### Federal funding programs

Federal funds for public transportation are authorized and appropriated by Congress, primarily through the USDOT. The FTA and FHWA provide funding allocations to the states and reimburse for eligible expenses, including state administration of the FTA programs. Large urban providers, including LTD, also receive some funds directly from the FTA. Many federal sources require local/state matching funds that vary from 10 percent to about 50 percent depending on the program. FTA does not allow fare revenue to be used for local match. Table 1 below summarizes the major sources of federal public transportation funding and which LTD funds utilize these sources.

Table 1. Major Sources of Federal Public Transportation Funding in Oregon

| **Program/Source** | **Purpose** | **Allocation Method** | | **LTD Fund** | **Program Links** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **USDOT** | **ODOT** |
| **FTA §5310/ODOT E&D:** Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities | Seniors and individuals with disabilities; includes capital projects, preventative maintenance, and purchased services | Formula to urban areas and states | Formula and discretionary to STF agencies. Capital purchases going forward will go through the ATC/discretionary grant committee before being allocated to capital purchase | Specialized Services, Capital | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-individuals-disabilities-section-5310> |
| **FTA §5311:** Formula Grants for Rural Areas | Rural populations less than 50,000 | Formula to states | Formula to rural providers | Specialized Services, Capital Fund | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/rural-formula-grants-5311> |
| **Transit Network and Intercity** | Bus service over longer distances between cities and regions | Minimum 15 percent set aside from 5311 | Discretionary to intercity providers | Specialized Services, Capital | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/rural-formula-grants-5311> |
| **FTA §5309:** Fixed Guideway Capital | Major projects (New Starts, Small Starts) | Discretionary to urban areas |  | Capital | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/capital-investment-grants-5309> |
| **FTA §5309:** Capital Investment Grant Pilot | Public-private partnership projects | Discretionary |  |  | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/expedited-project-delivery-capital-investment-grants-pilot-5309> |
| **FTA §5339:** Bus and Bus Facilities | Vehicles, facilities, equipment | Discretionary for urban areas, state | Discretionary rural and small urban via state. Includes Bus and bus facilities and low or no emissions programs | Capital | [https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/bus-bus-facilities-infrastructure-investment-program  https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/lonocap  https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/lowno](https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/bus-bus-facilities-infrastructure-investment-program) |
| **FTA §5303/4:** Statewide and Non‐Metropolitan Planning | Transportation planning | Formula to urban areas, states | Discretionary |  | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/metropolitan-statewide-planning-and-nonmetropolitan-transportation-planning-5303-5304> |
| **FTA §5307:** Urbanized Area | Any in urban areas | Formula to urban areas |  | Point2point (FHWA STP transfers), Capital, General Fund | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/urbanized-area-formula-grants-5307> |
| **FTA §5307:** Special Allocation of Old Funds | Passenger rail | Discretionary | Discretionary |  | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/commuter-rail-positive-train-control-grants> |
| **FTA §5337:** State of Good Repair | Fixed guideways | Discretionary and formula to urban areas |  | Capital | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/state-good-repair-grants-5337> |
| **FTA §5311(c):** Tribal Transit | Any | Formula to tribal transit providers |  |  | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/tribal-transit-formula-grants-5311c2b> |
| **FHWA CMAQ:** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program ‐ 23 USC 149 | Varies; includes public transportation to help areas meet air quality and passenger rail goals | Formula to states | Formula for local jurisdictions in air quality non‐ attainment or maintenance areas | Point2point, Capital | <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/flexible-funding-programs-congestion-mitigation-and-air-quality> |
| **FHWA STP:** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program ‐ 23 USC 133 *ODOT E&D Program/ FTA §5310* | Primarily capital, some portion for Transportation Options program | Formula to states | ODOT flexes portion of STP funds into 5310 program. Distribution by formula and/or discretionary | Point2point, Specialized Services, Capital | [http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/stip/Pages/default.aspx  https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/flexible-funding-programs-surface-transportation-block-grant-program-23-usc-133](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/stip/Pages/default.aspx) |
| **FHWA STP:** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program ‐ 23 USC 133 *MPO Directed Allocations* | Capital, such as transit centers, buses | Formula to states | ODOT allocates STP funds to MPOs for local projects Distribution is discretionary by MPOs | Capital | [http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/stip/Pages/default.aspx  https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/flexible-funding-programs-surface-transportation-block-grant-program-23-usc-133](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/stip/Pages/default.aspx) |
| **FHWA STP:** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - 23 USC 133 STIP Enhance | Capital, such as transit centers, buses | Formula to states | ODOT flexes a portion of STP funds into Enhance. Distribution is discretionary | Point2point, Capital Fund | [http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/stip/Pages/default.aspx  https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/flexible-funding-programs-surface-transportation-block-grant-program-23-usc-133](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/summaryinfo.cfm) |
| **FHWA STP:** Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - 23 USC 133 *Fix-It Non-highway Funds: Bus Replacements* | Capital, bus replacements | Formula to states | ODOT flexes a portion of STP funds into Fix-it Non-highway Funds: Bus Replacements |  | <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/summaryinfo.cfm> |
| **ICAM:** Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program | Capital to improve the coordination of transportation services & non-emergency transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged | Discretionary |  | Capital | <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-09-13/pdf/2018-19897.pdf> |
| **FHWA FLAP:** Federal Lands Access Program - 23 U.S.C. 204 | All transit purposes for services that access federal lands | Discretionary |  |  | <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/summaryinfo.cfm> |

### State Funding Programs

State funds for public transportation are currently limited to a few major sources:

* STF (cigarette tax, non‐highway use gas tax, ID card revenues, and general fund)
* Mass Transit Payroll Tax (payment by state agencies to eligible transit districts allocated by the Department of Administrative Services based on salaries of state employees within the district)
* A portion of DMV fees for custom vehicle license plates for passenger rail
* STIF (employee payroll tax)

Table 2 below summarizes the major sources of State public transportation funding and which LTD funds utilize these sources.

Table 2. Current Major Sources of State Public Transportation Funding in Oregon

| **Program/Source** | **Purpose** | **Allocation Method** | **LTD Fund** | **Program Links** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **STF: Special Transportation Fund ORS 391.800 through 391.830** | Seniors, people with disabilities | ODOT by formula and discretionary; STF agency discretionary local prioritization | Specialized Services, Capital | <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx> |
| **Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund** (Available January 1, 2019) | Expanding public transportation services | To be determined by the Oregon Transportation Commission | General Fund, Capital Fund, Specialized Services Fund | <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/STIF.aspx> |
| ***Connect*Oregon Program Lottery-backed Bonds** | Capital | ODOT discretionary STF agency discretionary local prioritization | Capital | <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Programs/Pages/ConnectOregon.aspx> |
| **Direct Legislative Appropriation Generally Lottery -backed Bonds** | Any transit purpose | DAS formula | Capital Fund | <http://www.oregon.gov/odot/stip/pages/index.aspx> |