What Funds are Available?

Capital projects are divided into two separate applications: **Revenue Vehicle** (replacement or expansion) and **Other Capital** (facilities, equipment, engineering studies, design projects, vehicle overhauls and rehabs, and support vehicles). Funding for these projects comes from many sources, including FTA 5310, FTA 5311, FTA 5339, State FASTER and Senate Bill (SB) 228.

**FTA Section 5310** is a formula program that provides capital assistance to states and designated recipients for services designed to improve mobility and meet the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities.

**FTA Section 5311** is a formula grant program that provides capital assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000.

**FTA Section 5339** is a formula program that provides capital funds to designated recipients in large urbanized areas (UZAs) and to states for the purpose of financing capital bus and bus related projects that will support the continuation and expansion of public transportation services.

**State FASTER** funds provide capital and operating assistance for public transportation and open door specialized transportation in both rural and urbanized areas.

**SB228** funds provide rolling stock replacement funds, in both rural and urbanized areas, for the purpose of meeting a State of Good Repair standard.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

While each funding program has its own eligibility requirements, CDOT DTR staff do not expect applicants to know which of the many funding sources might be the most appropriate for them. Therefore, CDOT will use the following applicant eligibility guidelines to determine the appropriate funding source(s) for each applicant. However, applicants can state their preference for (or against) a certain source(s) for a particular project(s) in their application(s).

CDOT will largely determine the eligibility of each applicant project based on the Agency Information (profile) and staff knowledge of each applicant’s operation, along with the information provided in the application. Staff will consider funding projects from each of the programs for which an applicant and each project is eligible, subject to funding availability and scoring of the project. CDOT will consider three service area factors, based on whether an applicant serves a rural area, a small urbanized area, or a large urbanized area. If any applicant serves more than one of the three areas, it is important that their application point out where each proposed project will serve. CDOT will also consider three service population factors, based on whether an applicant provides public transportation, open door specialized transportation or closed door specialized transportation. If any applicant serves more than one of the three service populations, it is important that their application points out what population each proposed project will serve. Providing this vital information in the Project Description portion of the application will greatly assist CDOT.

Applicants must be prepared to take full responsibility for carrying out the proposed project. Project sponsorship cannot later be transferred or reassigned to another agency without prior written approval from CDOT. CDOT encourages agencies to collaborate and select the most appropriate applicant agency prior to submitting an application and not to assume that CDOT will approve any project sponsorship change.
What Types of Projects are Eligible?

**Revenue Vehicles.** The following projects are eligible under Revenue Vehicle (replacement or expansion) applications:

- ADA-accessible revenue service vehicles for replacement or expansion

  *ADA-accessible vans and cutaways must be purchased through CDOT’s Master Price Agreements (MPAs), if the vehicle size and fuel type is available on a given MPA. Please contact Ann Beauvais of RAE Consultants at 719-447-7623 or ann@raeconsultants.com to determine vehicle type eligibility and cost estimates for your application.*

- ADA-accessible vans and cutaways

**Other Capital.** The following projects are eligible under the Other Capital application:

- Design/engineering and environmental studies, including preliminary or final plans.
- Design or construction of transit stations, transfer facilities, bus storage and/or maintenance facilities.
- Design or construction of multimodal facilities, such as facilities that accommodate some combination of services of multi-regional or statewide significance, such as regional bus service, Amtrak and Greyhound/intercity bus service.
- Design or construction of park-and-ride facility construction, renovation or improvements.
- Technology improvements that enable enhanced transit services, including signal prioritization and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).
- Technology improvements that significantly improve the coordination of human services transportation by means of mobility management tools, such as a call center.
- Wayfinding signage between modes (e.g., signage for intermodal facilities, intercity bus stations, Amtrak, park-and-rides, etc.).
- HOV, HOT, queue jump, and bus pull-out lanes, Bus Rapid Transit projects, and bus lanes.
- Bike racks, lockers, bike parking, e-scooter docking, or other micro-mobility elements at multimodal stations.
- Enhanced modal connections, such as trails, sidewalks and bike lanes leading to major transit stations, provided they have a transit connection and enhance transit ridership.
- Vehicle rehabilitation or rebuild.
- Preventive maintenance or vehicle overhaul.
- Support vehicles, including trucks used in maintenance response and towing, but excluding automobiles used by staff.

Is a Local Match Required?

**All FTA, FASTER and SB228 capital projects require a 20% local match of the total project cost.**

Local match for rolling stock and planning projects must be in cash, unless otherwise specified. Donated land and design costs can be used as local match for facility projects, provided CDOT approves them.

State funds administered by CDOT can be used to match a federal vehicle award, providing up to 80% of the required 20% matching funds for the federal award, provided such funds are specifically approved by DTR. State funds can be used as local match for federal funds only in situations where worthy projects cannot proceed without the additional capital assistance, due to a specified financial hardship. Likewise, Toll Credits can be used as a local match waiver for federal funds only in situations where worthy projects cannot proceed without the additional capital assistance due to a specified financial hardship. Applicants will have an opportunity to explain and justify how essential and critical the project is to their transit revenue services and describe their financial hardship in applications. Per applicant’s justifiable request and CDOT’s discretion, local match waivers or relief may be approved for state funded projects for economically depressed agencies due to financial hardship.
What is the Typical Award Amount?

**Revenue service vehicles.**
Please contact Ann Beauvais of RAE Consultants at 719-447-7623 or ann@raeconsultants.com to discuss/determine vehicle cost estimates for your application, regardless if the vehicle request type is available through a CDOT MPA. Your award would be 80% of the total vehicle cost (some exceptions apply).

**Other capital projects.**
There is no typical award amount. Funding for projects such as facilities is largely determined by the amount of funding available, and the number of applications submitted. If awarded, a 20% local match will be required. See the local match section for additional details.

How are Applications Scored?

**Replacement Revenue Vehicles.**

**Metric 1: State of Good Repair**
- Meet FTA and CDOT minimum useful life
- Vehicles meeting alternative usefulness
- Vehicles that do not meet minimum useful life but are justifiable for other special considerations

**Metric 2: Demonstrate a successful State of Good Repair**
- Document formal preventative maintenance programs or transit asset management programs
- Have and follow a capital replacement plan

**Expansion Revenue Vehicles.**

**Metric 1: Demonstrated Need and Readiness**
- Show need using documented ridership, needs studies and community support
- Demonstrate an effective business case

**Metric 2: Special Considerations**
- Having a capital replacement/asset management/ZEV transition plan(s)
- Show strong institutional commitment
- Show strong financial commitment

**Other Capital applications.**

**Metric 1: Readiness and Demonstrated Timetable**
- NEPA clearance finalized
- At least 30% design completed
- Site location selected and purchased

**Metric 2: Project Purpose, Cost Savings, and Efficiency**
- Local and regional support
- Developed business case
- Supports or provides significant transit operational and utilization benefits

**Metric 3: Special Considerations**
- Developed in partnership with local community
- Show need for the facility and growth in the program it supports
- Demonstrate funding, financial capacity, and capability to sustain the service and project over time

How Do I Apply?

One **Revenue Service Vehicle** application and one **Other Capital** application will be released to each current DTR subrecipient through COTRAMS. If an applicant plans to submit requests for multiple replacement vehicles, the applicant may bundle those replacement vehicles into one single application; requests for replacement and expansion vehicles, though, must be submitted in two separate applications— one for replacements and one for expansions. **In order to submit multiple applications, you will need to request an additional application(s) from Emily Barden at emily.barden@state.co.us.**
When are the Applications Open?

Revenue Vehicle applications. Applications open on 7/5/2022 and close on 9/2/2022.

Other Capital applications. Applications open on 7/5/2022 and close on 9/30/2022.

What is the Schedule?

- Applications open: 7/5/2022
- Revenue Vehicle applications close: 9/2/2022
- Other Capital applications close: 9/30/2022
- Review, scoring and selection: October 2022
- Award discussion and approval: November 2022
- Budgeting and programming: December 2022
- Statement of Work creation: January 2023
- Shopping cart: February 2023
- Subaward agreements completed: March 2023
- Subaward agreements executed: April 2023

Who Should I Contact for Questions?

Capital application questions:
Kim Phi, kim.phi@state.co.us or Shilpa Kulkarni, shilpa.kulkarni@state.co.us
Transit Programming Specialists

Revenue Service Vehicle ordering/cost questions:
Ann Beauvais, ann@raeconsultants.com
CDOT Vehicle Price Agreement Contract Administrator

To request additional applications:
Emily Barden, emily.barden@state.co.us
Transit Programming Intern