



2019 CITT Municipal Workshop

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Grant Opportunities for Municipal Transit *(Based on a personal perspective)*

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Workshop **Goals**

Knowledge

Extend your knowledge of the grant-securing process



Opportunities

Identify available grant opportunities for municipal transit systems

Commitment

Commit to secure grants in order to leverage current PTP funding



Developing a **successful grant takes work** **Focus**

- Better to pursue a **single grant opportunity award** than utilize a shotgun approach.
- Writing multiple grants applications in hope that one will stick, may be time consuming and non-productive.



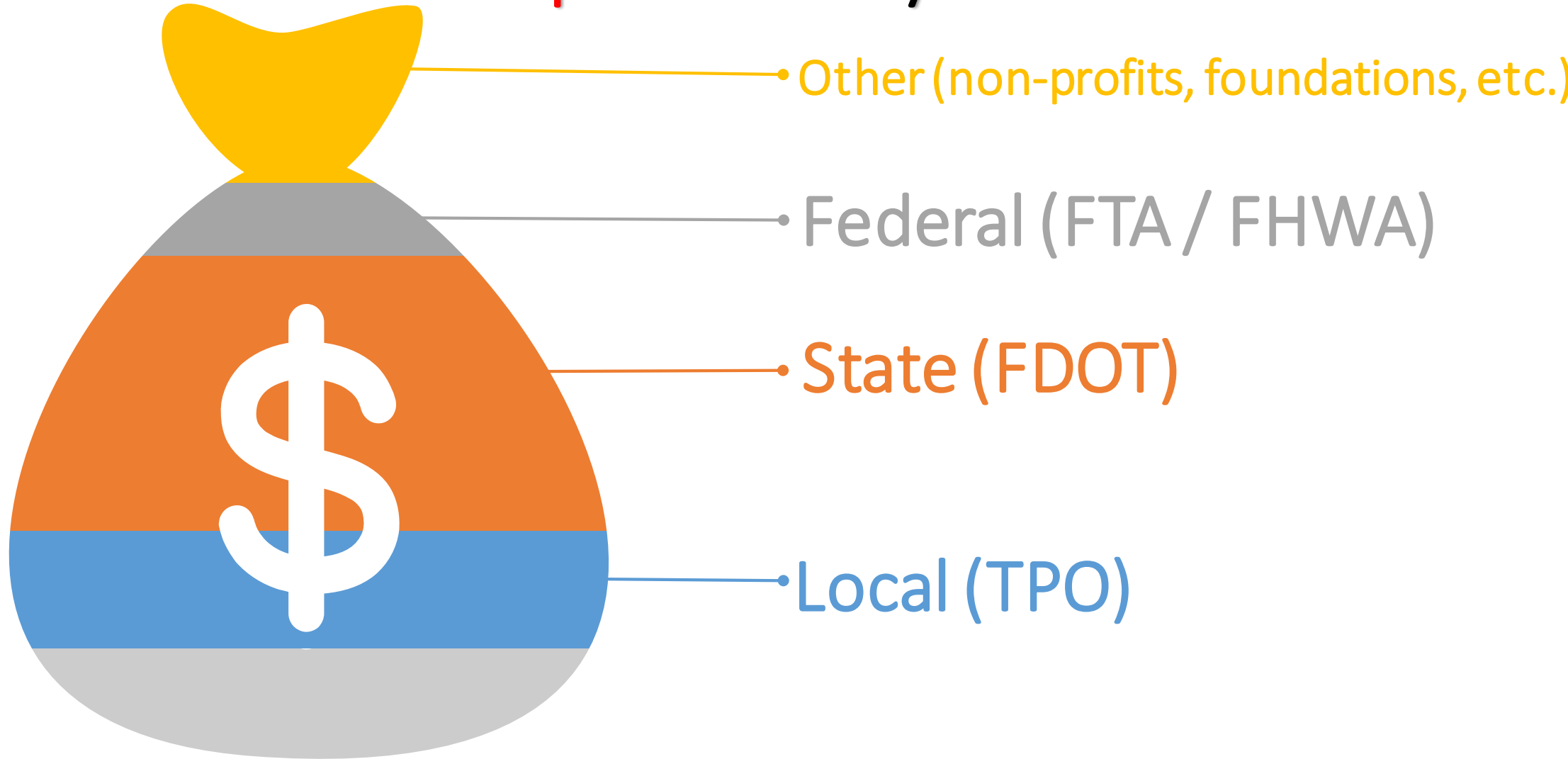
Recommended:
FOCUS on
1 Grant



Not Recommended:
FOCUS on
Multiple Grants



Public Sources of funding are available to Municipal Transit Systems





Public Sources of funding are available Federal

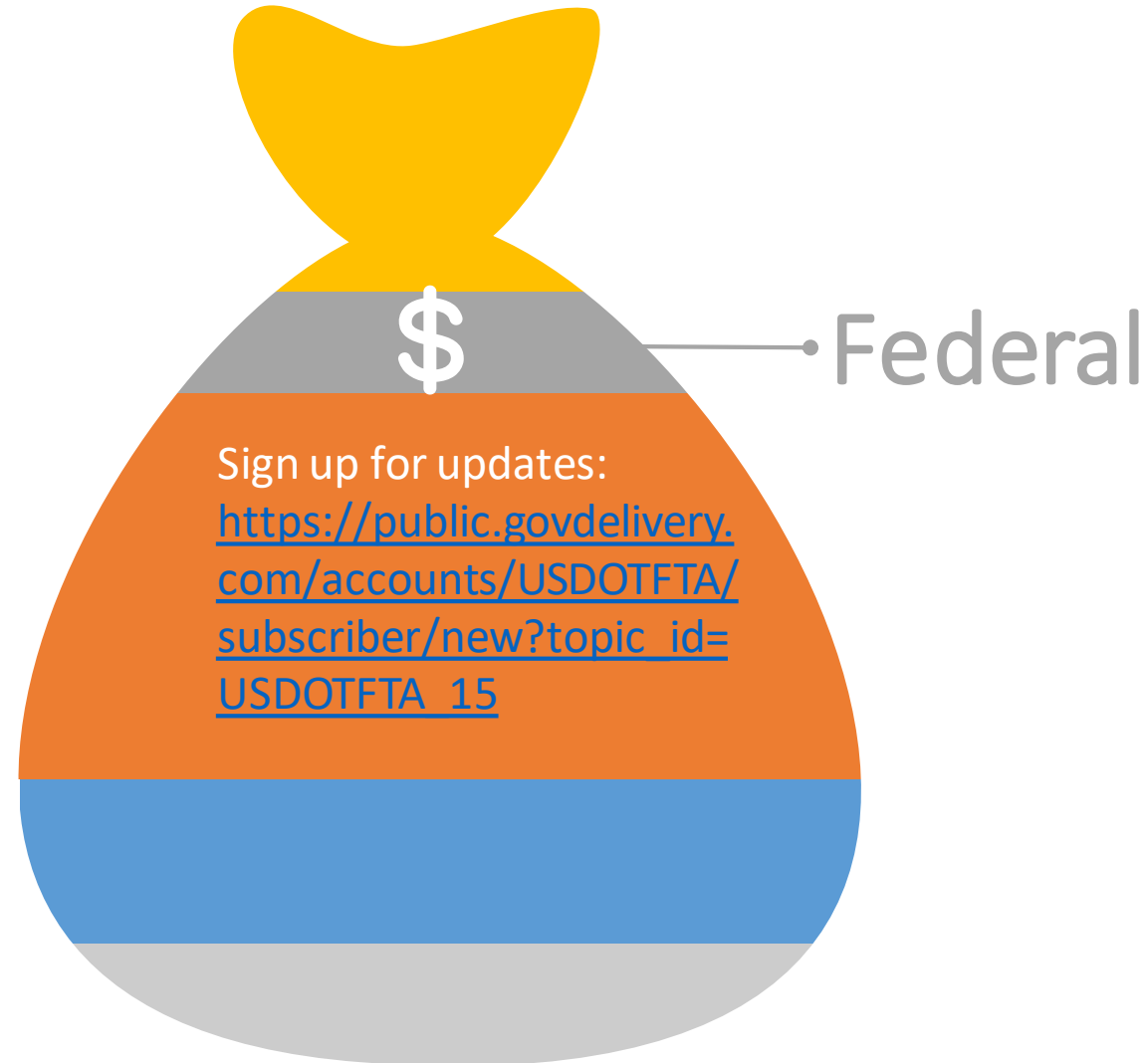
For listing of all FTA's grant opportunities:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/grants>

Types of Federal Grants:

Non-Competitive (Formula Grants, Entitlements/Block Grants generally awarded through states, counties or cities)

Competitive (FTA awards grants to applicants in response to its request for proposals or notice of funding availability/opportunity-NOFA/NOFO)





Public Sources of funding are available

Competitive Federal Grants

- BUILD Transportation Grant (f.k.a. TIGER Grant) **Due 7/15/19**
<https://www.transportation.gov/buildgrants/build-nofo>
- Capital Investment Grants (CIG) **Due Fall 2019**
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/CIG>
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities - Section 5310
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-individuals-disabilities-section-5310>
- Buses and Bus Facilities Program FY 2019 Notice of Funding **Due 6/21/19**
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/buses-and-bus-facilities-program-fy-2019-notice-funding>
- Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration Program **Due 8/6/19**
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/integrated-mobility-innovation-demonstration-program-notice-funding>
- Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox Program
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/mobility-demand-mod-sandbox-program>
- Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning – Section 20005(b)
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>
- For additional grant opportunities follow link <https://www.transit.dot.gov/grants>



Public Sources of funding are available

Competitive State Grants

For listing of State grant opportunities:

<https://www.fdot.gov/transit/currentpages/navigation/grantsadministration.shtm>

https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/content/transit/pages/transitresourceguide.pdf?sfvrsn=541d8ab9_0

Types of State Grants:

District 6 Locally Administered State Funded Grant Programs

Xiomara Nunez – (305) 470-5404 Xiomara.Nunez@dot.state.fl.us

District 6 Discretionary Grant Programs

Nilia Cartaya – (305) 470-5351 Nilia.Cartaya@dot.state.fl.us

Raymond Freeman – (305) 470-5255 Raymond.Freeman@dot.state.fl.us



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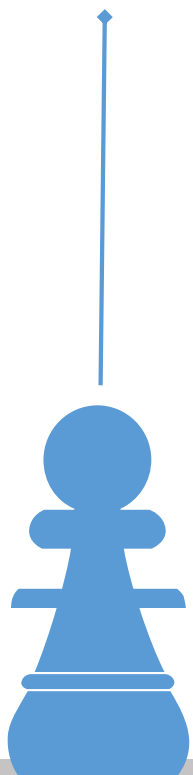
Competitive State Grants

- County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)
<https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/lp/cigp/default.shtm>
- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
<https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/LP/TRIP/Default.shtm>
- Public Transit Service Development Program for Fiscal Year 2021 **Due 5/24/19**
- Transit Corridor Program for Fiscal Year 2025 **Due 5/24/19**
- Park-and-Ride Lot Program for Fiscal Year 2020 **Due 5/24/19**
- Intermodal Development Program
- New Starts Transit Program
- Beautification Grants for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 **Due 10/1/19**
<https://www.fdot.gov/designsupport/highwaybeautification/grants.shtm> Contact Beautification Grant Coordinator Kevin.Schot@dot.state.fl.us 305-470-5400
- For additional grant opportunities follow link
https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/content/transit/pages/transitresourceguide.pdf?sfvrsn=541d8ab9_0



Get to **know** the grant **game**

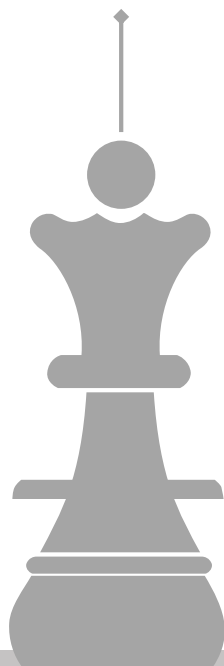
Eligibility Requirements



Award Amount



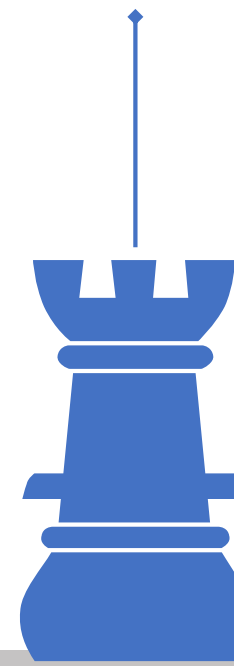
Matching Funds



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Deadline

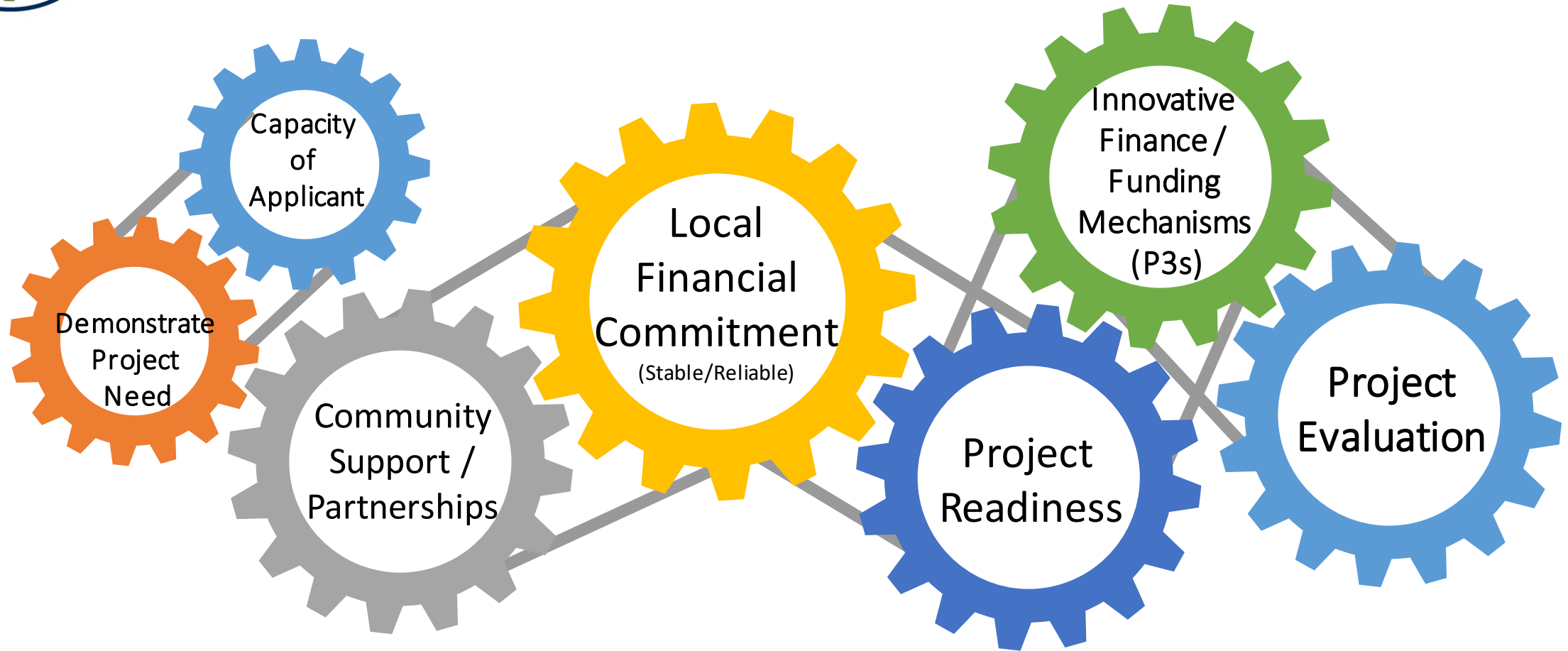


Submission Requirements
(FTA - Grants.gov & FDOT – TransCIP 2.0)



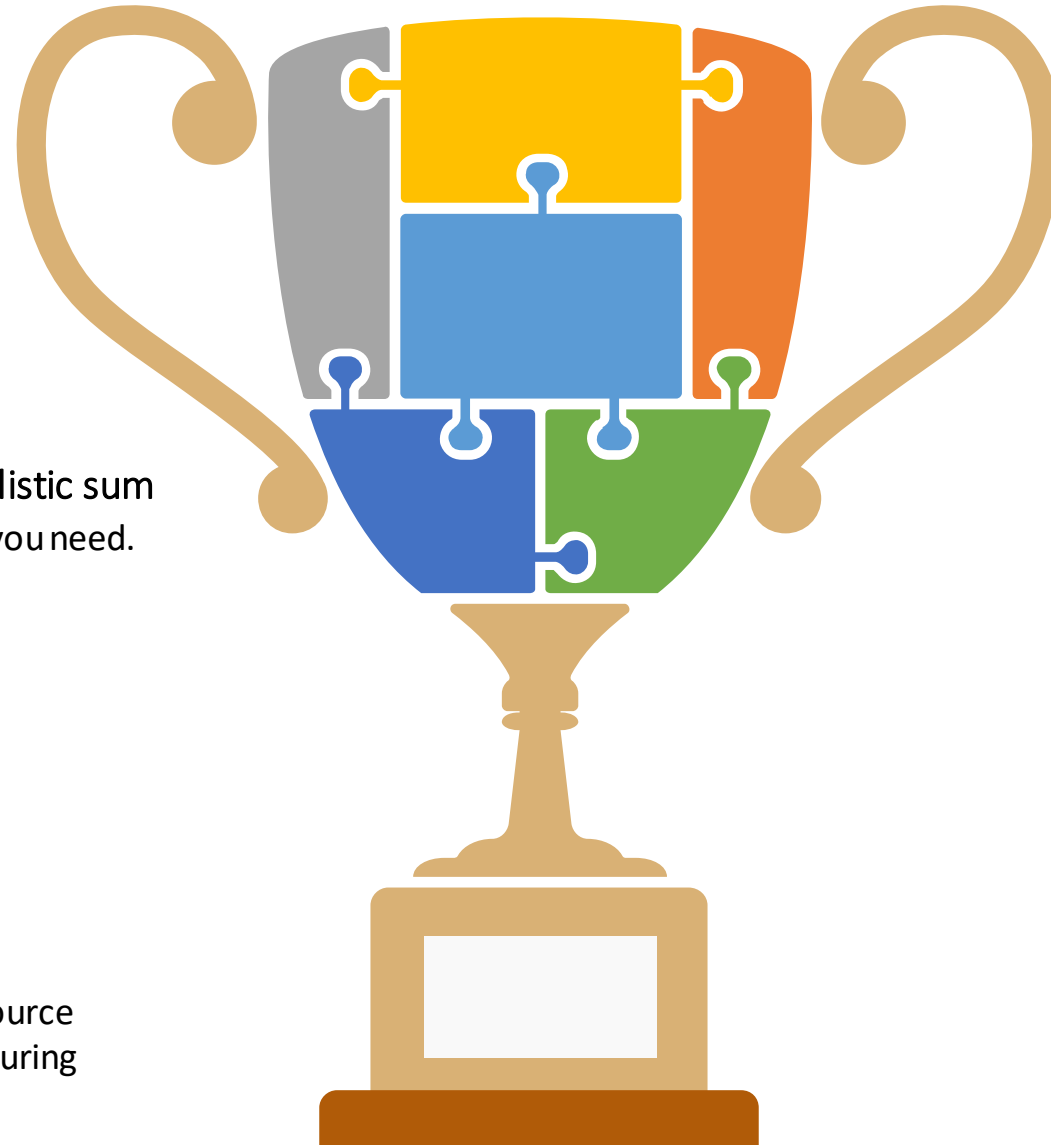


Factors considered for grant awards





Monica's LESSONS LEARNED



Request, describe, and justify a realistic sum
Ask for the specific amount of money you need.
Don't inflate.



Increase Local Match
Maximize your local contribution



Ask for help
Build a relationship with the funding source
Ask for technical assistance if needed during the application process



Know Grading Criteria



Write
Proof read and peer review



Steps to Success



Project Bank

List of unfunded projects that are ready to go and are included in municipal masterplan



Do your Homework

- Track grant opportunities
- Find a good fit project



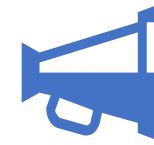
Staff Availability

In-house or Consultant staff needs to be readily available and able to perform technical analysis and write grant



Sell It

- Prepare one-pager and/or presentation
- Secure letters of support from stakeholders
- Engage lobbyist



Achieve

If Awarded, **CELEBRATE** and then get to **WORK**

- If unsuccessful, don't take it personally. You gave it your best shot.
- Contact agency and request a debriefing.
- **Try, try again.**



Thank You

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