

TIGER Discretionary Grant Overview

- TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants.
- Since this is a new program, this notice also requests comments on the proposed selection criteria and guidance for awarding "TIGER Discretionary Grants" by **June 1, 2009**.
- If there are substantive changes necessary based on comments, a supplemental Federal Register notice will be published by June 17, 2009.
- Application Deadline is **September 15, 2009**.
- Eligible applicants: State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional applicants.
- Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: 1) highway or bridge projects, 2) public transportation, 3) passenger and freight rail transportation projects, 4) port infrastructure investments.
- \$200 million of \$1.5 billion to be used to pay the subsidy and administrative costs of the TIFIA program. Applicants for TIGER TIFIA payments must submit an application and a separate TIFIA loan application.
- The grants can range from **\$20 Million up to \$300 million** to support high impact transportation projects.

Selection Criteria

- No more than 20% of available funds may be awarded to projects in a single State (\$300 million).
- Awards will be on a competitive basis to "projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region."
- TIGER Discretionary Grants may be used for up to 100% of project costs, but priority must be given to projects for which Federal funding is required to complete an overall financing package that includes non-Federal sources of funds.
- Priority must also be given to projects that can be completed by February 17, 2012.
- The Primary Selection Criteria include 1) Long-Term Outcomes and 2) Job Creation & Economic Stimulus.
- The Secondary Selection Criteria include 1) Innovation and 2) Partnership.
- The following long-term outcomes will be given priority: 1) State of Good Repair, 2) Economic Competitiveness, 3) Livability, 4) Sustainability and 5) Safety.
- The US DOT must take measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities.
- Project selection announcement no later than February 17, 2010.