

FTA World Cup Funding Grant-Making Toolkit (Version 1.0)

Overview

This toolkit is to be used as reference material for developing applications for award in the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) World Cup Funding. It is intended to provide helpful information to recipients regarding application development, consistent with FTA Circulars and other information materials.

This toolkit provides general instructions on how to efficiently build a World Cup funding application. The contents of this document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. FTA recommends that recipients work with assigned regional representatives throughout the application development process. For more specific instructions on navigating TrAMS, please consult the [TrAMS User Guide](#). For general information on creating an application in TrAMS recipients may also consult the general [FTA Recipient Award Toolkit](#).

1. Funding and Application Development

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 makes \$100,250,212 available to support matches or other public events held in U.S. cities for the FIFA World Cup 2026. Eligible activities include planning, operating, and capital expenses eligible for all recipients, regardless of the population of the urbanized area served.

The funding is apportioned by following a formula specified in law using a combination of stadium capacity and number of matches each stadium will be hosting. Seventy (70) percent of the funding will be apportioned based on FIFA's estimated stadium capacity for each stadium, found at [FIFA's website](#). FTA will use the estimated stadium capacity at the time of apportionment calculation. The remaining Thirty (30) percent of the funding will be apportioned based on the total number of World Cup matches each stadium is hosting.

Funding is apportioned to the urbanized area (UZA) in which the host stadium is located and to the designated recipient for that UZA. Suballocations within the UZA are a local decision and must be shared with FTA in a split letter.

Before completing your application, please review the specific requirements located on FTA's World Cup Funding FAQ page, [FTA's Major Event Playbook](#), and applicable circulars, specifically [C9050](#) and [C5010](#). Engage your regional representative to ensure that all necessary preliminary work for application development is completed.

General Notes:

- **Stand-alone Applications:** Recipients should apply for World Cup funds through a stand-alone application, separate from other FTA formula or discretionary funding.
- **TIP and STIP:** Eligible World Cup transit projects funded under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, do not need to be included in a transportation improvement program (TIP) or a statewide transportation improvement program (STIP).
- **Department of Labor (DOL) review or Certification:** Eligible World Cup transit projects funded under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, do need to be transmitted to Department of Labor (DOL) for review or Certification.
- **Federal Share:** 100 percent
- **Time for Split or Suballocation Letters to be Submitted:** FTA requests split or suballocation letters be submitted to FTA no later than June 1, 2026.
- **Timeframe for Application Submittal:** FTA recommends that draft grant applications for World Cup funding be submitted to FTA no later than January 31, 2027 in order to ensure enough time for grant processing.
- **Period of Availability of Funding:** FTA World Cup funding lapses at 12:00AM EDT on July 20, 2027. This means that the FTA World Cup funding must be in an obligated grant in FTA’s Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) no later than July 19, 2027.
- **Timeframe for Eligible Expenses without further justification:**
 - June 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026 for operating projects
 - July 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026 for planning and capital projects

2. Recipient Information

- **Certifications:** Prior to award, recipients must have the current Year Certifications and Assurances pinned in TrAMS.
- **SAM Registration:** Each applicant must have an active, non-expired **SAM registration** to apply.

3. Application Details & Executive Summary

The **Application Name** should include “2026 World Cup Funding, Recipient Name, Project Type(s).”

Executive Summary Template:

“This is a World Cup Funding application in the amount of \$XXXX. This application requests funding to prepare for and respond to the transportation demands of the World Cup. The scope includes [list of projects, such as stadium shuttles, wayfinding or security upgrades].”

4. Project Details & Narratives

Provide enough detail for FTA to understand the purpose and scope of the planned activities. Include information about any subrecipients and their projects, either in the application or as an attachment.

- **Project Name:** Must identify the specific eligible expenses being undertaken.
- **Scope of Work:** Example: Describe the quantity of capital items and include the **useful life** of any components valued over \$10,000.
- **Indirect Costs:** Identify if you are using indirect costs.

5. Budget Activity Line Items (ALI) & Milestones

Appropriate scopes and ALIs must be selected:

FUND SOURCE	SCOPE	SCOPE NAME	ACTIVITY LINE ITEM	CUSTOM ALI
5307-9C	442-00	METROPOLITAN PLANNING	MAJOR EVENT - PLANNING	Describe Planning Activity
	300-00	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	MAJOR EVENT – OPERATING - 100% Fed Share	Operating
			MAJOR EVENT- OPERATING - SAFETY & SECURITY - 100% Fed Share	Operating (Safety & Security)
	200-00	MAJOR EVENT CAPITAL	MAJOR EVENT- CAPITAL (Non-Safety and Security)	Describe Activity (e.g., Wayfinding, Station Improvements, Rolling Stock)
			MAJOR EVENT - CAPITAL- SAFETY & SECURITY	Describe Activity (e.g., Cameras, Lighting)

Milestone Requirements:

Milestones are estimated goals or progress markers for each project. Milestone descriptions should sufficiently detail how the recipient plans to demonstrate progress toward, and

accomplishment of, the full scope of work. At least two milestones are required for each ALI, and at least three milestones are required for ALIs that involve contracts or third-party contractors. Please ensure that milestones capture necessary information regarding timeframe for project implementation, especially if the award is for operating expenses.

- **Standard ALIs:** Must include an Activity Start Date and Activity Completion Date.
- **Contracted ALIs:** Must include RFP/IFB Issuance Date, Contract Award Date, and Contract Completion Date.
- **Rolling Stock (Buses/Rail):** Must list five milestones: (1) RFP/IFB Issue, (2) Contract Award, (3) Initial Delivery, (4) Final Delivery, and (5) Contract Completion.

6. Additional Information

Prior to application transmission, recipients should review the application for inclusion of key attachments. Recipients are encouraged to work with their regional representative to confirm that all necessary attachments are included in the application.

For questions, please contact your FTA regional office or email FTA_GlobalSports@dot.gov