

Fact Sheet: Project V Community-Based Transit/Circulators Program 2024 Call for Projects

Call for Projects (Call) Scope

The Measure M2 Project V Community-Based Transit/Circulators Program is a competitive program that provides funding to local agencies to establish local transit services, which complement regional bus and rail services in areas not adequately served by regional transit and that do not duplicate or compete with existing transit services.

General Program Objectives

- To provide community transit service that is safe, clean, and convenient.
- To encourage new, well-coordinated, flexible transportation systems customized to each community's needs.
- To develop financially sustainable local transit services that complement regional bus and rail service.
- To meet transportation needs in areas not served by regional transit with reliable and viable transit services.

2024 Call Objectives (in priority order)

1. To continue funding existing projects that are expiring.
2. To support expansion of existing projects* services.
3. To support new Traditional Project V services.
4. To allow for on-demand services that provide shared ride options.

**Existing Projects are defined as previously funded ongoing Project V services, which may expire and at minimum, meet the cost per boarding requirement.*

Eligible Service Categories

The service types currently eligible generally fall into two service categories.

Traditional Project V Services:

- Fixed route
- Deviated fixed route
- Circulators and rubber-tire trolleys
- Point-to-point shuttle services (event parking shuttles)

On-Demand (mobility) Services:

- Shared Ride-hailing or transportation network companies
- Microtransit

Funding Information

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will program projects up to a seven-year period, from fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 through FY 2030-2031, contingent on funding availability, not to exceed the annualized Project V limits in the table below.

MAXIMUM ANNUAL PROJECT V FUNDING ALLOCATION			
Grant Year	Fiscal Year	Traditional Services	On-Demand Services
Year 1	FY 25	\$592,000	\$296,000
Year 2	FY 26	\$610,000	\$305,000
Year 3	FY 27	\$628,000	\$314,000
Year 4	FY 28	\$647,000	\$323,500
Year 5	FY 29	\$665,000	\$332,500
Year 6	FY 30	\$685,000	\$342,500
Year 7	FY 31	\$705,000	\$352,500

Agencies can consolidate continuing existing projects/grants in the 2024 call to simplify project administration and can exceed the maximum annual allocations listed for continuing services, when merging multiple grants.

Call Schedule

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES	DATE
Call Released/Board Approval	November 13, 2023
Virtual Application Workshop and Q&A Session	December 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
One-on-One Application Discussions	Upon local agency request
Applications Due to OCTA	January 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
Final Adopted Resolution (or minute action) Due to OCTA	February 15, 2024
OCTA Board Approval of Recommended Projects	Spring 2024
2024 Project V Funds Allocated	July 1, 2024

Important Resources

The Board-approved Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs (CTFP) guidelines are available at the following link: www.octa.net/pdf/CTFPGuidelines2024.pdf

OCTA will hold a virtual application workshop on **Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. Registration is open to all interested applicants and can be completed at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_edhlwkqgRP-Y4vdQSRgxkg#/registration

Additional CTFP program information and resources are available through the following link: www.octa.net/programs-projects/programs/funding-programs/call-for-projects/ctfp

If you have any questions regarding the call, would like to RSVP for the call application workshop and application Q&A session, or schedule a one-on-one application discussion, please contact Adrian Salazar at (714) 560-5363 or asalazar@octa.net.