

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Funding and Call for Applications

2025-2027 Public Transportation Funding Opportunities For information regarding 2025-2027 public transportation funding opportunities in Benton County, including application materials, please contact: Charlene Pech, Benton County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, Charlene.pech@corvallisoregon.org (541) 754-1748.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)

STIF Advisory Committee Meetings

Benton County is the Qualified Entity under ORS 184.766. The Benton County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee was formed in 2018, in accordance with ORS 184.761(1) to assist Qualified Entities review and prioritize transit projects, programs, and services. For information about the STIF Advisory Committee meetings, visit Benton Area Transit's website.

Eligible applicants for STIF funds include Public Transportation Service Providers, public entities and public or private non-profit corporations which provide client-based or general public transportation services in Benton County. Funding is comprised of Population-based and Payroll-based formula distributions from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to Benton County.

Eligible projects include maintenance of existing transportation programs and services; expansion or creation of such programs and services; transportation capital items; and planning and development of transportation services for the general population, seniors 65 years of age and older, and/or persons of any age with disabilities. Transportation programs, projects and services for funding shall be derived from and consistent with the current [Benton County Coordinated Plan](#), adopted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners in March 2023.

An estimated \$523,170 in Population-based STIF funding is available in FY2025-2027 for programs in Benton County. However, Benton County plans to use approximately 90% of these funds to operate countywide BAT Lift service. ***An estimated \$6 million in Payroll-based STIF funding is available in FY2025-2027*** for public transportation projects, between the projected payments from ODOT and the unspent funds from the current FY 2023-2025 biennium. **Payroll-Based** Subrecipient Applications [[STIF Subrecipient Project Application](#)] are available now and due for local processing by **5 p.m. October 14, 2024**. For more information please visit: [Oregon Department of Transportation : Public Transportation Funding Opportunities : Public Transportation : State of Oregon](#)

****Please note the due dates listed inside the above link for funding opportunities are for the Qualified Entity, due dates in bold are to allow for local process. If you are NOT a current recipient of STIF funds through Benton County, please contact Charlene Pech at 541-754-1748 or Charlene.pech@corvallisoregon.gov before applying.***

Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Notice of Funding Opportunity:

The Federal Section 5310 program provides formula funding to states to assist programs in meeting the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities. Eligible applicants include pre-qualified public entities and public or private non-profit corporations which provide transportation services for older adults and/or people with disabilities in Benton County. The program funds eligible capital, contract services, and preventive maintenance projects. Transportation programs, projects and services eligible for funding shall be derived from and shall be consistent with [Benton County Coordinated Plan](#), be reviewed by the Benton County Statewide Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee and approved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners. Applications [[5310 Subrecipient Application](#)] must be submitted to Benton County for local processing by **5 p.m. October 4, 2024**.

For more information, please visit ODOT's [Funding Opportunities](#) page and click the section for Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and People with Disabilities.

****Please note the due dates listed inside the above link for funding opportunities are for the Qualified Entity and Lead Agency, due dates in bold are to allow for local process. If you are NOT a current recipient of STIF or 5310 funds through Benton County, please contact Charlene Pech at 541-754-1748 or charlene.pech@corvallisoregon.gov before applying.***

Public Comment for Benton County Transportation Projects funded by 5310 closes 5:00 pm on October 4, 2024.

Public Comment for Benton County Transportation Projects funded by STIF closes 5:00 pm on November 19, 2024.

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