

2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA)

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Regional Flexible Funds

Federal transportation dollars
(STBG, CMAQ)

Broad eligibility, focus on
making multi-modal
improvements on regional
system

~5% of all transportation
funding in region



Previous RFFA project examples

Hunziker St, Tigard



Gresham-Fairview Trail



Foster Rd,
Portland

Photo: BikePortland



Main St, Tigard

2025-27 RFFA Program Direction

Approved by JPACT, adopted by
Metro Council resolution

Statement of intent to target
regional funds to achieve RTP
Priority Investment outcomes



2025-2027 Regional
Flexible Funds Allocation
Program Direction

(Resolution 21-5194)

Adopted by Metro Council: September 9, 2021

RTP Investment Priorities & RFFA Criteria

Equity

- Increased accessibility
- Increased access to affordable travel options

Climate

- Reduced emissions from vehicles
- Reduced drive-alone trips

Safety

- Reduced fatal and serious injury crashes for all modes

Congestion Relief

- Increased reliability
- Increased travel efficiency
- Increased travel options
- Reduced drive-alone trips

RFFA + Trails Bond funding

Shared application, technical evaluation, risk assessment; separate decision processes

Not combining funding sources or selection processes; projects may receive funding from both sources

Streamlined process; one application for both funding sources, better coordination of regional dollars



**Projected available funding:
\$61,249,814**

**Trails bond:
\$20,000,000**

**RFFA:
\$41,249,814**

Funding differences

	Trails bond \$20 million	RFFA \$41.25 million
Source:	Local	Federal
Delivery agency:	Local	ODOT (if local agency not certified)
Match:	(Varies)	10.27%

Consistency with regional plans

	Trails Bond	RFFA
Regional transportation plan project list	N/A	Required
Regional trails system plan map	Required	N/A

Eligible active transportation facilities

	Trails Bond	RFFA
On-street bike/ped facilities	Yes	Yes
Off-street paved trails	Yes	Yes
Natural surface trails	Yes	No
Water trail improvements	Yes	No

Eligible project phases

	Trails Bond	RFFA
Project development	Yes	Yes
ROW/Construction	Yes	Yes
ADA/accessibility improvements	Yes	Yes
Capital maintenance	Yes	No

Typical funding awards

	Trails Bond	RFFA
Project development	Up to \$1M	Up to \$1M
ROW/Construction	\$500K-6M	\$2-6M



Competitive proposals should include:

- Strong alignment with regional priorities
- Clear and complete project scope, budget and plan

Competitive proposals should include:

- Stakeholder support: public, other agencies
- Ability to leverage other investments or resources



Evaluation and input

Outcomes evaluation: technical analysis of project outcomes relative to criteria and RTP investment priorities

Risk assessment: identifying any potential changes to scope, timeline or budget

Public comment: gathering stakeholder input and opinions

Coordinating committees: indicating which projects are their priorities (RFFA funding only)

Deliberation and decision

TPAC and JPACT work together to consider different approaches to selecting a package of projects

TPAC makes a recommendation to JPACT

JPACT considers TPAC recommendation, approves a final list for Council action to adopt



Call for projects - soon!

Application materials will be available on 11/22/21

Proposers' workshop: Early December (date TBD)

Proposals due: 2/25/22

Schedule

Project Solicitation

Project call:
November 2021

Proposer's
workshop:
December 2021

Proposals due:
February 2022

Evaluation & Input

Technical Analysis,
Risk Assessment:
March, April 2022

Public Comment:
May 2022

Coord. Comm.:
Summer 2022

Deliberation & Decision

RFFA: TPAC, JPACT

Trails bond: Bond
Committee

Metro Council to
adopt separately:
October 2022

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