TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATION GRANT FAQ

1. Who is eligible to apply for the transportation collaboration grant?

Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3317.072 a city, local or exempted school district may apply for a Transportation Collaboration Grant funding. Educational Service Centers are not eligible to receive grant funding allocation(s), however, they may be a partner with an eligible applicant.

2. When do we need to submit the information?

Submit PDF copies of the completed application narrative, appendices, and budget documents, by 4:59 p.m. EST Friday, March 25, 2022. Applications must be submitted by the time and date specified above in CCIP. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.

3. If a school district collaborates with another district, who will receive the funds?

Any city, local or exempted school district that applies for this grant can be awarded up to $10,000 for efforts that lead to shared resource management, routing consolidations, or other activities to reduce transportation costs. Only the applicant that applies is eligible for funding.

4. Can our school district reapply for the grant?

Yes, applications are due for the 2022-2023 school year by September 30, 2022.

5. Can this grant money be applied toward the purchase of a new school bus, or other transportation vehicles?

No, the intent of this grant is to reduce operating costs. This grant may be used to purchase materials and services that enable the grantee to address their identified quality criteria. Examples of permitted and not permitted uses include the following:

Permitted uses include:
- Shared resource management;
- Routing consolidation;
- Regional collaboration;
- Other activities that have the potential to reduce transportation operating costs.

Not permitted uses include:
- Facility construction costs;
- Repair or maintenance of school transportation vehicles.
- Payment in lieu of transportation services.

6. Would the consolidation of transportation positions within an individual district qualify for the collaboration grant?

No. There must be collaboration between two or more partners.