Infrastructure Application Guidance for ARC 2019 Project Solicitation

Who should fill out this application?

Please DO NOT complete this application if your organization is seeking $2 million or less in additional federal funding for a project activity (phase) which is already in the TIP and currently funded through one of the federal programs which ARC administers. In these cases, submit a request through PLANIT, the ARC RTP/TIP project database. All PLANIT submittals must originate from the sponsor on record. If you do not have a PLANIT login, please email tipsoliciation@atlantaregional.com.

In general, this application should be completed by sponsors who are seeking a **total federal funding** award amount of $2 million or higher for projects which are proposed to get underway within the FY 2020 - FY 2025 TIP timeframe. Depending on the specific circumstances of the request, proposals will be classified as either "new federal funding requests" or "supplemental federal funding requests", both of which are explained below:

New Federal Funding Requests

The following proposal scenarios typify new federal funding requests:

1) The proposal seeks to add a completely new project to the TIP, utilizing federal funds on one or more of the project's phases. A new TIP project is defined as one that is not listed in the current TIP/RTP documentation.

2) The proposal seeks to advance one or more long range project phases of an existing RTP project into the TIP

3) The proposal seeks federal funds for the first time to allocate to one or more phases of a project already programmed in the current TIP (e.g., a 100% local or state funded phase in the current TIP).

4) The proposal seeks to add federal funds for the first time to implement a project that was previously awarded with a federally funded scoping (SCP) phase.

5) The proposal seeks federal funds to add the remaining phase(s) of a project that was initially only programmed with federal PE funds, during a prior solicitation.

All applications classified as "new federal funding requests" will be required to complete a project deliverability assessment section unless the sponsor can provide an approved GDOT concept report.

Supplemental Federal Funding Requests:

1) The funding request seeks to add federal funds to a TIP project supplement a previously authorized project activity. An example would include adding a right-of-way (ROW) phase in FY 2020 to help complete ROW activities which could not be completed by a previously authorized ROW phase in FY 2019.

2) The funding request seeks to add federal funds to an existing TIP project phase within the same fiscal year. An example would include adding federal funds a FY 2020 CST phase to address a recently discovered funding shortfall.

There is a separate application for proposals which are unrelated to infrastructure. Please fill out the "Studies and Non-Capital" application if your proposal falls under one of the following scenarios:

1) The applicant is seeking federal funds for a new study

2) The applicant is seeking additional federal funds for a study previously funded in the TIP

3) The applicant is seeking federal funds for activities which do not result in the construction of actual transportation infrastructure. Examples include certain Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) proposals.

In order to complete an application for federal funds under these circumstances, please use the link below to open the Studies and Non-Capital application.

Important information regarding project funding eligibility:

Funding decisions for this project solicitation will be informed by the TIP Project Evaluation Framework. The first step in the evaluation process focuses on filtering out project proposals that are not supported by regional policy or federal funding eligibility requirements. Project submittals that do not meet the policy filter criteria will not advance to the later stages of technical evaluation and will not be considered for funding. Policy filters are broken out into three categories: general, roadway capacity specific and transit capacity specific. Transit capacity filters only apply to right-of-way (ROW), utility (UTL) and construction (CST) funding requests and do not apply to planning, design or environmental activity. Before submitting a proposal through this application, please carefully consider the following policy filters which ARC staff will utilize in the TIP project solicitation:

General Filters

- Projects must originate from a locally adopted plan
- Sponsors must have current or pending Qualified Local Government (QLG) status, as designated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
- Projects on the state system will not be considered without a letter of support from the sponsor's GDOT District Office and the GDOT Office of Program Delivery

Roadway Capacity Expansion Filters

- Projects must be federal aid eligible
- Projects must be located on a regional or national priority network (for existing facilities)
- Project must include both complete streets elements that are context sensitive to the existing community and safety measures that reduce roadway risks for all roadway users
- Projects in rural areas, as designated by the UPGM, must connect two or more regional places

Transit Capacity Expansion Filters

- Rail and BRT capacity projects must be a part of the Concept 3 transit vision and the ATL Authority transit plan
- Project must connect to an existing public transit service or regional center

- Project must demonstrate a firm financial package

What else do I need to know?

Please note that there is no separate application for LCI projects. LCI sponsors should complete this application for transportation project funding. LCI performance, in addition to policy filters and technical performance, will be assessed for each project that is at least 50% located within an LCI boundary. Contact Amy Goodwin at agoodwin@atlantaregional.org, if you have questions regarding LCI projects or evaluation process.

As you work though this application, roll the mouse or tap on the 'question mark' tooltip icons for helpful hints that pertain to the question you are answering.

Additional resources and documentation for this solicitation may be found at www.atlantaregional.com/projectsolicitation

For application support or general questions, please email: TIPSolicitation@atlantaregional.com