

September 23, 2025

Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization
709 NW Wall Street, Suite 102
Bend, OR 97703

RE: State Highway Fund Grant Applications for Benefit of BLS Students and the Community

Dear MPO Policy Board,

Bend-La Pine Schools requests your consideration and support of the following two State Highway Fund grant applications to support Safe Routes to School initiatives that will have both immediate and systemic, generational health and safety benefits for students and the entire Bend community.

- **Pedestrian Safety Education:** Acquire two mobile pedestrian education kits that include roundabouts in their design, and .5 FTE staff for three years to provide education.
- **Traffic Garden:** A dedicated motor vehicle-free space designed for teaching and practicing roadway safety and biking skills in a safe, comfortable environment; includes a roundabout.

These projects, currently unfunded, will provide educational, equitable, and experiential opportunities to transform transportation behaviors of our youth and their families, that will then transform broader community transportation behaviors over time. Improvements to transportation infrastructure are important, however not sufficient on their own to create long-term behavior change; education is required. A study of 801 schools in Washington DC, Florida, Texas, and Oregon showed an average 25 percent increase in walking and bicycling to school over a five-year period associated with education and encouragement programs and an average 18 percent increase associated with infrastructure improvements. (Noreen McDonald, Ruth Steiner, Chanam Lee, Tori Rhoulac Smith, Xuemei Zhu and Yizhao Yang (2014). "Impact of the Safe Routes to School Program on Walking and Bicycling." Journal of the American Planning Association. Vol 80, Iss 2, p 153-167.)

Thank you for your consideration.



Kim Crabtree

Executive Director of Transportation



State Highway Fund (SHF) Program Application Packet

Funding for Fiscal Years 2028 – 2030 *(July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2030)*



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Overview

The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) is soliciting transportation project proposals for its SHF Program for fiscal years 2028-2030 (FY28-FY30). The BMPO SHF Program includes a competitive, criteria-based project application process that is conducted every 2-3 years. The solicitation period for FY28-FY30 funding will occur in calendar year 2025. Table 1 shows the maximum funding available to be awarded for each fiscal year of the FY28-FY30 funding cycle and Table 2 includes the 2025 SHF Program solicitation schedule.

TABLE 1: MAXIMUM FUNDING AVAILABLE BY YEAR

FY28	FY29	FY30
\$313,250	\$313,250	\$313,250

TABLE 2: 2025 SHF PROGRAM SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Date (2025)	Action
September 1	Project application submittal opens.
September 23	Project application submittal deadline. BMPO staff begin evaluating applications.
November 4	BMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) application workshop. Opportunity for applicants to present projects seeking funding.
December 2	BMPO TAC to review applications and staff evaluations; make a funding recommendation to the Policy Board.
December 19	Applicant presentations to BMPO Policy Board. Policy Board awards funds.

Eligible Projects

Projects and programs eligible for the BMPO SHF Program must be located within, or applicable to areas within, the BMPO boundary, consistent with the **2045 BMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** Goals & Policies, and generally located within the public right-of-way. Eligible uses include:

- Roadway projects
- Bike and pedestrian facilities within the public right-of-way
- Signal projects



- Transit facilities within the public right-of-way and transit contracted service
- Travel options programs (including Safe Routes to School)
- Planning projects and studies

Please contact BMPO staff regarding eligibility prior to application submittal. For projects not eligible for SHF, it may be possible to exchange for federal funds.

Although the BMPO Policy Board is responsible for awarding SHF Program funds, final eligibility will be determined in consultation with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Eligible Project Sponsors

Applicable to the BMPO, eligible sponsors for projects requesting funds are limited to local governments, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, local educational agencies, schools, tribal governments, ODOT, local transportation-related non-profits, other local or regional governmental entities with responsibility for oversight of transportation, transportation programs, or recreational trails.

Project Requirements

Design and Construction Standards: Projects must meet relevant design and construction standards.

Project Size: A minimum request of \$20,000 applies to all projects seeking FY28-FY30 funds.

Cost Estimate: A cost estimate must be attached to the application. Please use the attach button on the last page of the application.

Annual Update: Applicants awarded SHF Program funds may be asked to provide a brief update to the BMPO Policy Board on the progress of a funded project. The update should include the status of the funded project and, if applicable, how it is performing relative to the purpose/need originally described in the project application.

Criteria-based Scoring and Project Selection

Each project application will be screened for SHF Program eligibility by BMPO staff, and an initial project scoring will be applied based on how well the information provided by the applicant supports the established criteria (see Table 3, Project Application Criteria, on Page 4). The BMPO TAC will then review all applications and hold a workshop (at a regularly scheduled, public TAC meeting) to finalize the criteria-based scoring and make a project funding recommendation to the BMPO Policy Board, by consensus.





It is important to note that the scoring is used to inform both the TAC's project funding recommendation and the Policy Board's final funding determination, as factors may exist that are not captured in the set of established criteria (e.g. funding available/requested, benefits or drawbacks not captured in criteria).

Applicants will be provided with the opportunity to present projects to the TAC and Policy Board. The Policy Board will make the final funding determination.

TABLE 3: PROJECT APPLICATION CRITERIA

Criterion	Level of Priority & Maximum Points
1. Project addresses a known safety concern or enhances safety.	High (6 points)
2. Project increases system capacity, quality, and/or connectivity for cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and those who cannot drive.	Highest (10 points)
3. Project increases system efficiency and/or reliability without increasing lane capacity and demonstrates a system-wide benefit.	High (6 points)
4. Project reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and/or emissions.	High (6 points)
5. Project advances equity in transportation / provides benefit to transportation disadvantaged populations.	High (6 points)
6. Project includes cost sharing and/or includes investment from other funding sources.	Low (3 points)
Maximum Score:	37



Step-by-Step Application Instructions

Applicant Information

Provide the required information. The point of contact listed should be someone from the sponsor agency who will be able to answer questions regarding the submitted application.

Cost Estimate, Funding Requested & Readiness

Complete a basic cost estimate and attach it to the application. Include the **total project cost** by fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) and most applicable phase description. List the amount and year (FY28-FY30) of SHF Program funding requested and amounts of other committed funds. Confirm that the project will be ready to be implemented during year of funds requested. Note that cost overages are not the responsibility of the BMPO.

Eligibility & Existing/New Project

Examples of eligible project types are listed in the SHF Program Application Packet (pp. 2-3). If you are unsure whether the project is eligible, please contact BMPO staff for confirmation. Indicate if the project is identified in an existing plan or program and include plan/program name and page number.

Description of Project

Provide information on project need, problem to be addressed, expected outcomes, and other relevant information. Include work to be funded, such as what will be built, services provided, equipment to be purchased, or planning efforts that will be paid for with requested funds.

Project Scoring Criteria & Additional Project Benefits

This section has six criteria focus areas, including a section to add information on other relevant factors not covered in the established criteria. It is up to the applicant to demonstrate how well the project supports each criterion. Including measurable objectives is encouraged, if applicable (e.g., linear feet of new pedestrian/bicycle facility, crash data, transit ridership, populations to benefit, etc.). Note the **BMPO Equity Mapping Tool** can be used to provide demographic information for the equity criterion.

Attachment & Submittal Buttons

Use the Attachment button to attach maps, photos, cost estimates, or other supplemental documents when submitting your application. Use the Submittal button to email your application packet to BMPO staff or email the application packet directly to kkennedy@bendoregon.gov.

APPLICATION FOR BMPO STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS (SHF)

Application Due	September 23, 2025
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Project Title:			
Applicant:			
Applicant Contact:		Phone:	
Email:			

Project Cost, Funding Requested, Readiness

Please provide estimate for total project cost by state fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and project phase.

PHASE	YEAR	SHF REQUESTED	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
TOTAL				

Is project ready to be implemented during year of requested SHF? ☐ Yes ☐ Unsure

Eligibility & Existing/New Project

Is this project eligible for SHF? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

(See pages 2-3 of SHF Program Application Packet)

Is this project included in an existing plan or program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Plan/program name with page and project number:

Description of Project

Describe the issue being addressed and work to be funded. (Include what will be built, services provided, equipment to be purchased, planning work, etc.. Use button at end of application to attach maps/photos/graphics.):

Project Scoring Criteria

BMPO staff screen projects for SHF eligibility and provide an initial project scoring based on how well the project application information appears to support the established criteria. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will finalize the project scoring through a consensus process and use it to **inform** their funding recommendation to the MPO Policy Board. Results of the criteria-based scoring and ranking are simply a tool for the TAC to use when developing their project funding recommendation and for the Policy Board to consider in their final funding determination.

1. Safety (if applicable)		max. 6 points
Criterion:	Project addresses a known safety concern, or enhances safety.	
Describe how the project supports the criterion. (Include measurable objectives, if applicable):		

2. Multiple Users (if applicable)		max. 10 points
Criterion:	Project increases system capacity, quality, and/or connectivity for cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and those who cannot drive.	
Describe how the project supports the criterion. (Include measurable objectives, if applicable):		

3. System Efficiency (if applicable)		max. 6 points
Criterion:	Project increases system efficiency and/or reliability without increasing lane capacity and demonstrates a system-wide benefit.	
Describe how the project supports the criterion. (If applicable, describe measurable objectives, including cost savings from technology-related projects):		

4. VMT and/or Emissions Reduction (if applicable)		max. 6 points
Criterion:	Project reduces VMT and/or emissions.	
Describe how the project supports the criterion. (Include measurable objectives, if applicable):		

5. Equity (if applicable)		max. 6 points
Criterion:	Project advances equity in transportation / provides benefit to transportation disadvantaged populations.	
Describe how the project supports the criterion. (Use Equity Mapping Tool , if applicable):		

6. Cost Sharing / Other Funding Sources (if applicable)		max. 3 points
Criterion:	Project includes cost sharing beyond match and/or includes investment from other funding sources.	
Describe how the project supports the criterion. (Include measurable objectives, if applicable):		

Additional Project Benefits (if applicable)		not scored
Describe any additional project benefits not captured in the Project Scoring Criteria.		

Created Date: 7/28/2023

DESCRIPTION: Roadway / Traffic Safety Banners, Traffic & Vocabulary Cards

Bill To: Alta Planning + Design
711 SE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97214
US

Pickup At: FASTSIGNS
3259 NW 29th Ave
Portland, OR 97210
US

Requested By: Anne Bothner-By
Email: annebothnerby@altaplanning.com
Work Phone: (503) 230-9862 x 107 x 107
Cell Phone: (503) 200-3251

Salesperson: Neil Marker
Email: 148@fastsigns.com
Work Phone: 503-221-3917

NO.	Product Summary	QTY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Project Setup Includes first 15 minutes of design, one proof, and two proof revisions. Additional design time billed at \$110 per hour.	1	\$25.00	\$25.00
1.1	Project Setup - Part Qty: 1			
2	(Qty 3) Banner 13oz - 48x360 - Roadway A 13oz banner	3	\$725.4067	\$2,176.22
2.1	Banner - 13oz - banner Part Qty: 1 Width: 48.00" Height: 360.00" Sides: 1			
3	(Qty 3) Banner 13oz - 48x360 - Roadway B 13oz banner	3	\$725.4067	\$2,176.22
3.1	Banner - 13oz - Part Qty: 1 Width: 48.00" Height: 360.00" Sides: 1			
4	(Qty 21) Banner 13oz - 24x48 - Crosswalk 13oz banner	21	\$42.9324	\$901.58
4.1	Banner - 13oz - banner Part Qty: 1 Width: 24.00" Height: 48.00" Sides: 1			

5	Hook and Loop Closure of adhesive hook and loop closure, for customer installation	1	\$225.00	\$225.00
5.1	Miscellaneous - Part Qty: 1			
6	(Qty 108) DS PVC - Traffic & Vocabulary Learning Cards 8.5x11 (No handles included)	108	\$27.7869	\$3,000.98
6.1.1	PVC 3mm - Part Qty: 1 Width: 8.50" Height: 11.00" Sides: 2			
6.1.2	Vinyl Overlay (IJ35) - Part Qty: 2 Width: 8.50" Height: 11.00"			
6.1.3	Laminate - Overlay - 3 mil UV Gloss - Part Qty: 2 Width: 8.50" Height: 11.00"			
7	(3) Crossing Rhyme Posters	3	\$17.6833	\$53.05
7.1.1	Poster Paper - Part Qty: 1 Width: 11.00" Height: 17.00"			
7.1.2	Laminate - 3 mil UV Matte - Part Qty: 1 Width: 11.00" Height: 17.00"			
			Base Subtotal:	\$8,558.05
			Shipping:	\$75.00
			Subtotal:	\$8,633.05
			Taxes:	\$0.00
			Grand Total:	\$8,633.05

Signature: _____ Date: _____

