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Federal COVID Relief Funds for Transportation Improvements FACT SHEET

About the COVID Relief Funds

The federal *Highway Infrastructure Programs - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (HIP-CRRSAA)*, enacted on December 28, 2020, appropriates approximately \$10 Billion across the country to address coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) impacts related to Highway Infrastructure Programs. Of the \$10 Billion, the Nashville metropolitan area's suballocation totals approximately \$8.6 million in CRRSAA funds (including \$7.9 million for the Nashville-Davidson UZA and \$700 thousand for the Murfreesboro UZA) and \$1.15 million in HIP funds. The funds do not require a match and must be obligated by Sept. 30, 2024, and December 31, 2022, respectively, for the Nashville-Davidson UZA and Murfreesboro UZA.

Eligible Applicants

State and local agencies, public transit operators, and other public sector organizations located within the Nashville metropolitan transportation planning area of Davidson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties are eligible to apply for a share of the \$8.6 million in CRRSAA funds allocated to the region. **Eligible entities must apply in accordance with the call-for-projects issued by the Transportation Policy Board on June 16. A pre-application is due by July 14 and a full application is due by August 20.**

Priorities and Project Eligibility

Given the obligation deadlines tied to this funding, eligible project types include lower-cost and less complex projects. Higher priority will be given to projects that **can be implemented quickly** and **address the impacts of COVID-19**.

A portion of COVID Relief funding will be used to accelerate the acquisition of big data tools to improve transportation planning and system performance monitoring. GNRC is seeking location-based services data that provides targeted information to individuals based on their location through wireless networks and aggregates the data into travel patterns to better understand how the system operates across modes.

Projects must meet the federal eligibility requirements associated with the Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. A list of example projects is provided on the second page of this handout.

Call-for-Projects Schedule

- **June 16** – Transportation Policy Board Issues Call-for-Projects
- **June 23 - July 14** – Pre-Application Period
- **June 24 - July 28** – Evaluation of Pre-Applications
- **July 1 - August 20** – Full Application Period
- **August 23- September 10** – Evaluation of Full Applications
- **September 15** – Announce Awards
- **November-December** – Amend Awards into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Application Process

A Pre-Application is due by July 14

The goal of the pre-application is to help screen for eligibility and to ensure projects can meet the state or federal obligation deadlines. The pre-application will be available at GNRC.org/apply/CRRSAA-Pre.

- ✓ Project Description
- ✓ Schedule
- ✓ Budget

Full Application is due by August 20

Eligible applicants will be invited to apply for funding pending a review of the pre-application. The full application will be available at GNRC.org/apply/CRRSAA on or before July 1.

- ✓ Project Description
- ✓ Background/Project History
- ✓ Schedule
- ✓ Detailed Budget
- ✓ Map

List of Example Projects

Roadway Safety Improvements

- Traffic signalization
- Signage/wayfinding
- Lighting
- Striping
- Traffic calming
- Bicycle facilities

Transportation Technology Upgrades

- ITS improvements
- Transit fare equipment upgrades
- Transit fleet modernization/ electrification
- Curb management/ smart parking
- Real-time travel info

Pedestrian Improvements

- Pedestrian signal upgrades
- Crossing improvements
- Sidewalks and pedestrian amenities
- Transit access/ bus stop improvements

ADA Related Improvements

- Sidewalk repair
- Bus stop upgrades
- Curb ramps
- Auditory signal upgrades

For More Information

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