



FY28-FY29 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) – Formula Funds

LTD Subrecipient Application Solicitation

The Oregon Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Office published [applications and funding estimates for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund \(STIF\) Formula Funds](#) on August 19, 2026.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) program was established in House Bill 2017 (also known as Keep Oregon Moving) to provide a dedicated source of funding to maintain, improve, and expand public transportation for current and future users. As the designated Qualified Entity for Lane County, LTD is responsible for coordinating the local solicitation for Lane County STIF Formula Fund subrecipients and convening the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee to review subrecipient applications (date and time TBD). The STIF Committee will make funding recommendations to the LTD Board of Directors.

Applicants must be eligible and qualified, and proposed projects must be listed in the [Lane Coordinated Public Transportation Plan 2019 Update](#) or other adopted local transportation plans.

Additional LTD plans include the [Community Investments Plan](#), the [Long-Range Financial Plan](#), and the [Strategic Business Plan](#).

Locally adopted transportation plans may include transportation system plans and transit development plans. These include:

- [Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) 2049 Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\) \(2025\)](#)
- [Central Lane MPO 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program \(MTIP\) \(2023\)](#)
- [2036 Lane County TSP \(2017\)](#)
- [Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan \(Originally adopted 1984, updated 2024\)](#)
- [Link Lane Transit Development Plan \(2023\)](#)
- [Springfield 2035 TSP \(Originally adopted 2014, updated 2020\)](#)
- [Eugene 2035 TSP \(2017\)](#)
- [Coburg TSP \(2013\)](#)
- [Cottage Grove TSP \(2015\)](#)
- [Junction City TSP \(2016\)](#)

- [Creswell TSP \(Originally adopted 2019, amended 2025\)](#)
- [Veneta TSP \(2019\)](#)
- [Florence Transportation System Plan \(2023\)](#)
- [Cottage Grove Area Transit Development Plan \(2021\)](#)

There are two applications that must be submitted by Thursday, October 8, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. PDT:

- ✓ LTD is requiring all STIF Formula Fund subrecipient applications to be **submitted no later than Thursday, October 8, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding.
- ✓ Applicants must submit **two** applications, one available on ODOT's website, and one available on the [LaneSTIF.org](#) website.
- ✓ APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE "[SUBRECIPIENT APPLICATION](#)" available on [ODOT's website](#).
- ✓ In addition, Applicants must submit supplemental information directly to and **received by LTD by 5:00 p.m. PDT on Thursday, October 8, 2026**. Download, complete, and save the [LTD Supplemental Subrecipient Application](#) and submit this application via email to Kathleen Flynn, LTD Grant Specialist, at Kathleen.Flynn@LTD.org.
- ✓ LTD is also an applicant for STIF Formula Funds to support and provide transportation services in Lane County.

For questions regarding project eligibility or other information please contact Kathleen Flynn at Kathleen.Flynn@LTD.org.

Funding Requirements

Eligible subrecipients are public transportation providers as defined in OAR 732-040-005(31), nonprofits, private for-profits, and other public entities.

All proposed projects must be listed in the [Lane Coordinated Public Transportation Plan](#) or other adopted local transportation plans to be considered (see non-inclusive list of adopted plans above).

Please see the following [guidance from ODOT](#) for more information:

- [ODOT July 2026 STIF Guidebook](#)
- [ODOT STIF Plan Application Instructions](#)

In addition, please see the LTD Subrecipient Application Review Process section below for detailed information on how LTD will evaluate STIF Formula Fund subrecipient applications.

Application Process

Interested applicants should first review the [grant funding materials for STIF Formula Funds](#) to determine if they and/or their proposed projects are eligible for STIF Formula funding.

Applicants must follow the following application process:

1. All applicants shall complete the “[Subrecipient](#)” application form located on ODOT’s website. DO NOT complete the STIF Plan Application that is for LTD’s purposes only.
2. ODOT subrecipient applications shall be submitted to ODOT no later than Thursday, October 8, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. PDT.
3. Applicants shall provide the following information for the “**Qualified Entity**” section of the ODOT subrecipient application:
 - o Qualified Entity Name: Lane Transit District
 - o STIF Plan Contact Name: Kathleen Flynn
 - o STIF Plan Contact Title: Grant Specialist
 - o STIF Plan Contact Phone Number: 541-682-3228
 - o STIF Plan Contact Email Address: Kathleen.Flynn@LTD.org
 - o End Date of Qualified Entity STIF Plan: 6/30/29
4. In addition, each subrecipient should fill [out LTD’s Supplemental STIF Formula Subrecipient Application](#).
5. Please download the LTD Supplemental Subrecipient Application from LaneSTIF.org, complete the form, and save it before submitting it to LTD via email.
6. The LTD Supplemental Subrecipient Application should be received by LTD no later than Thursday, October 8, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. PDT. Please submit LTD’s Supplemental Application directly to LTD via email to Kathleen.Flynn@LTD.org.

LTD Subrecipient Application Review Process

LTD will follow a two-step process to review STIF Formula fund subrecipient applications.

Step 1: LTD staff will review applications to determine if the applicants and the proposed projects are eligible for STIF Formula funding (see Table 1).

Table 1.

Eligibility Criterion	Eligible/Ineligible
Eligible STIF Formula activity	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Appears in an adopted local plan or adopted policy	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Is a strategic fit with LTD and local transportation priorities	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Serves a public transportation purpose, i.e., is promoted to and available to the general public	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Consistent with Oregon Public Transportation Plan goals	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Does not supplant existing local transit funding	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Can be delivered within the STIF Plan period or qualifies as carry-forward project	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Meets applicable legal, ADA, environmental, procurement, and reporting requirements	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Includes scope, budget, outcomes, and responsible agency	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Shows adequate organizational capacity, including sustainable long-term operating commitment and capacity to deliver and maintain the project	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
If this project involves purchase of an asset, applicant shows considerations for asset lifecycle and stewardship	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible

Eligibility Criterion	Eligible/Ineligible
Transit-related bike/pedestrian projects demonstrate physical or functional relationship to transit	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible
Fixed-route projects have a GTFS process in place	☐ Eligible ☐ Ineligible

Projects failing any mandatory criterion would not advance for funding consideration.

Step 2: LTD's STIF Advisory Committee will review all eligible subrecipient applications, and applicants will be given the opportunity to present their proposed projects to this Committee in November.

Projects will be categorized according to established funding priorities:

- Priority 1 – Statutory/Required Commitments (Older Adults & Disabilities, Student Transportation, Compliance Requirements)
- Priority 2 – Preserve Existing Service (Operations, Fleet Replacement, State of Good Repair)
- Priority 3 – Strategic Enhancements (Service Expansion, Customer Experience, Technology, Access Improvements)

Members of LTD's STIF Advisory Committee will use scoring sheets to then determine a score for each eligible project as part of LTD's Project Prioritization Methodology. Table 2 serves solely as an example of this scoring sheet and may be altered by LTD staff following review by the STIF Advisory Committee in September 2026. If this scoring sheet is changed following STIF Advisory Committee review, LTD will post an updated scoring sheet. Project scores determine the tier of funding that determine whether that project is recommended for funding.

The score of a project does not guarantee funding for the project. LTD staff and STIF Advisory Committee members will also provide qualitative input on projects that may impact project prioritization.

Table 2.

Category	Possible Points	Purpose
Mobility & Ridership Benefit	25	Improves access, reliability, ridership and customer mobility
Equity & Transportation Disadvantage	25	Benefits low-income households, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and transit-dependent populations
Service Preservation & State of Good Repair	15	Maintains existing services and critical assets
Coordination & Regional Connectivity	15	Improves transfers, partnerships, first/last-mile access and network integration
Climate, Land Use & Community Outcomes	10	Advances climate, housing, land use and mode-shift objectives
Readiness & Deliverability	10	Demonstrates ability to successfully deliver the project

Project Scores

Project scores from the Project Prioritization Methodology determine the ranking of the project (see Table 3).

Table 3.

Score	Recommendation
85-100	Strong recommendation for funding
70-84	Fund if resources allow
55-69	<u>Fund if resources allow</u>
<55	<u>Not recommended unless funding remains</u>
	Generally, not recommended

Using the scores and priorities as guidelines, the STIF Advisory Committee will develop their recommendation to forward to the LTD Board of Directors as the region's Qualified Entity.

The LTD Board of Directors will review and consider the recommendation of the STIF Advisory Committee, and approve a STIF Formula plan, and direct LTD staff to submit the STIF Plan to ODOT.

Plans will be reviewed first by ODOT staff and then forwarded to the Oregon Transportation Commission for review and adoption. STIF Formula Plans are not final until adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

STIF Formula Fund Subrecipient Application Timeline (Subject to Change)

- ODOT STIF Formula Solicitation Published August 19, 2026
- LTD STIF Formula Subrecipient Solicitation Published September 14, 2026
- Applications Due to LTD October 8, 2026
 - Please note: This October 8, 2026, due date applies to **both** (1) the ODOT Subrecipient Application form (available on ODOT's website) **and** (2) LTD's Supplemental Subrecipient Application (available on LTD's website).
- STIF Committee Review TBD
- LTD Board Meeting TBD

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