



TIGER 2015

Application Preparation Webinar

Presented by the Office of the Assistant
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+ Welcome to the 2015 TIGER Webinar

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■ Presenter

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TIGER

- \$500 million multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program
- Strong focus on transformative projects and creating ladders of opportunity
- Modal and geographic equity requirements
- Pre-Application Required





How is **TIGER** different?

- Transformative Projects
- Leverages Resources
- Encourages Partnership
- Non-traditional grantees
- Merit-based awards
- Competitive Discretionary Grants





TIGER Basics

■ Eligible Applicants

- State, local, and tribal governments, transit agencies, MPOs, and other public entities

■ Cost Share or Match

- TIGER funds may cover up to 80 percent of projects costs in urban areas and 100 percent of project costs in rural areas

■ Eligible Projects

■ Rural/Urban Designation





2015 TIGER Applications

- Pre-Application – Instructions and information are available at www.dot.gov/TIGER
- Final Application – www.Grants.gov





2015 TIGER Deadlines

- Pre-Applications - Must be submitted before 11:59 PM E.D.T on **May 4, 2015.**
- Final applications – Must be submitted before 11:59 PM E.D.T. on **June 5, 2015.**



+ Demand for TIGER

- Over six rounds, six percent of applications have been awarded
- 6,100 applications received
- \$124 billion requested
- 342 Awards
- Most awards have been partial funding
- We anticipate 800 applications





What projects compete well?

- Demonstrated strength in selection criteria
- Projects which are difficult to fund elsewhere
- Strong partnership
- Strong match
- Project has timeline for success
- Presents a clear story and project impact



+ Ladders of Opportunity

Examples

- Create or improve connections between people and centers of employment, education, and services
- Promote workforce development
- Contribute to community revitalization

Particularly for disadvantaged groups: low-income groups, persons with visible and hidden disabilities, elderly individuals, and minority persons and populations.



+ **TIGER Evaluation Process**

- Does the project align well with the long term priorities of USDOT?
- Does the application demonstrate jurisdictional and/or disciplinary partnership?
- Is the project innovative in terms of design, technology, project delivery, or financing?
- Does the application leverage significant non-federal resources?
- Do the projects benefits exceed the costs?
- Will DOT be able to obligate funds by September 30, 2017?



+ Highly Competitive Projects

- Multimodal projects, coordinated investment from other sources and programs
- Demonstrate transformative project benefits across selection criteria
- Demonstrate ladders of opportunity for disadvantaged groups
- New partnerships, multi-jurisdictional cooperation
- Public-private partnerships
- Non-traditional or hard to fund projects



+ Project Readiness and BCA

- Project Readiness
 - Technical Feasibility
 - Financial Feasibility
 - Project Schedule
 - Required Approvals
 - Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies

- BCA
 - Identify, quantify, and compare expected benefits and costs.



+ Application Pitfalls

- Ineligibility: applicants and projects
- Priorities/outcomes not aligned w/ selection criteria
- Insufficient evidence of project readiness
- Insufficient matching funds
- Non-construction requests: O/M assistance
- Grouping unrelated projects
- Uncertain urban/rural designation



+ 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

- **2015 How to Compete for TIGER Discretionary Grants: April 28**
- **2015 Preparing a Benefit-Cost Analysis for a TIGER Grant: April 23**
 - <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/guidance>
- TIGER Website: www.dot.gov/tiger/
- Special Topics Webinars and Frequently Asked Questions:
 - <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/resources>
 - <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/faq>



+ 2015 TIGER Summit

- A seminar for current and prospective TIGER grantees
- **Thursday, April 16, 2015 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
- **USDOT Headquarters** 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590 (Navy Yard Metro Station)
- To register for the virtual summit, please visit: <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/sign-tiger-virtual-summit>.





Question and Answer Session

