



Flexible Fleets Pilot Grant Program Call for Projects

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Call for Projects Development



January-May 2025

Draft Evaluation Criteria to Working Groups for Input



March 21, 2025

Draft Call for Projects to Transportation Committee for Input



May-July 2025

Revisions Made to Call for Projects to Incorporate Input Received



August 2025

Discussions with Caltrans/Federal Highway Administration on Eligible Funding Uses



September-December 2025

Revisions Made to Call for Projects to Incorporate Eligible Uses and Federal Government Changes

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Available Funding and Award Sizes

- Available Funding: **\$4.5 million**
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)
- Maximum Award:
 - New Pilot: \$1,000,000
 - Enhanced Pilot: \$500,000
- Matching funds
 - 11.47% of Total Project Cost



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Eligibility

Applicants	Pilot Types	Services	Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local, state, federal, and tribal governmental agencies • Transit districts • Military institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Pilot: A service that is not currently operating or has not operated in the past • Enhanced Pilot: Continuation and modification of a service that is currently operating or has operated in the past. Pilot must not have received prior USDOT funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carshare • Micromobility • Microtransit • Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) • Rideshare (excluding Vanpool) • Combination of 2 or more service modes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct operations of service • Contract services

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Revisions

- Eligible Pilots to include New Pilots and Enhanced Pilots
- Clarifications to Evaluation Criteria
- Removal of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements
- Grant term extended to December 31, 2029
- Added information about MTS for-hire vehicle permits
- Removed equipment purchases as eligible

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Evaluation Criteria

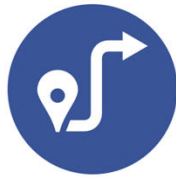
Criteria	Weight
Financial Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable Future Funding Sources • Strategy to Attain Future Funding 	20%
Feasibility & Performance	20%
Connectivity	20%
Accessibility	15%
Engagement	15%
Matching Funds	10%

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Performance Metrics Categories



Productivity



Connectivity



Community
Engagement &
Accessibility

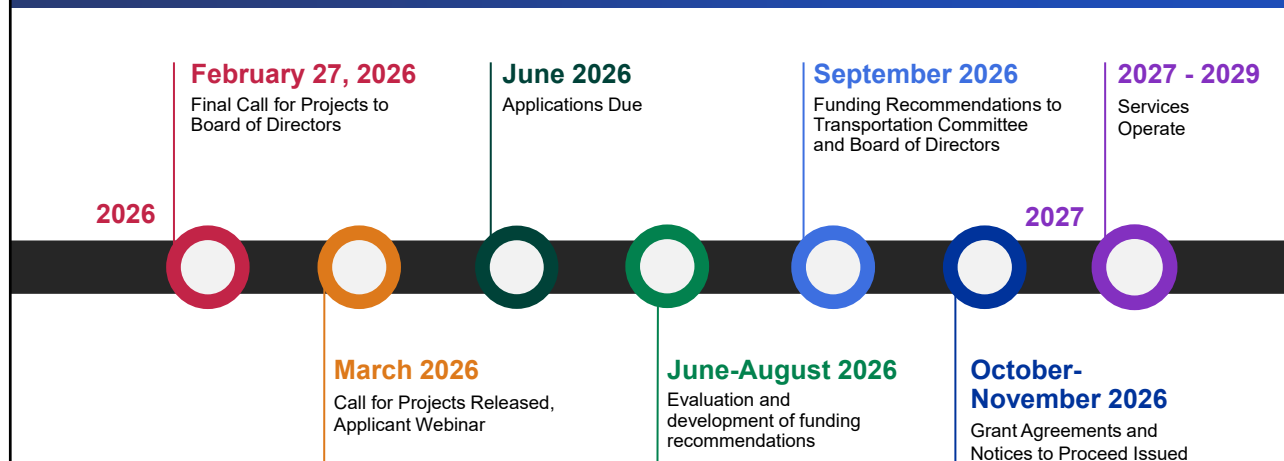


Cost
Effectiveness

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Anticipated Timeline




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