

2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) Step 2 – Applicants Workshop

September 4, 2024



What are Regional Flexible Funds?

- Federal transportation dollars allocated to each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Comprised of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)
- ~5% of all transportation funding in region

2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) Program Direction

- Allocation framework and objectives to target Regional Flexible Funds
 - Sets process for allocation
 - Outlines evaluation criteria
 - Derived from Regional Transportation Plan
 - Defines Step 1 & 2

Exhibit A to Resolution 24-5415



Resolution 24-5415

2028-2030 Regional Flexible
Fund Allocation program
direction

June 2024

2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund – Allocation Structure

Step 1A & B

Step 1A.1

- Project bonds repayment
 - New project bond consideration (Step 1A.1)
- Regionwide program investments
- MPO, Corridor & System planning

Step 2

- Topical & geographic investments
- Regional scale impact, readiness, leverage funds

28-30 RFFA Step 2 – Schedule

We are here

Project Solicitation

Pre-application:
August 2024

Project call:
September 2024

Proposer's
workshop: August -
September 2024

Proposals due:
November 2024

Evaluation & Input

Outcome Evaluation,
Risk Assessment:
November 2024 –
early March 2025

Public Comment:
March - April 2025

Deliberation & Decision

Coordinating
committee priorities:
May 2025

TPAC, JPACT: May –
July 2025

Metro Council to
adopt separately:
July 2025



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2028-2030 RFFA Step 2 Candidate Project Application Basics



Step 2: Call for Projects – soon!

Call for Projects Opens: **September 6**

Applicant workshops

- September 4, 1 – 3pm (today)
- September 11 – Register ahead

Previous workshops: August 14, June 12

Proposals due: **November 15**

Step 2: Projected Available Funding

RFFA Step 2:
\$47-\$60 million

Step 2: Minimum Eligibility

Who can apply?

- Cities, Counties, Parks Districts, Transit operators, state partners

What can be applied for?

- Transportation projects



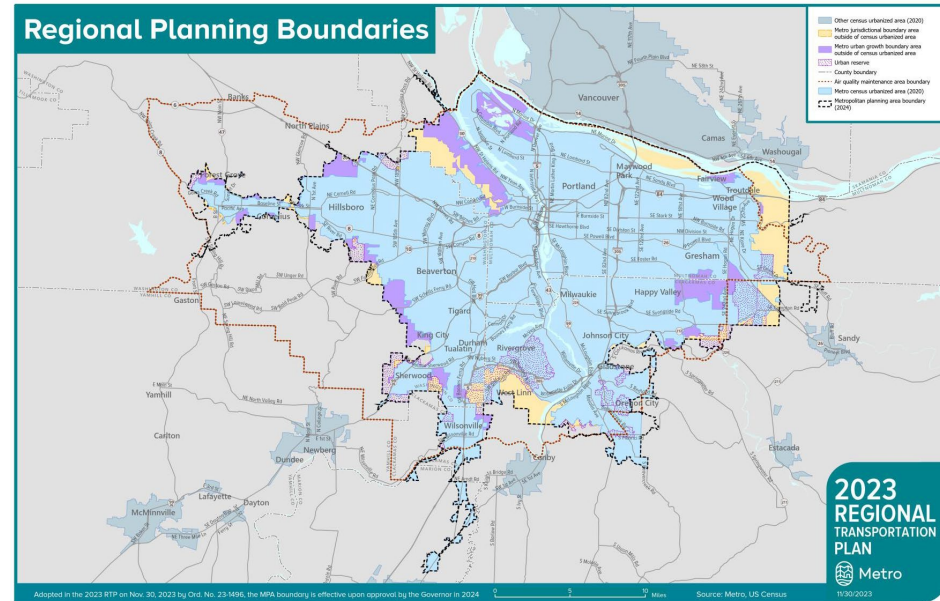
Step 2: Minimum Eligibility

Where can the project be located?

- Metropolitan region (planning area boundary)

When are the funds available?

- 2028 through 2030



Step 2: Requirements and Eligibility

– Federal and/or State

Federal Specific Requirements

- RTP project list (constrained); policy consistency
- Minimum local match
- Fund specific eligibility & approval requirements
- No sub-allocation of funds

State Requirements

- Climate Smart, State Implementation Plan, etc.



Step 2: Federal and/or State Considerations

Considerations:

- Consistency with State Plans and Guidelines
 - E.g. State CMAQ guidelines
 - Consistency with state air quality plan for metro region
- Federal aid process and project delivery considerations

Step 2: Requirements and Eligibility

– Program Direction Requirements

- Regional Transportation Plan goals advancement
- Project type consistent w/Strategic Regional Funding Approach
- Minimum cost thresholds
- Leverage of funding
- Advance multiple objectives
- 25-27 Step 2 shortfall projects ineligible



Step 2: Requirements and Eligibility

– Program Direction Requirements

Process Requirements

- Letter of Intent to Apply
- Public input/comment
- Investment across the region
 - Coordinating committee priorities

28-30 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2 - Summary of Letters of Intent Received

Project Title	Applicant	Sub-region	Draft Cost Estimate	Funding Request	Brief Description	Project Development
RTP 12123: Downtown Loop Complete Street - Hall Boulevard - 3rd to 5th	City of Beaverton	Washington County	\$12,000,000	\$10,767,600	Contract complete street on Hall Blvd between 3rd Street and 5th Street, with wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, street trees, new signals, and marked crosswalks (note: Federal Community Project Funding will complete Hall Blvd 1st to 3rd)	No
RTP 12122: Downtown Loop Complete Street- Watson Ave - 1st to 5th	City of Beaverton	Washington County	\$16,555,000	\$14,854,800	Contract complete street on Watson Blvd between 1st Street and 5th Street, with wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, street trees, new signals, and marked crosswalks	No
RTP 12125: McKernan Creek Parkway- Silver Ridge Lane to Rainier Road	City of Beaverton	Washington County	\$3,580,000	\$3,212,334	Design new collector street in Cooper mountain area with separated bike and pedestrian facilities. Design bridge/culvert crossing to protect McKernan Creek natural resource area and provide connectivity to street and trail networks	Yes
Trolley Trail Bridge	City of Gladston	Clackamas County	\$10,500,000	\$8,000,000	Construction funds for the Trolley Trail Bridge Bridge over trail	No
Division Complete Street - 4th to Birdvale	City of Gresham	Multnomah County	\$4,300,000	\$3,678,934	Contract both sides of Division Street with a sidewalk and bicycle lane or multi use path from Gresham Fairview Trail to Birdvale Avenue	No
Haley Complete Street - 150th to 204th	City of Gresham	Multnomah County	\$9,400,000	\$8,433,864	Contract both sides of Haley Street with sidewalks and bicycle lane from 192nd to 204th	No
Gresham Fairview Trail Phase 5	City of Gresham	Multnomah County	\$1,000,000	\$897,100	Contract a multi-use path along the roadway of 185th to Marine Drive. Design work includes a rail cost overlay and the Columbia Slough bridge	Yes
OR 212/224 Intersection Mobility Project	City of Happy Valley	Clackamas County	\$8,032,200	\$6,512,200	Happy Valley, Estacada, Sandy, and the unincorporated communities of east Clackamas County rely on the intersection of OR 212 and OR 224 (Rock Creek Junction). Housing production, however, has increased traffic and is causing significant congestion. In 2018-2022, the intersection and surrounding area experienced 54 crashes. To mitigate safety hazards – and support thousands of new housing units – the City proposes to reconfigure Rock Creek Junction to provide one new eastbound turn lane and one new southbound receiving lane. The project will also construct dedicated bike/ped facilities on the southside of OR 212, shifting vulnerable users out of the road shoulder. Project is a forecast-compatible component of RTP Project 1310L, "OR 212/224 Sunrise Hwy Phase 2 - SE 122nd to SE 172nd (CON)"	No
162nd Ave Extension South Phase 2	City of Happy Valley	Clackamas County	\$32,619,600	\$16,979,600	To support urban level traffic volumes, this project will extend 162nd Ave. from 157th Ave. to OR 212. The Project will provide a 2 to 3-lane roadway with continuous left turn lane, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Project will improve safety on a High Injury Corridor, linking high density residential areas and public schools to the industrial employment area. Project is RTP Project 1334C.	No
*IRV Cloud Connectivity Project	City of Hillsboro	Washington County	\$2,950,000	\$2,340,000	Equip all TriMet LRVs with advanced GPS and TSP technology to allow system-wide advanced detection, signal control and predicted arrival times	No
*Smart 185	City of Hillsboro	Washington County	\$3,200,000	\$2,950,000	Contract an AI-powered interconnected traffic signal control system and better bus project on 185th Ave corridor	No
Hillsboro Transit Center	City of Hillsboro	Washington County	\$2,300,000	\$1,800,000	Complete Project Development and Final Design phases of the Hillsboro Transit Center expansion project	Yes

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Step 2: Eligible Project Types

Project Types	Eligible
On-street bike, pedestrian facilities	Yes
Off-street paved trails	Yes
Natural surface trails	No
Water trail improvements	No

Step 2: Eligible Project Types

Project Types	Eligible
Transit access (e.g. stop access, etc.)	Yes
Transit expansion	Yes
Transit operations (e.g. service)	No
Capital maintenance (e.g. road repaving, bridge repair)	No
Local road maintenance	No

Step 2: Eligible Project Types

Project Types	Eligible
System management and operations	Yes [^]
Transportation demand management	Yes
Arterial expansion, improvements, and reconstruction	Yes*

[^] consult Metro staff to discuss further

* Limited to arterial freight facilities for intelligent transportation systems, small capital, and project development

Step 2: Eligible Project Phases/Activity

Phases	Eligible
Project development	Yes
Preliminary engineering	Yes
Right-of-Way, Utilities Relocation, & Construction	Yes
Capital maintenance	No

Step 2: Funding Requests

	Minimum Thresholds	Typical
Project development	\$700,000	Up to \$1M
Right-of-Way/Construction	\$4M	\$2-6M

Step 2: Applications Accepted Cap: 42 total

City of Portland	12
Washington County	11
Clackamas County	10
Multnomah County (exclusive of Portland)	9

Coordination

Encourage discussion at Coordinating Committees, TACs





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2028-2030 RFFA Step 2 – Project Tracker Call for Projects Module (Application Submission Tool)



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2028-2030 RFFA Step 2 Candidate Project Application Considerations & Application Questions

Step 2 Policy Directive: 2023 Regional Transportation Plan



2023 Regional Transportation Plan

A blueprint for the future of transportation in the greater Portland region

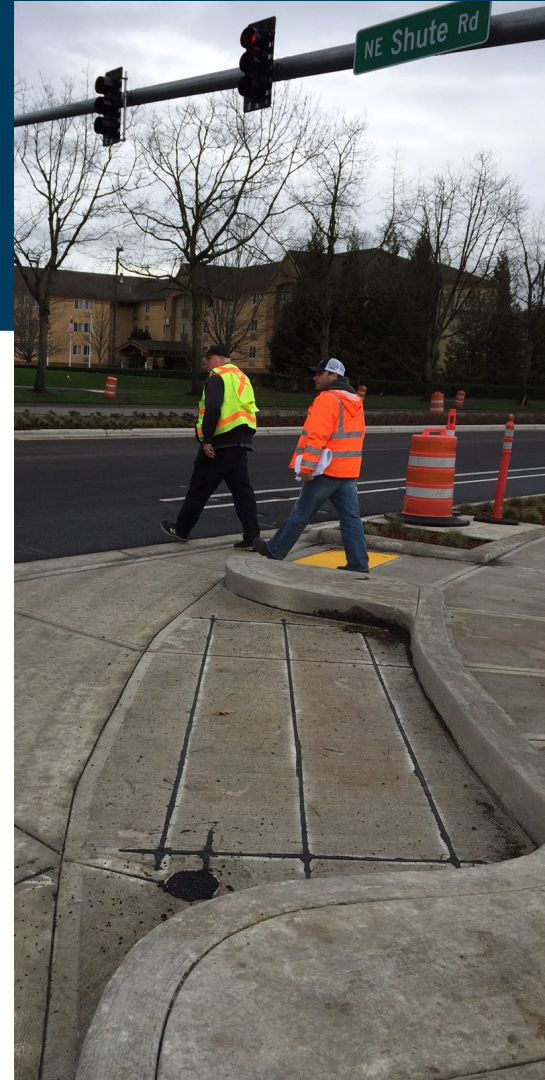
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Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Application Questions

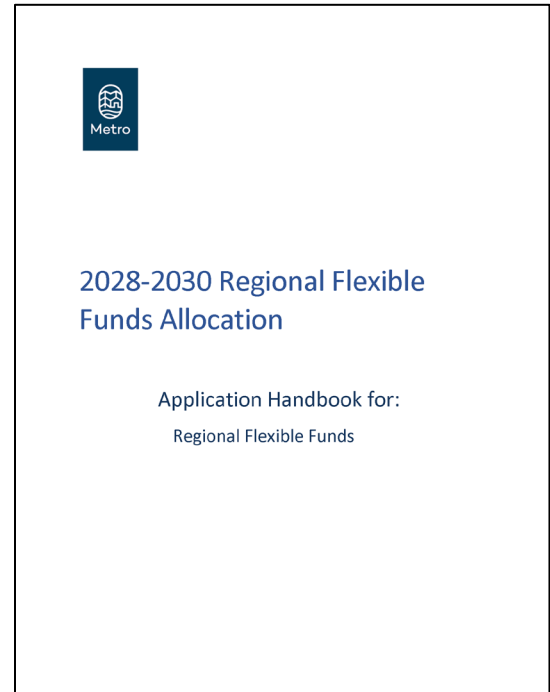
- Five (5) sections of questions
 - Programming, Map, ID/Contacts, Attachments, and Project Questions
- Project Questions section most intensive set of questions
 - Data resource links to support developing responses to questions
- Available on the Regional Flexible Fund page come Friday



Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Application Handbook

- Reference guide to each section of application questions
 - Instructions on responding
 - Clarifying any acronyms and other application tool navigation tips
 - Data resources



Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Application Handbook

- Supplemental attachments for information to fill out certain questions/fields
- Project description, ODOT scoping sheet
- Eligibility requirements
- All in one place; reminder

LOCAL AGENCY TECHNICAL SCOPE SHEET
Formerly known as Prospectus Part 1
Project Request (Part 1 of 2)

KEY NUMBER _____ JURISDICTION _____

SECTION _____ REGION _____ AREA _____ DISTRICT _____

HIGHWAY NUMBER _____ HIGHWAY NAME _____ FROM MP _____ TO MP _____

URBAN/RURAL _____ CITY _____ I/MPO _____ U/SB _____ COUNTY _____ ROAD/STREET NAME _____

ROUTE NUMBER _____ I/SB _____ J/SB _____ P _____ APPLICANT (IF OTHER THAN STATE) _____ U/S REP. _____ OR SEN. _____ OR REP. _____

COST ESTIMATES (x \$1,000)		PROJECT COMPONENTS		RIGHT OF WAY	
Preliminary Engineering		Grading		Files (number)	
Right of Way		Paving		Acres (number)	
Utility Reimbursement		Structures		Relocations (number)	
Roadway		Signaling		Acquisitions (number)	
Structures		Signals		Easements (number)	
Signals		Illumination			
Illumination		Detour			
Temp. Protect.					
Constr. Contingencies					
Constr. Engineering					
Detour					
Total CE and Construction					
Total Estimate					
Recommended let date by federal fiscal year (Quarter-Year):					
PE FUND	PE EA	RAW FUND	RAW EA		
UR FUND	UR EA	CE-ON FUND	CE-ON EA		

PROJECT CATEGORIES		WORK BY	
Env. Class (1,2,3,PCD)		Preliminary Engineering	
Design Category (1-17)		Construction Engineering	
Work Type Code (1-13)		ROW Descriptions	
Primary STIP WorkType		ROW Acquisitions	

CONSTRUCTED BY					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>	County Force	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Force
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Force	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Force	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

ITEM	EXISTING	PROPOSED	ITEM	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Travel Lanes (number)			Average Daily Traffic		
Structures (number)			Year of ADT		
Signals (number)			Throughway?		
Bikeway (number)					
Define the problem:					
Describe proposed solution (attach map sketch to this document):					

PREPARED BY _____ DATE _____ OTC APPROVAL DATE _____ PROGRAM YEAR _____ FUNDING AMOUNT _____

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Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Programming:

- Project basics
 - Project title
 - Project description
 - See Applicant handbook & supplemental guidance
- Additional project basics requested in Project Questions section

The screenshot shows the Metro ProjectTracker interface for a project titled "CFP3 RFFA Test". The page is in the "PROGRAMMING" tab, with other tabs like "OBLIGATION", "MAP", "IDS / CONTACTS", "ATTACHMENTS", "REVISION HISTORY", and "PROJECT QUESTIONS" visible. The project status is "DRAFT" and it is "ready to submit". The last edited date is 09/04/2024 by Grace Cho. The "Project Information" section includes:

- Project Title ***: RFFA Test
- Project Description ***: Construct new sidewalks from X to Y on both sides of the street. New pedestrian crossings at Z and A.
- Project Type ***: Active Transportation
- Lead Agency ***: Oregon City
- County**: Select County
- Municipality**: Select Municipality
- Regional Area**: Select Regional Area

The "Project Categories and Features" section includes:

- Project Category**: Select Project Category
- Project Features**: Select Project Features
- System Investment Type**: Select System Investment Type

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Programming:

- Total estimated project cost
- Requested Regional Flexible Funds
 - Provide total requested amount
 - Provide requested amount broken down by phase
 - Must include minimum match
 - Match tool calculator

Match Calculator Enter your data to calculate programming information match splits and add new rows. [Clear All](#)

Total Amount* \$500 Primary Fund* RFFA Primary Amount* \$448.65 Match%* 10.27 % Matching Fund* Local Match Match Amount* \$51.35

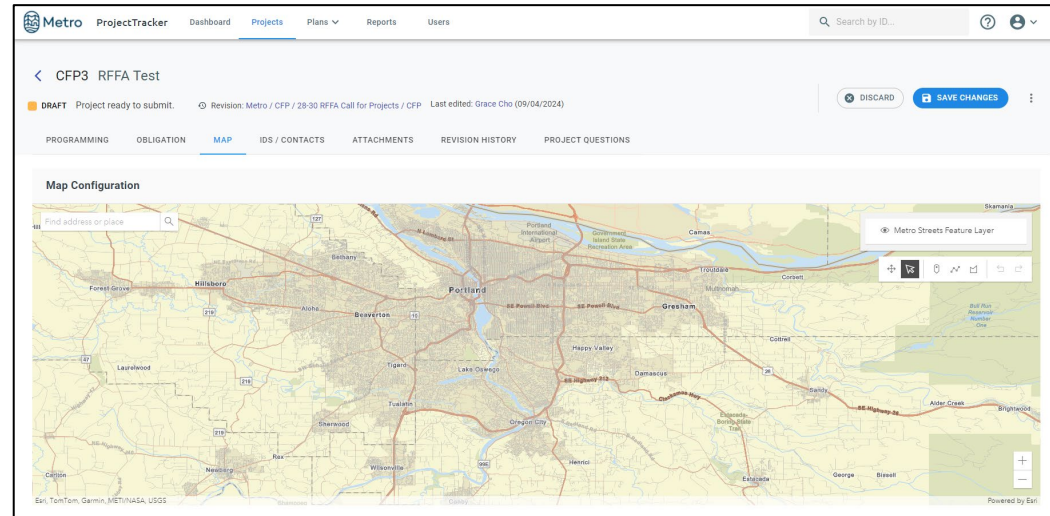
Fiscal Year* 2030 Phase* RW [ADD FUNDING](#)

FY*	FUND TYPE*	EA START DATE	AC/CP	PL	PE	RW	CN	UR	OT	TOTAL
2030	RFFA			\$0	\$0	\$449	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$449
2030	Local Match			\$0	\$0	\$51	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51
	FY 2030			\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
	Local Match			\$0	\$0	\$51	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51
	RFFA			\$0	\$0	\$449	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$449
GRAND TOTAL				en	en	en	en	en	en	en

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Map:

- No more GIS shapefiles
 - Draw, draw, draw, but on the grey lines as close as possible. No snapping, please.
 - Drawings play large influence on outcomes evaluation



Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Applicant and Project Information subsection

- Basic contact information
- Project emphasis in local, regional, and/or state plans, strategy or audit
 - Connecting the effects of the candidate project (if implemented)

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Funding Request Details subsection

- Understand applicant's commitment to deliver the project described in the application
 - Approach to addressing funding shortfalls
 - Leadership support
 - Funding strategy (local, other funds)

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Purpose subsection

- Two objectives:
 - Understand candidate project's purpose
 - Understand candidate project's ability to advance the region towards the five interconnected RTP goals
- Outcomes

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Current Conditions subsection

- Factual information on existing conditions
 - Quick response questions
 - Not all questions are required if not applicable or data unavailable

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Project Detail subsection

- Linking scope components to RTP goals & evaluation criteria
 - Not all questions are required if not applicable
 - Questions similar to other sections, but emphasis on scope element link in addressing an issue or advancing outcomes



Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Design subsection

- Consistency w/candidate project design with facility design classification
 - Understanding the design elements relative to the design realms according to design classifications
 - Understanding prioritized functions w/candidate project design
 - Not all questions may be applicable in design section; PD applications may only complete minimal # of questions

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Community Involvement subsection

- Gather understanding of:
 - Elected body/governing board and leadership support
 - Community involvement influence on project prioritization
 - Emphasis on marginalized community involvement to date
 - Community involvement activity to date and potential change in design/scope
 - Partner engagement and securing approvals/managing risk

Step 2: Application Questions & Content

Project Questions: Delivery subsection

- Risk assessment:
 - Emphasis on status of project activities undertaken to date
 - What project information is known or still to investigate
 - Partner coordination, approvals, etc.

Step 2: Last Thoughts & Questions to Consider

Is your project a good fit for Regional Flexible Funds Step 2?

- Advances RTP goals & meets criteria
 - Review evaluation criteria and measures (6/12 & 8/14 TPAC workshops)
- Meets minimum eligibility requirements
- Can navigate federal aid process successfully
- Is ready to obligate in FFYs 2028-2030

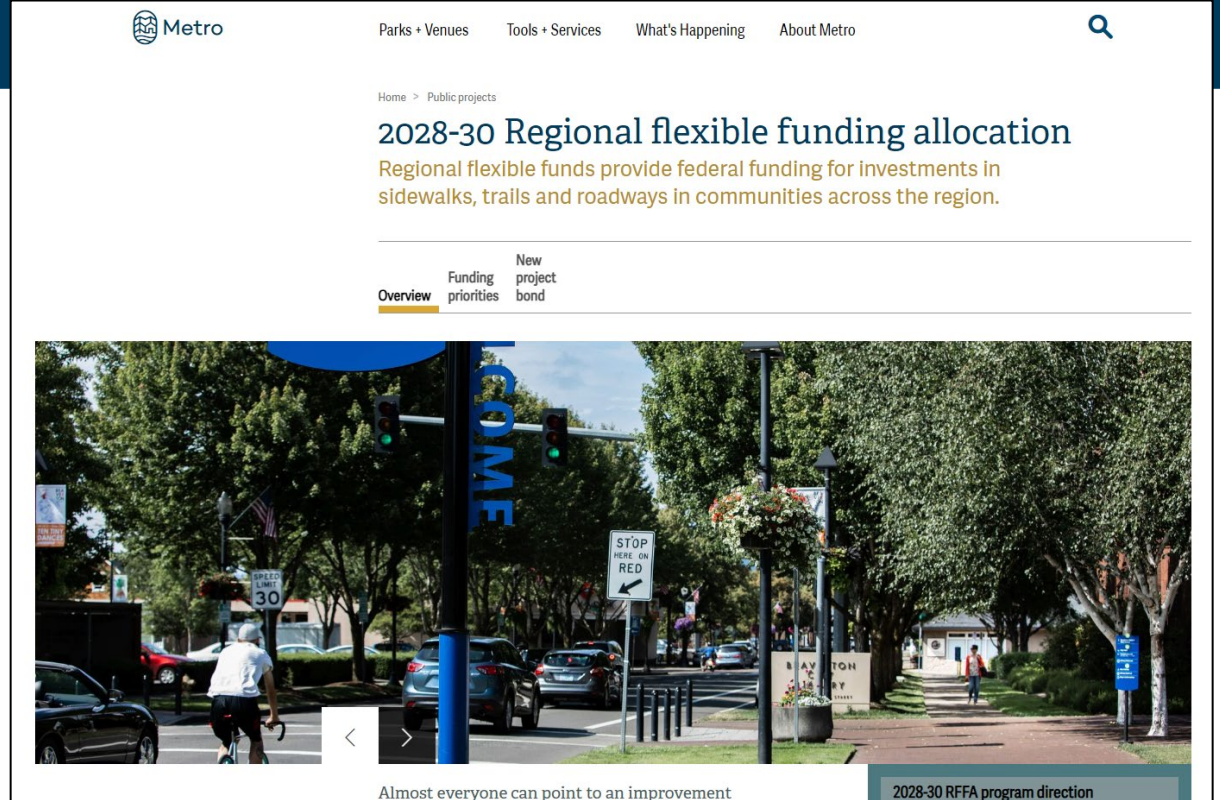


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2028-2030 RFFA Step 2 – Application Resources

Step 2: Application Resources

One stop
repository
of resources



The screenshot shows the Metro website's public projects page. At the top, the Metro logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Parks + Venues', 'Tools + Services', 'What's Happening', and 'About Metro' are on the right. A search icon is also present. Below the navigation, the breadcrumb 'Home > Public projects' is shown. The main heading is '2028-30 Regional flexible funding allocation', followed by a sub-heading: 'Regional flexible funds provide federal funding for investments in sidewalks, trails and roadways in communities across the region.' Below this, there are three tabs: 'Overview' (which is selected), 'Funding priorities', and 'New project bond'. The main content area features a large photograph of a city street with a blue 'COME' sign, a speed limit sign for 30, and a 'STOP HERE ON RED' sign. A person is riding a bicycle in the foreground. At the bottom of the page, there is a caption: 'Almost everyone can point to an improvement' and a link: '2028-30 RFFA program direction'.

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Parks + Venues Tools + Services What's Happening About Metro

Home > Public projects

2028-30 Regional flexible funding allocation

Regional flexible funds provide federal funding for investments in sidewalks, trails and roadways in communities across the region.

Overview Funding priorities New project bond



Almost everyone can point to an improvement

2028-30 RFFA program direction

Step 2: Application Resources

- Application handbook and attachments
 - Data resources in Table 6
 - Project description guidance, ODOT scoping sheet
 - Others forthcoming (e.g. sample application)
- 28-30 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2 Call for Project Module
 - Guide & Video
- TPAC workshops recordings (2/14⁴², 6/12, 8/14)

Step 2: Application Resources

Office Hours
w/Metro staff &
EcoInteractive
staff

Thursdays: 1 – 2pm

September 19 – November 14

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81780422769?pwd=IjttbG3uisjadxcyTT2nMSypwrmypB.1>

Questions? Comments

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