MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller
Lieutenant Governor

Paul J. Wiedefeld
Secretary

Freight Rail Grant Program
Application Questions

This document provides an overview of the Freight Rail Grant Program application. Bold text represents the questions in the application and the italicized text represents additional instructions. For any questions on the application please contact FreightRail@mdot.maryland.gov.

Legend:

- Bold Text – Application Questions
- Italicized Text – Additional Instructions
- *Required Questions

SECTION 1: PROJECT COMPONENTS

1. * **Project Name:**

2. **Project ID or Number:** *this is a unique project ID for your organization, if you do not have a unique ID, leave it blank.*

3. * **Provide a short description of the project -** *please include a brief overview of the project, limit to two sentences.*

4. * **Project Sponsor:** *Two-part answer:*

   o You will select the organization type from provided options:
      ☐ Local Government/County/Municipality
      ☐ State Agency
      ☐ Metropolitan Planning Organization
      ☐ Railroad Operator/Owner
      ☐ Railroad Served Business
      ☐ Non-Profit Organization
   o Short answer to provide your organization or agency's full name:

5. * **Project Point of Contact:** *Please provide the name, title, email, and phone number for the contact who can best answer project specific questions (i.e. a Project Manager or Project Engineer)*

6. * **Would you like to provide a secondary contact?** *Please provide the name, title, email, and phone number of the secondary contact.*

7. * **Does the project manager have prior experience with state/federal grant funded projects? –** *The answer to this question will not exclude you from receiving funding under this opportunity. This question will provide MDOT with important information to inform support and coordination needs for the program.*

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller
Lieutenant Governor

Paul J. Wiedefeld
Secretary

o **If yes, please select which program(s) the project manager has experience with and provide a brief summary of your experience managing state/federal funds.**

  Please select which program(s) the project manager has experience with. When possible, provide details of the experience with federal aid funded projects.

  ☐ Bridge Program
  ☐ Transportation Alternatives/Rec Trails
  ☐ Safe Routes to School
  ☐ Bikeways
  ☐ Other _____

o **If no, please describe your organizational structure that exists to manage grant funding and how it will allow you to receive and utilize grant funding under this opportunity.**

8. * **Is it anticipated the project would need environmental permitting or documentation at the local, State or Federal – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) level?**
   o **If yes, has that process started and/or have any permits been obtained?**
   o **Please upload any documents or supporting information for environmental permitting or documentation.**

Project Location

9. * **Is your project location specific?**
   o * **If yes, required: County, City /Optional: Railroad Line and Mile Points**
     ▪ ***Provide a Google Map link or map upload of your specific project location.**
   o **If no, please describe the location(s), region or distribution of your proposed project.**
     ▪ **Provide a Google Map link or map upload of your specific project location.**

Project Type:

10. ***Project Type:**
    ☐ Design
    ☐ Construction

Project Cost and Local Matching Funds:

11. * **Requested Funds:**

12. * **Minimum Required Match -** *Minimum required match must equal to 20% of overall project cost. Projects must provide a cash match.*

13. * **Overall Project Cost:**

14. * **Please upload an estimate for the cost of your project.**

Wes Moore
Governor

Aruna Miller
Lieutenant Governor

Paul J. Wiedefeld
Secretary

15. *** Is the project utilizing or anticipate utilizing any Federal funding sources for the current phase or future phases?**

16. *** Project End Date –** *estimated closeout date of the project*

Project Readiness:

17. *** Project Readiness -** *Upload your "Project Readiness" Form and any relevant permit documentation. In the box below, you may provide any additional or key details relating to your project's readiness for obligation.*

18. *** Will your project require any Right-of-way acquisition?**
    o **If yes, please provide status and when you expect ROW to clear.**

19. *** Does your project support a priority need identified by MDOT, Modal Administration (MTA, SHA, MDTA, MAA, MPA), MPO, or locality?**
    o **If yes, please list which priority(ies) the project supports.**

SECTION 2: SCOPE OF WORK/PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The following section will collect information on the scope of your project and collecting details on the specific components of your project.

20. *** Project Scope – Provide an overview of your project scope. The description should include a clear identification of purpose and need, and the proposed approach to addressing that need.** *You may upload a scope of work or project description*

Project Components
Select all project components present in your proposed project.

21. *** Select all project components present in your proposed project.**

- ☐ Design Plans
- ☐ Feasibility Study
- ☐ Pedestrian and/or bicycle trail facilities
- ☐ Siding/Sidetrack(s)
- ☐ Grade Crossing Improvements
- ☐ Bridges/Structures
- ☐ Drainage Improvements
- ☐ Efforts to reduce environmental and community impacts from freight movement
- ☐ Projects to utilize innovative technologies
- ☐ Other _____

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL PROJECT DETAILS AND REVIEW

22. **Please provide any additional information you feel is relevant to the review and evaluation of your project.**
23. **Please upload any additional documents you would like to include with your application.**