



TIGER 2013 Application Preparation Guidance Seminar

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- \$474 million multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program
- \$120 million for rural areas
- Modal and geographic equity requirements
- No Pre-Application Required
- Shortest Obligation Timeframe



2013 Application Review

- Must have submitted Applications on or before June 3, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT via www.grants.gov.
- Common application deficiencies:
 - Funding amount requested
 - Applicant eligibility
 - Project eligibility
 - Urban / rural designation and project location clarity



Demand for TIGER

- Over four rounds, only about 5 percent of applications have been awarded
- 4,050 applications received
- \$105.2 billion requested
- 218 Awards
- Most awards have been partial funding
- We anticipate over 800 Applications requesting ~\$13 billion



TIGER Evaluation Process

- Does the project align well with the long term priorities of USDOT? (state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability, safety)
- Does the application clearly demonstrate project readiness and near-term economic activity / job creation?
- Does the application demonstrate jurisdictional and/or disciplinary partnership?
- Does the application leverage significant non-federal resources?
- Is the project innovative in terms of design, technology, project delivery, or financing?



Highly Competitive Projects

- Multimodal projects, coordinated investment from other sources and programs
- Demonstrate project benefits across selection criteria
- New partnerships, multi-jurisdictional cooperation
- Public-private partnerships
- Support key national priorities
- Non-traditional or hard to fund projects



Application Pitfalls

- Ineligibility: applicants and projects
- Priorities/outcomes not aligned with selection criteria
- Project readiness
- Insufficient matching funds, lack of demonstration
- Non-construction requests: O/M assistance, ROW
- Grouping unrelated projects



Technical Assistance

- USDOT offers technical assistance to help applicants through the TIGER process
- Previous TIGER application debriefs
- Benefit cost analysis resource guide
- Special Topics Webinars
- Questions sent to TIGERGrants@dot.gov



Additional Application Help

- 2013 TIGER **Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance Webinar** on Monday, 5/6
- TIGER Website: www.dot.gov/tiger/
- Special Topics Webinars and Frequently Asked Questions:
 - <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources.html>





Question and Answer Session



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