



Umpqua Public Transportation District Press Release

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Applications for Projects for STIF Funding

Umpqua Public Transportation District (UPTD) is requesting applications for projects to be considered for inclusion in the 2021-23 STIF Grant application. UPTD receives Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds through ODOT from the HB 2017 Payroll tax. The primary purpose of this funding is to:

1. Increased frequency of bus service to areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
2. Expansion of bus routes and bus services to serve areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
3. Fund the implementation of programs to reduce fares for public transportation in communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
4. Procurement of low or no emission buses for use in areas with 200,000 or more.
5. The improvement in the frequency and reliability of service between communities inside and outside of the Qualified Entity's service area.
6. Coordination between Public Transportation Service Providers to reduce fragmentation in the provision of transportation services.
7. Implementation of programs to provide student transit service for students in grades 9-12

UPTD is requesting project applications to use toward the distribution of the aforementioned funding in such a manner as to benefit as many Douglas County residents as possible.

In accordance with the UPTD Funding Allotment Procedure, applications are being accepted for the 2021-2023 biennium State STIF Grant funds in the amount of \$1,200,000. Qualified Special Transportation Provider Agencies and Organizations that would like to receive a copy of the application should contact Cheryl Cheas, UPTD General Manager, via email ccheas@umpquatransit.org, or Christine Sepulveda via telephone at (541) 671-8944. All inquiries concerning this process should be directed to Christine Sepulveda.

The STIF application funding must be received by **5:00 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2021**. You may mail completed applications to Umpqua Public Transportation District, Attention: Cheryl Cheas, 3076 NE Diamond Lake Blvd, Roseburg, OR 97470, or you may email the application to ccheas@umpquatransit.org.