TIFIA Credit Program Overview



Transportation
Infrastructure
Finance and
Innovation
Act (TIFIA)

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Background on TIFIA

Strategic goal – to leverage limited Federal resources and stimulate capital market investment in transportation infrastructure by providing credit assistance in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit (rather than grants) to projects of national or regional significance.

Key objectives

- Facilitate projects with significant public benefits
- Encourage new revenue streams and private participation
- Fill capital market gaps for secondary/subordinate capital
- Be a flexible, "patient" investor willing to take on investor concerns about investment horizon, liquidity, predictability and risk
- Limit Federal exposure by relying on market discipline



Background on TIFIA (continued)

Major requirements

- Minimum Anticipated Project Costs
 - \$10 million for Transit-Oriented Development, Local, and Rural Projects
 - \$15 million for Intelligent Transportation System Projects
 - \$50 million for all other eligible Surface Transportation Projects
- TIFIA Credit Assistance Limit Credit assistance limited to 33 percent of reasonably anticipated eligible project costs (unless the sponsor provides a compelling justification for up to 49 percent)
- Investment Grade Rating Senior debt and TIFIA loan must receive investment grade ratings from at least two nationally recognized credit rating agencies (only one rating required if less than \$75 million)
- Dedicated Repayment Source The project must have a dedicated revenue source pledged to secure both the TIFIA and senior debt financing
- Applicable Federal Requirements Including, but not limited to: Civil Rights, NEPA, Uniform Relocation, Buy America, Titles 23 and 49
- Rolling application process Applicants must submit detailed letters of interest when a project is able to provide sufficient information to satisfy statutory eligibility requirements, such as creditworthiness and readiness to proceed; after invitation from the TIFIA Joint Program Office, a formal application is required



Eligible Sponsors and Projects

ELIGIBLE SPONSORS

State Governments

State Infrastructure Banks

Private Firms

Special Authorities

Local Governments

Transportation
Improvement Districts

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Highways and Bridges
Intelligent Transportation Systems
Intermodal Connectors





Transit Vehicles and Facilities
Intercity Buses and Facilities
Freight Transfer Facilities

Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Networks

Transit-Oriented Development

Rural Infrastructure Projects



Passenger Rail Vehicles and Facilities

Surface Transportation Elements of Port Projects



Eligibility Requirements

1. Creditworthiness:

- a. Ability to satisfy applicable creditworthiness standards
- b. Rate covenant, if applicable
- c. Adequate coverage requirements to ensure repayment
- d. Ability to obtain investment grade ratings on senior debt
- 2. Foster partnerships that attract public and private investment for the project
- 3. Ability to proceed at an earlier date or reduced lifecycle costs (including debt service costs)
- 4. Reduces Contribution of Federal Grant Assistance for the Project
- 5. Construction contracting process can commence no more than 90 days from execution of a TIFIA credit instrument



Program Implementation: Selection & Funding of a TIFIA Project

Step 1:

Project Sponsor
Engages with Bureau
Outreach Staff to
Determine Project Needs
and Offer Technical
Assistance



Step 2:

Project Sponsor
Submits
Letter of Interest/
Draft Application
On A Rolling Basis



Step 3:

If Requested by DOT, Project Sponsor Provides Additional Information, Preliminary Rating Opinion Letter and the Advisors' Fees



Step 4:

Upon Invitation from DOT, Project Sponsor Makes Oral Presentation to DOT



Step 8:

DOT Council on Credit and Finance Offers Recommendation to the Secretary, Who Makes Final Determination



Step 7:

DOT Staff Prepare
Evaluation and Make
Recommendation to
DOT Council on
Credit and Finance



Step 6:

DOT Notifies Project Sponsor Regarding Completeness of Application No More Than 30 Days After Receiving Application



Step 5:

Upon Invitation from DOT, Project Sponsor Submits Complete Application



Step 9:

DOT Notifies Project Sponsor Regarding Project Approval No More Than 60 Days After Delivery of Notice Regarding Application Completeness



Step 10:

DOT Issues Term Sheet, Executes Credit Agreement, and Obligates Funds

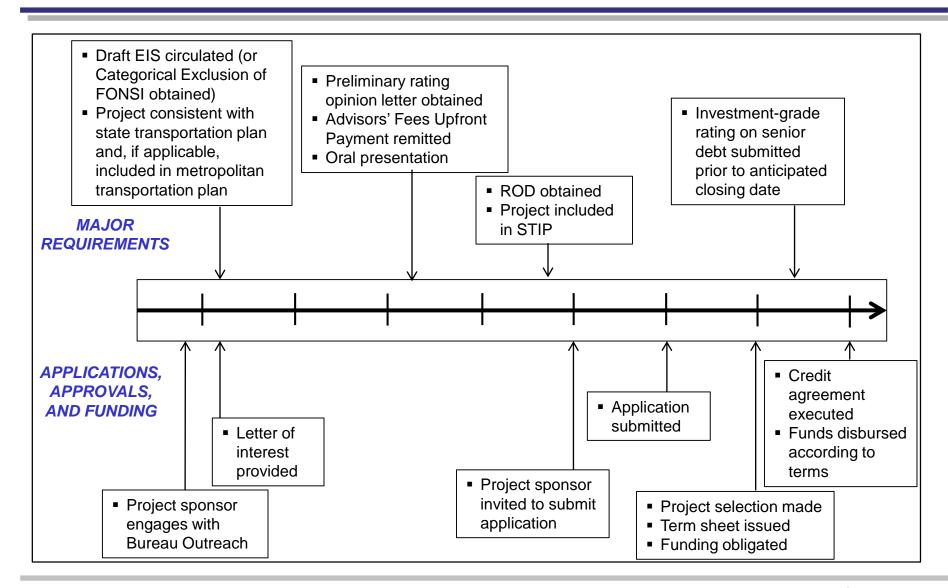


Step 11:

DOT Disburses Funds Upon Satisfaction of Conditions Set Forth in the Credit Agreement



TIFIA Documentation Requirements



- Project sponsors must reimburse DOT for the costs of the outside advisors who advise TIFIA on the transaction.
 - This transaction fee generally ranges between \$400,000 and \$700,000.
 - Fee may vary significantly depending on the complexity of the project.
- ➤ Borrowers must pay an annual Loan Servicing Fee, due by November 15, of approximately \$13,000.
- ➤ DOT may also charge a Monitoring Fee as defined in the credit agreement (to date this fee has not been charged).



TIFIA Approved Projects

(TIFIA Instruments in Millions)

