



# **TIGER 2015**

## Application Preparation Webinar

Presented by the Office of the Assistant  
Secretary for Transportation Policy  
United States Department of Transportation

# + Welcome to the 2015 TIGER Webinar

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- Via Computer – No Action Needed
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## ■ Presenter

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- \$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](http://www.dot.gov/TIGER)
- Final Application – [www.Grants.gov](http://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

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- 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](mailto:TIGERGrants@dot.gov)





# Additional Application Help

- **2015 Preparing a Benefit-Cost Analysis for a TIGER Grant: April 23**

- <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/guidance>

- TIGER Website: [www.dot.gov/tiger/](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/)

- **Special Topics Webinars and Frequently Asked Questions:**

- <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/resources>

- <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/faq>

- <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/outreach>





# + 2015 TIGER Summit

- A seminar for current and prospective TIGER grantees
- **Thursday, April 16, 2015**
- For more information, please visit: <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/summit>.





# TIGER

## Question and Answer Session

