

Transit Support Grant

Update to Transit Demand Management Executive Committee

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About the Transit Support Grant Program

- Provides state formula grant funding to support operating and capital expenses of transit agencies in Washington state.
- Funded entirely by Washington's Climate Commitment Act (i.e., 100 percent).
- All transit agencies in Washington eligible (except Sound Transit).

Program funding

- **2021-2023 supplemental (initial funding):** \$33.6 million
- **2023-2025 biennium:** \$188.9 million

Program eligibility

- **Zero-fare-for-youth policy:** Adopt and implement a zero-fare policy for all modes provided by the agency, including paratransit, for people 18 and under.
- **Local sales tax for transit:** Maintain or increase local sales tax authority on or after Jan. 1, 2022, and may not delay or suspend the collection of voter-approved sales taxes approved on or before Jan. 1, 2022.
- **Low-barrier accessibility:** To the extent practicable, align implementation of youth zero-fare policies with equity and environmental justice principles consistent with recommendations from the environmental justice council, and ensure low-barrier accessibility of the program to all youth.

Eligible projects

- **Providing transit service**
 - Example: Provide specialized transportation service for veterans in Pacific Transit's service area to veterans' health facilities (Pacific Transit).
- **Vehicle/equipment purchases to support transit service.**
 - Example: Purchase one zero-emission bus and diagnostics and tools for the bus (Lewis County Transit).
- **Construction to support transit service**
 - Example: Working with community partners to turn an underperforming park and ride into a mixed-use affordable housing development (Whatcom Transit Authority).
- **Other transit-related projects (i.e., training, mobility management)**
 - Example: Planning for rapid transit in Bellingham and continued transition to a zero-emission fleet (Whatcom Transit Authority).

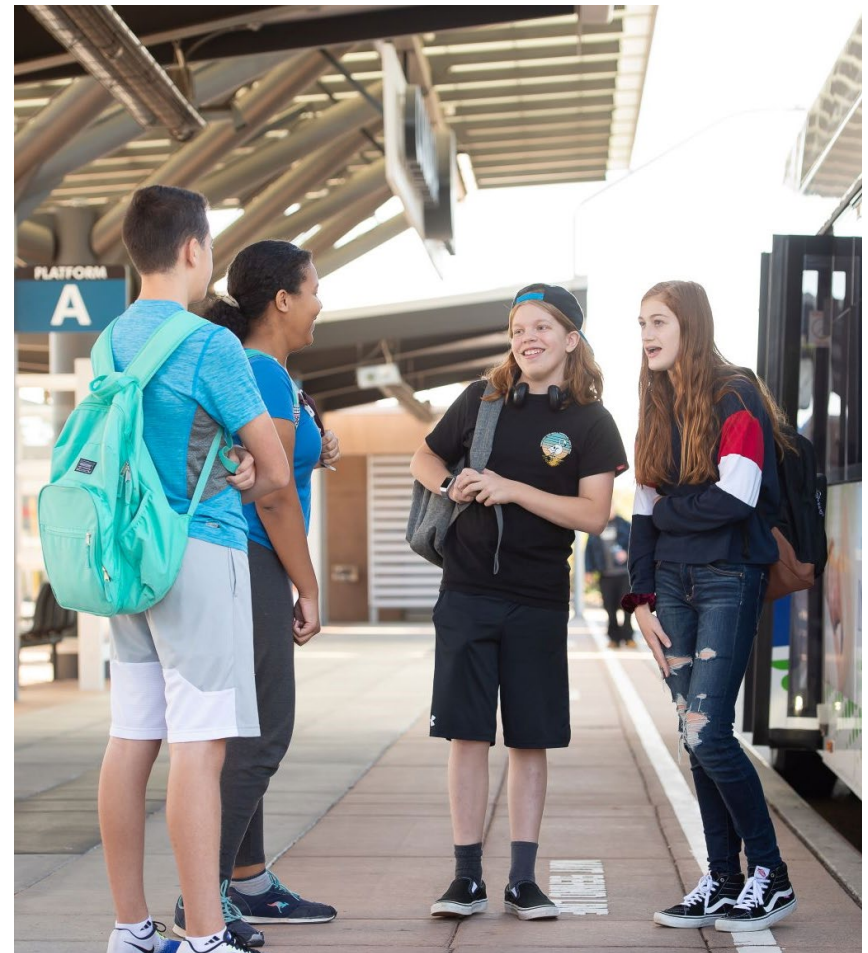
Current grantees

1. **Asotin County Public Transportation Benefit Area**
2. **Ben Franklin Transit**
3. **Central Transit**
4. **Clallam Transit System**
5. **Columbia County Public Transportation**
6. **Community Transit**
7. **C-TRAN**
8. **Everett Transit**
9. **Garfield County Transportation Authority**
10. **Grant Transit Authority**
11. **Grays Harbor Transit**
12. **Intercity Transit**
13. **Island Transit**
14. **Jefferson Transit**
15. **King County Metro Transit**
16. **Kitsap Transit**
17. **Lewis County Transit**
18. **Link Transit**
19. **Mason Transit Authority**
20. **Pacific Transit System**
21. **Pierce Transit**
22. **Pullman Transit**
23. **RiverCities Transit**
24. **Skagit Transit**
25. **STA**
26. **TranGO**
27. **Union Gap Transit**
28. **Valley Transit**
29. **WTA**
30. **Yakima Transit**

Results!

First three months of Transit Support Grant Program (October-December 2022):

- **6.9 million fare-free transit rides for youth 18 and under.**
- **6.5 million rides for Transit Support Grant-funded projects.**



Questions?

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