



Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) 2024 M2 Project V Proposed Guidelines Framework

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M2 Community Circulator Program Overview

- Offer competitive grants for local transit options
- For areas not adequately served by regional transit
- Cannot **duplicate** or **compete** with existing transit services
- Provides connections to regional bus and rail services
- Must meet productivity standards for continued funding
- Local matching funds required

Project **V**

Community Based Transit/Circulators

Description:

This project will establish a competitive program for local jurisdictions to develop local bus transit services such as community based circulators, shuttles and bus trolleys that complement regional bus and rail services, and meet needs in areas not adequately served by regional transit. Projects will need to meet performance criteria for ridership, connection to bus and rail services, and financial viability to be considered for funding. All projects must be competitively bid, and they cannot duplicate or compete with existing transit services.

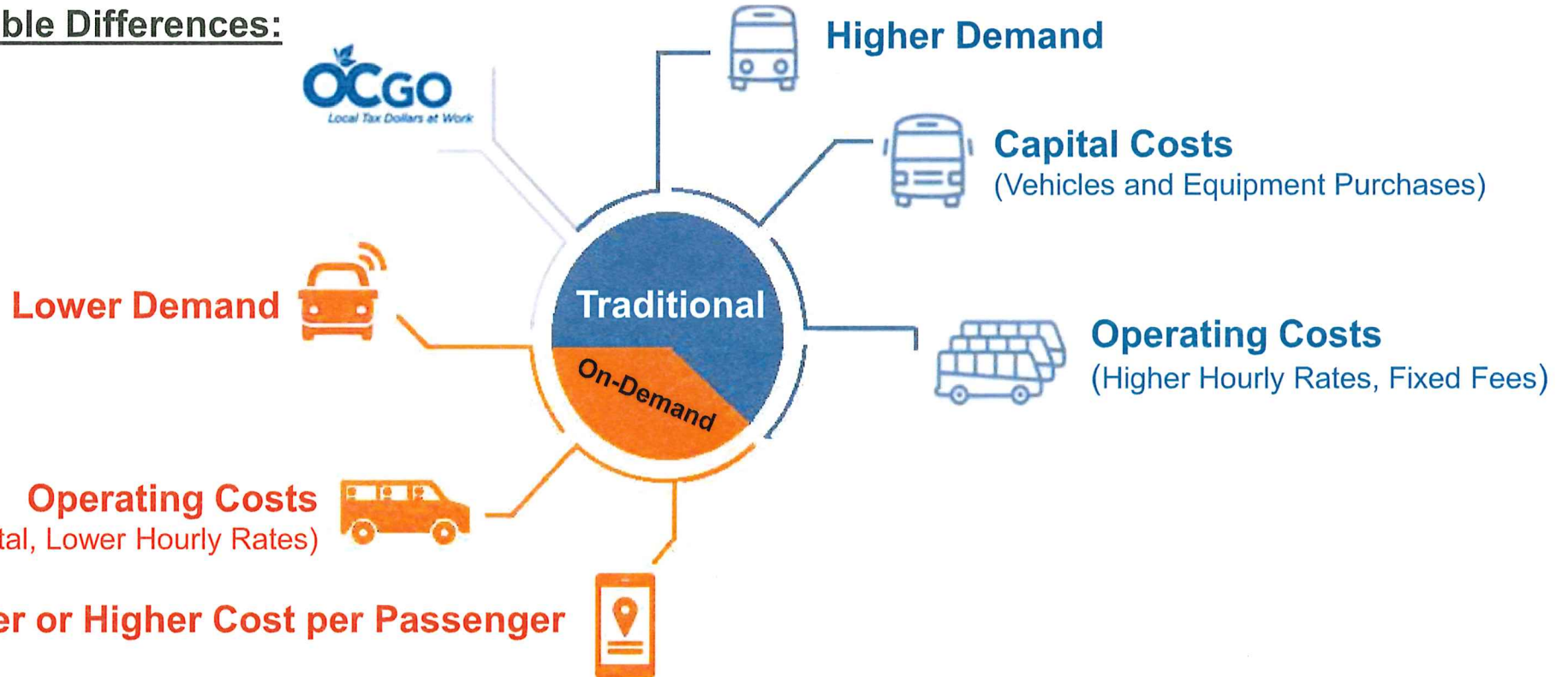
Program Overview Continued

Types of Services:



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Notable Differences:



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To date, **\$53 million** programmed for **36 projects** and **10 planning studies**



Special Event and Seasonal Services **most successful** (based on ridership)



Last Project V Call for Projects was in **2020**



Current funding commitments are scheduled to **end** between **FY 2024** and **FY 2028**

Local Agencies Interest in 2024 Call



Conducted
outreach effort to
gauge interest in
2024 Call

Majority of concepts
focused on **new**,
continued, or
expanded seasonal
and special event
services

Other areas of
interest included
on-demand and
microtransit services
and planning studies

In spring 2024, OCTA received 18 letters of interest (over 20 project concepts identified).

Proposed 2024 Project V Call Objectives

-  1. Continuation of **existing projects***
-  2. **Expansion** of existing Project V services
-  3. **New Traditional** Project V services
-  4. On-demand services

Other Priorities to Note:



Combine continuing existing services into one grant



Competitively procure or reprocure for service providers

**Existing projects are defined as previously funded Project V services that, at minimum, meet the cost per boarding requirement*

Highlights of Proposed Changes



Traditional service max starting at \$592k per year

Minimum local match = 10% for Traditional service and capital

On-demand service max starting at \$296k per year

Minimum local match = 50% for on-demand service

Funding provided from FY2025 to FY2031

Shared ride option required for on-demand service

GTFS data required for most services

Proposed Scoring Criteria

Category	Weight
Financial Commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cost Effectiveness	
Project Readiness	
Operations Plan/Service Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ridership Projection	
Funding Plan	
Community Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Total Points Possible	100

Proposed 2024 CTFP Guidelines Framework

- Comply with CTFP guidelines and cooperative agreement requirements
- Must be eligible to receive M2 funds
- Competitive procurement of service operators
- Grant streamlining
- Quarterly ridership reports
- Annual customer satisfaction surveys and on-time performance thresholds
- Project subject to cancellation if minimum performance requirements not met
- If cancelled, M2 funded vehicles subject to repayment to OCTA (based upon remaining useful life/straight-line depreciation)
- Final reports due at end of project
- All expenditures subject to audit

Proposed 2024 Call Schedule



Transit Operator Vendor Fair: Monday, October 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM (via Zoom)



Anticipated Call Issue Date: Monday, November 13, 2023



Application Workshop: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM (via Zoom)



Anticipated Application Deadline: Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM



Final Resolutions Adopted by Governing Body Due to OCTA: Thursday, February 15, 2024



Funding Recommendations Presented to OCTA Board: Spring 2024

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