

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM

Eligible Activities:

Cities with populations of 5,000 or greater get annual allocations of federal STBG funds. These funds can be used for making improvements to federal aid eligible highways and roads, rideshare and vanpool projects, intelligent transportation systems (ITS), incident management activities, and any activity that is also eligible for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Refer to Title 23 U.S.C.A Section 133(b) for a complete list of eligible activities.

In areas with populations of 50,000 or greater, the projects are selected by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and must be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). For cities with populations between 5,000 and 50,000, the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) should be informed of the project, and the project must be in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Funding:

STBG funding can pay for up to 80% of the total project costs for most project types. However, there are some project types eligible for 100% federal funding, which includes, but is not limited to, traffic control signalization, pavement markings, traffic circles, and guardrail (23 U.S.C.A § 120).

If the project selected is on the State system of highways, TDOT may provide the required 20% match, upon request. If the project selected is on the local system, the local government will pay the 20% match. TDOT does not match federal funding for sidewalk construction, roadway lighting, or Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects. TDOT also does not recognize soft match (a non-cash match).

Application Process:

The local government can request a new STBG project by submitting an application online through TDOT eGrants (<https://tdot.intelligrants.com/>).

It is TDOT's policy that all projects funded with locally controlled federal funds on local roads be managed by the local government unless it is deemed the local government is not staffed and equipped to manage the project.