points (0-5)	Multiplier	Possible Points
System Preservation and Improvement (30 points)			
Preserves existing facilities and networks	0 1 2 3 4 5	4	20
Improves existing facilities and networks	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	10
Safety (20 points)			
Reduces the frequency and/or severity of roadway crashes	0 1 2 3 4 5	4	20
Freight Movement and Economic Vitality (10 points)			
Provides access to existing/new economic opportunities	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Improves movement of goods efficiently through the regional transportation network	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Mobility and Connectivity (10 points)			
Improves multi-modal transportation	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Improves connection of employment/activity centers to population centers	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Regional Benefit (15 points)			
Provides benefit to the overall region	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Project Readiness (15 points)			
Project readiness and likelihood of meeting proposed schedule	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Total Points			100



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects TAP Project Overview Projects Eligible for TAP/STBG

Instructions

Complete application in the space provided. Applicants are limited to application form, required attachments, and three additional pages of attachments.

General Information

Project Title: _____

Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Project Limits: _____

Project Length (miles): _____

Federal Classification: _____

Description

Describe the nature of the project, major work involved, and the existing and proposed conditions:



*Benton-Franklin Council of Governments
Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization
Benton-Franklin Regional Transportation Planning Organization*

Describe how the project is consistent with the Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan:

Describe how the project is consistent with local plans and programs:



Schedule

Indicate in the table below the schedule of the project by checking the applicable boxes:

Phase	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Planning (PL)				
Preliminary Engineering (PE)				
Right-of-Way (ROW)				
Construction (CN)				

Cost Summary

Fill in the table below to show the funding of the project:

Phase	Funding Requested	Other Funds	Total
Planning (PL)			
Preliminary Engineering (PE)			
Right-of-Way (ROW)			
Construction (CN)			

Indicate the sources(s) of other funds listed above:



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects TAP Project Application Projects Eligible for TAP/STBG

System Preservation and Improvement

Describe below how the project preserves existing facilities and networks and helps obtain performance measure targets for pavement and bridges:

Describe below how the project improves existing facilities and networks:

Safety

Describe below how the project reduces the frequency and/or severity of roadway crashes and helps obtain safety performance measure targets:



Economic Vitality

Describe below how the project provides access to existing/new economic opportunities:

Mobility and Connectivity

Describe below how the project closes the gap between two existing facilities or extends an existing facility:

Describe below how the project improves connection of employment/activity centers to population centers:



Describe how the project increases access to school, or existing activity center such as a park, library, transit station, park and ride, etc.:

Regional Benefit

Describe how the project provides benefit to the overall region:

Project Readiness

Describe the project readiness and likelihood of the project meeting the proposed schedule including the status of PE, ROW, other funding sources, and the agency's capacity approach to delivering the project:

Please contact BFCG staff with any questions or needed clarifications at (509) 943-9185.



BFCG 2020 – 2023 Call for Projects TAP Project Scoring Sheet Projects Eligible for TAP/STBG

Scoring Criteria	Points (0-5)	Multiplier	Possible Points
System Preservation and Improvement (15 points)			
Preserves existing facilities and networks	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	10
Improves existing facilities and networks	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Safety (20 points)			
Reduces the frequency and/or severity of roadway crashes	0 1 2 3 4 5	4	20
Economic Vitality (5 points)			
Provides access to existing/new economic opportunities	0 1 2 3 4 5	1	5
Mobility and Connectivity (30 points)			
Closes gap between two existing facilities or extends existing facility	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	10
Improves connection of employment/activity centers to population centers	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	10
Increases access to school, or existing activity center such as a park, library, transit station, park and ride, etc.	0 1 2 3 4 5	2	10
Regional Benefit (15 points)			
Provides benefit to the overall region	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Project Readiness (15 points)			
Project readiness and likelihood of meeting proposed schedule	0 1 2 3 4 5	3	15
Total Points			100