

To: Transportation Advisory Committee

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From: Jason Lien, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner

Topic: **WSDOT Consolidated Grant Program – 2021-2023**

Requested Action:

None. For information and discussion.

Key Points:

- Every two years WSDOT conducts a call for projects for the Consolidated Grant Program—this call is active now with applications due on October 30, 2020.
- The Program supports public transportation projects in Washington through multiple federal and state funding streams.
- One of the WSDOT requirements for application scoring is assignment of regional grades to show a level of priority for the project submittals. SRTC will facilitate the grading process for project applications primarily operating in Spokane County.
- Staff will give an overview and present options for utilizing the TAC to assist in the application review process.
- Staff is interested in exploring engagement with the TAC to assist with the regional ranking process. How (or if) this fits in the TAC workplan, whether the full TAC or subcommittee should be engaged to provide a recommendation to the Board, and general approach/schedule.

Board/Committee Discussions:

The Consolidated Grant Program is supported by a needs assessment in the [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#) for Spokane County. This plan was developed by SRTC, in partnership with STA, and adopted by the SRTC Board in November 2018.

Public Involvement:

None to date.

Supporting Information/Implications:

The 2021-2023 Consolidated Grant Program's purpose is to:

- Provide and improve public transportation services within and between rural communities, and between cities.
- Provide paratransit/special needs services to people who because of age, disability or income are unable to provide transportation for themselves.

