

APPLICATION PROCESS

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- Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov at www.grants.gov. To submit, applicants must:
 - a) Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number;
 - b) Register with the System for Award (SAM) at www.sam.gov;
 - c) Create a Grants.gov username and password; and
 - d) E-business POC at the applicant's organization must respond to the registration email from Grants.gov and login to authorize the POC as an Authorized Organization Representative.
- Applications due **May 20**
- Note: The Grants.gov registration process usually takes 2-4 weeks to complete; late applications that are the result of failure to register or comply with Grants.gov applicant requirements will not be considered.

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- Applicants may obtain application forms at Grants.gov under the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) number.
 - Applicant must complete and submit all forms included in the application package for this NOFO as contained at www.grants.gov.
- Application must include the Standard Form (SF) 424 (Application for Federal Assistance), SF 424A (Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs), SF 424B (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs), Grants.gov Lobbying Form, cover page, and the project narrative.
 - SFs are available online at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html>.

STSFA Application: Cover Page

Cover Page should including the following information:

- Project Name
- Previously Incurred Project Cost
- Future Eligible Project Cost
- Total Project Cost
- STSFA Request
- Total Federal Funding (including STSFA)
- Are matching funds restricted to a specific project component? If so, which one?
- State(s) in which the project is located
- If the project currently programmed in the: TIP, STIP, MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, and/or State Long Range Transportation Plan?

STSFA Application: Narrative

Recommended that the Project Narrative use the following basic outline to clearly address the program requirements and make critical information readily apparent:

- Project description;
- Staffing description; and
- Funding description.

Besides a detailed statement of work, detailed project schedule, and detailed project budget, the Project Narrative should include a table of contents, maps, and graphics as appropriate to make the information easier to review.

STSFA Project Description (1 of 3)

- 1 to 2-page summary of the proposed alternative revenue mechanism.
- Description of the entity that will be entering into the agreement with FHWA.
- Description of the geographic area or jurisdiction the deployment will service.
- Description of the real world issues and challenges to be addressed by the proposed alternative revenue mechanism.
 - Discuss how the proposed alternative revenue mechanism addresses the STSFA goals and objectives
 - Applicants should highlight any proposed linkages to Ladders of Opportunity pathways to jobs and economic opportunities.

STSFA Project Description (2 of 3)

- Plan to deploy and provide long-term operation and maintenance of the alternative revenue mechanism to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and return on investment.
- Description of any challenges in the regulatory, legislative, or institutional environments or other obstacles to deployment.
- Quantifiable safety, mobility, and environmental benefit projections.

STSFA Project Description (3 of 3)

- Vision, goals, and objectives of the applicant for the alternative revenue mechanism.
- Plan for partnering with the private sector or public agencies.
- Schedule for conducting the alternative revenue mechanism and for completion of all proposed activities.

STSFA Staffing Description

- Description of the organization of staffing to manage and conduct the project, including identification of key personnel, organization, role, and responsibility.
- Primary point of contact and complete contact information.

STSFA Funding Description

- Applications must include a breakdown of estimated costs across project work areas or tasks, including an identification of funding sources and amounts.

Notes:

- The maximum amount of funding requested from the STSFA program cannot exceed \$15 million for FY16 funding nor exceed 50% of the total cost of the activities proposed to be funded.
- However at least 2 awards are anticipated in FY16
- Selection of an application to receive grant funding in one fiscal year is not a commitment of any future funding.