

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND PROGRAM – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can apply for the Multimodal Transportation Fund?

Municipalities, Counties, City, Boroughs, School Districts, Councils of Government, Businesses, Non-Profits, Economic Development Organizations, Public Transportation Agencies, Transportation Management Associations, Ports or Rail/Freight Entities.

2. How will applications be reviewed and selected?

Project selection will be made through committee comprised of PennDOT staff – both central office and district office. In addition, we will coordinate with MPO or RPO staff and other state agencies as necessary.

3. When is the deadline to submit applications?

Applications will be accepted no later than June 30, 2014. Applications should be submitted via email to RA-PDMultimodalFund@pa.gov.

4. How many applications can be submitted?

Only one application should be submitted per project. Applicants may submit any number of applications for consideration.

5. Will there be another phase in the application process?

No; however, you may be contacted to answer questions or discuss certain aspects of the application during the review process.

6. Is this a loan program?

No, this is a reimbursement program. The sponsor will pay for the work as it is completed and an invoice(s) is submitted to PennDOT for reimbursement. All state guidelines, eligibility, and regulations apply.

7. Is local match required for these funds?

Yes, local funding in an amount not less than 30% of the non-federal share of the project costs is required. Matching fund shall only consist of cash contributions provided by one or more counties or municipalities. **In kind contributions are not permitted.**

8. Can other state agency funding be used as match?

No, matching fund shall only consist of cash contributions as specified in Act 89.

9. Do all projects submitted need to be new projects?

No, but proposals must fit the parameters of the program and should be expected to meet the implementation criteria.

10. What amount of project costs will be awarded through the Multimodal Transportation Fund?

Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more. Grants shall not exceed \$3,000,000. Consideration will be given to projects with costs over \$3,000,000 should they significantly impact PennDOT's goal of creating jobs and leveraging private investment.

11. Are engineering costs eligible for reimbursement through the Multimodal Transportation Fund?

Yes, related engineering, design and inspection costs shall not exceed 10% of grant award.

12. When will projects be awarded?

The applications will be reviewed and approved as quickly as possible by the committee and notifications will be sent out by December 2014.

13. Can an application be submitted through the DCED/CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund program simultaneously to the PennDOT program?

Yes, we are encouraging applicants to submit to both programs as they are managed separately. Both programs allow the same applicants and eligible projects.

14. Where can I find more information on the DCED/CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund program?

Program guidelines as well as an application and additional information can be found on the Department of Economic Development website at:

www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/multimodal-transportation-fund.

15. Where can I find out more information on the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund program?

Program guidelines as well as an application and additional information can be found on the Department of Transportation website at:

www.dot.state.pa.us/internet/web.nsf/Multimodal?OpenFrameSet.