

# NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## Existing Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Attributable (STBGP-A) Project Funding Request

**FFY2019-2022**

### **STBGP-A Funding Background:**

In 2012, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) designated the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO urbanized area as a Transportation Management Area (TMA). This TMA designation provides Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Attributable (STBGP-A) funds to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) based on the 2010 Census Urbanized Area population of 295,083. Under current Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, STBGP-A funds can be utilized for all eligible transportation projects at the discretion of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission/Policy Committee (NWARPC). Availability of FFY 2018 and subsequent years funds are subject to Congressional action.

The MPO will use the following guidelines to allocate STBGP-A funds:

- 1.1 **Staffing.** Up to \$200,000 may be utilized for MPO staffing purposes.
- 1.2 **Project Types.** (FAST Act Guidance: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/stbgfs.cfm>)
  - 1.2.1 **Projects of Regional Significance.** From the remaining funds after staffing, STBGP-A funds will be utilized for Projects of Regional Significance. Regional Significance is defined as an improvement to major routes such as north/south corridors and the east/west corridors and frontage roads that improve access, reduce crash rates, and/or to relieve congestion to the north/south routes. Plans and Studies may be included as regional projects.
  - 1.2.2 **Other Projects.** From the remaining funds after staffing, up to 20% may be utilized for other eligible projects that increase capacity.
  - 1.2.3 In the case of emergency for full expenditure of funds, the Policy Committee can authorize funding for any eligible projects.

- 1.3 **Project Selection and Scoring.** All projects will be scored utilizing the same criteria. Project selection will be based on the overall number of projects submitted, availability of funding, and demonstrated need.
- 1.4 **Minimum Project Size.** The proposed project shall be a minimum of \$125,000 for engineering design projects and \$1,250,000 for construction projects. An exception may be made to these minimum amounts to ensure obligation of funds.
- 1.5. **Maximum Amount Per Project Sponsor.** A goal is to allocate no more than 50% of the Regionally Significant funds to a project sponsor in one year. There is the understanding that Regionally Significant funding should be equitably distributed within the Urbanized Area over time.
- 1.6. **Funding of Phased Projects.** When the first year of project funding includes engineering funding (design, engineering and environmental), there will be at least a one year gap before receiving funding for ROW, utilities, and construction. Funding once a project has been selected for STBGP-A will then be reviewed annually for next phases.
- 1.7 **Obligation of Funds.** All projects awarded must meet the obligation deadline of September 30, 2018. (Note: The project will need to be through the AHTD process and submitted to FHWA by the end of August to obligate funds.)
- 1.9 **Project Selection Criteria. Projects will be evaluated and scored based on the six categories listed below:**
- Congestion Management
  - Regional Significance/Connectivity
  - Safety
  - Overall Improvement to the Transportation System
  - Project Design
  - Project Continuation, Partnership, Cost-Sharing
- 1.10 **Federal-Aid Project Requirements.** Projects are required to be designed to AASHTO and Federal Standards/Guidelines - PE/Environmental, Engineering/Design, ROW, and Utility Relocation.

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**Project Sponsor Data:**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Partners: \_\_\_\_\_ ArDOT Job No. \_\_\_\_\_

**General Project Data:**

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Funding and Future Needs:**

Project Funding Received to Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Funding Needed for 2019: Phase: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Funding Needed for 2020: Phase: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Funding Needed for 2021: Phase: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Funding for 2022 and beyond: Phase: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Fiscal Year (Oct 1 to Sep 30)**

|               | 2019    |         |         |         | 2020    |         |         |         | 2021    |         |         |         | 2022    |         |         |         |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|               | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep |
| Design        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Environmental |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Utilities     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Right-of-Way  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Construction  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |

Note: Place an X in each period for the duration of each phase.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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