

2026 TIP Project Solicitation

A Guide to Preparing for the Application & How to Get Started

Before You Apply

1. There are two separate applications. Please be mindful of which one you are filling out and submitting. **Please visit Application Guidance section at the end of this document for more details.**
2. **IMPORTANT:** Any project application that has a nexus to the state route system **must email GDOT at ARCTIPSolicitation@dot.ga.gov to request a Letter of Concurrence.**
 - To assist with this process, ARC has developed a form that sponsors can submit to GDOT – [GDOT Request Form](#)
 - Requests to GDOT for such concurrence letters must be accompanied by a project map, a purpose & need statement and a proposed programming table which illustrates the proposed schedule and costs associated with the project. All details may be filled out in the GDOT Request Form.
 - Send completed forms to ARCTIPSolicitation@dot.ga.gov along with all necessary attachments.
 - Applications where a project is on the state route system will not be accepted without this GDOT letter. It is strongly recommended that this process start as soon as possible so that it is ready with your application submittal.
3. In an effort to assist each local government’s Planning/Transportation Department and/or CID, a [Local Government Checklist](#) was developed to highlight the approval process(es), potential actions concerning pending grants, and helpful insights regarding flexing projects with a transit nexus. The Local Government Checklist should be used as a tool to ensure the submitter has completed required actions, obtained supporting documentation, and to assist anyone unfamiliar with the procedures accomplished prior to application submittal and executing an agreement with the ARC.
4. Only LAP-certified local governments may apply for TIP funding.
 - CID applicants wishing to submit an Infrastructure application must work with their LAP-certified local government to request that they apply on the CID’s behalf.
5. CIDs are eligible to submit Study applications and are not required to partner with an LAP-certified local government.
6. All local governments that submit an application must ensure that their LAP certification is up to date or pending approval. For more information on local government compliance verification, please visit:
 - [GDOT LAP Certification Information](#)
 - [Georgia "Qualified Local Government" \(QLG\) Status Information](#)
7. Review the [ARC TIP Project Evaluation Framework](#), or “TIP Cookbook” (Updated Winter 2024)
8. Review the blank [Infrastructure and Capital Investments](#), [Infrastructure and Capital Investments Application for Capacity Projects](#), or [Studies and Non-Capital Investments](#) application provided for review only (only online submissions accepted) and start collecting the required data and letters of support.

Getting Started

- **Step 1:** Review the steps in the “Before You Apply” section.
- **Step 2:** If you have not been contacted by a member of the ARC TIP Solicitation Team with your login credentials, please email us at: tipsolicitation@atlantaregional.org. **Only one applicant per sponsor, please.**
 - All applicants and their consultants must receive login credentials prior to accessing the online application. Please note, federal procurement regulations prohibit any consultant firm that completes an application on behalf of a local government sponsor from bidding on the project should it be awarded. We highly encourage local governments to complete their own applications if they plan to apply for federal preliminary engineering (PE) funds.
- **Step 3:** Generate maps.
 - Project GIS Data can be shared with ARC using:
 - ARC mapping page - If using the ARC mapping page, please click the link below for project submissions:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8fa508eeda57463db494f841be855c30/>
 - Direct upload – upload a geodatabase file (.zip format) directly into the application
 - Existing TIP project – GIS data has been previously provided and has not changed.
- **Step 4:** Log in to the online application system (Formsite) to complete and submit. **Please note applications can be edited after submission and before the deadline. Simply log in to Formsite and edit the application.**

Application Guidance

Infrastructure Application - Who should fill out this application?

Please **DO NOT** complete this application if your organization is seeking \$4 million or less in additional federal funding for a project activity (phase) which is already in the TIP and currently funded through one of the federal programs which ARC administers. In these cases, submit a request through [PLANIT](#), the ARC MTP/TIP project database. All PLANIT submittals must originate from the sponsor on record. If you do not have a PLANIT login, please email tipsolicitation@atlantaregional.org. Depending on the specific circumstances of the request, proposals will be classified as either "**New Federal Funding Requests**" or "**Supplemental Federal Funding Requests**," both of which are explained below:

New Federal Funding Requests

The following proposal scenarios typify new federal funding requests:

1. The proposal seeks to add a completely new project to the TIP, utilizing federal funds on one or more of the project's phases. A new TIP project is defined as one that is not listed in the current TIP/MTP documentation.
2. The proposal seeks to advance one or more long range project phases of an existing MTP project into the TIP
3. The proposal seeks federal funds for the first time to allocate to one or more phases of a project already programmed in the current TIP (e.g., a 100% local or state funded phase in the current TIP).
4. The proposal seeks to add federal funds for the first time to implement a project that was previously awarded with a federally funded scoping (SCP) phase.
5. The proposal seeks federal funds to add the remaining phase(s) of a project that was initially only programmed with federal PE funds, during a prior solicitation.
6. have a draft or approved concept report and seeking PE or ROW funds for the project
7. seeking additional federal funds for an existing federal funded phase but request is more than \$4 million

All applications classified as "New Federal Funding Requests" will be required to complete a project deliverability assessment section unless the sponsor can provide an approved GDOT concept report.

Supplemental Federal Funding Requests:

1. The funding request seeks to add federal funds to a TIP project supplement a previously authorized project activity. An example would include adding a right-of-way (ROW) phase in FY 2026 to help complete ROW activities which could not be completed by a previously authorized ROW phase in FY 2025.
2. The funding request seeks to add federal funds to an existing, ARC funded TIP project phase within the same fiscal year. An example would include adding federal funds a FY 2026 CST phase to address a recently discovered funding shortfall.

Studies/Non-Capital Application

There is a separate application for proposals which are unrelated to infrastructure. Please fill out the "Studies and Non-Capital" application if your proposal falls under one of the following scenarios:

1. The applicant is seeking federal funds for a new study
2. The applicant is seeking additional federal funds for a study previously funded in the TIP
3. The applicant is seeking federal funds for activities which do not result in the construction of actual transportation infrastructure. Examples include certain Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) proposals.

In order to complete an application for federal funds under these circumstances, please use the [Studies and Non-Capital application](#).

What else do I need to know?

- **Please note that there is no separate application for LCI projects.** LCI sponsors should complete this application for transportation project funding. LCI performance, in addition to policy filters and technical performance, will be assessed for each project that is at least 50% located within an LCI boundary. Contact Amy Goodwin at agoodwin@atlantaregional.org, if you have questions regarding LCI projects or evaluation process.
- As you work through this application, roll the mouse or tap on the 'question mark' tooltip icons for helpful hints that pertain to the question you are answering.
- Additional resources and documentation for this solicitation may be found at <http://www.atlantaregional.org/tipsolicitation>.

Have additional questions?

Please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) or email us at:
tipsolicitation@atlantaregional.org