



TODAY'S WEBINAR TOPIC

TIGER III Grants for Sustainable Transportation Projects



TIGER GRANTS

Speakers:



Andrew Seth
Executive Director
Climate Communities



Jonathan Wisbey
Policy Associate
Climate Communities



Upcoming Webinars

Aug. 11: HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grants

Aug. 18: Fixing PACE – Efforts in Congress & the Courts to Enable Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs

August 4, 2011

For more information: www.climatecommunities.us



ACTION ALERT: Urge Your Member of Congress to Co-Sponsor PACE Legislation

On Wednesday, July 20th, Representatives Nan Hayworth (R-NY), Dan Lungren (R-CA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA) introduced the PACE Assessment Protection Act of 2011 (H.R. 2599) in the U.S. House of Representatives.

If enacted, this legislation would restore the right of states and local governments to establish Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs.

Contact your Member of Congress (202.224.3121) and urge them to **co-sponsor the bill.**



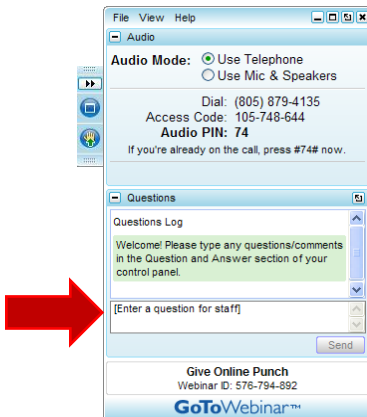
Upcoming Webinars

Climate Communities Members Only

- Aug. 11:** HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant Program (up to \$30 million)
- Aug. 18:** Fixing PACE – Efforts in Congress and the Courts to Enable Property Assessed Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs



Asking questions



At any point during the presentation, you can type your question into the question text box and click send. All questions will be read aloud and answered at the end of the presentations, as long as time permits.



Overview of Presentation

- TIGER background
- Summary of the TIGER III grant program
 - Project eligibility
 - Tips for success
 - What are the next steps?
- Questions and answers



TIGER Background

- TIGER is an opportunity for DOT to engage directly with local governments; as a result DOT looks to fund programs that are not easily funded through formula programs
- 2009 Recovery Act provided \$1.5 billion in TIGER I
 - Over 1,400 applications submitted
 - 51 projects awarded
- FY 2010 appropriations provided \$600 million for TIGER II
 - Nearly 1,700 applications submitted
 - 42 projects awarded (median=\$10.5 million, average=\$13.25 million, average rural=\$8 million)
 - Also provided \$35 million for TIGER II Planning Grants



**Energy Block
Grants Work!**
CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EECBG



SUSTAINABLE CITY
NETWORK
www.iCityNetwork.com



TIGER III Grant Program

- \$527 million available in FY 2011
- Likely range: approximately \$15 million per project on average, which would provide for about 25-30 urban and 15-20 rural awards
- Interim NOFA published on July 1; comments were due July 18th
- DOT has a Congressional mandate to prioritize a wide geographical distribution when funding projects

<http://www.dot.gov/tiger>



**Energy Block
Grants Work!**
CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EECBG



SUSTAINABLE CITY
NETWORK
www.iCityNetwork.com



TIGER III Grant Program

- This round is very similar to last year:
 - \$10 million minimum for urban projects; \$1 million minimum for rural
 - \$200 million maximum
 - \$140 million set-aside for rural projects
 - Minimum 20 percent match; DOT can fund up to 100 percent of rural projects
 - DOT must balance awards between urban and rural areas and invest in a variety of transportation modes



TIGER III Grant Program

There are **three** significant changes to application process:

1. No funding is available for planning of capital projects
2. Any applicant that is applying for a TIGER TIFIA Payment must also submit a TIFIA letter of interest along with their application
3. Eligible applicants may only submit three applications as the lead applicant under this round of TIGER



TIGER III Grant Program

Important Dates to Remember:

- Final NOFA is expected in early August
- Mandatory pre-applications are due by October 3rd
- DOT will confirm eligibility of pre-application (or cite ineligible aspects)
- Final application process opens October 4th with applications due by October 31st





**Energy Block
Grants Work!**
CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EECBG



SUSTAINABLE CITY
NETWORK
www.sCityNetwork.com



Determining Eligibility

Step 1: Determine if you are considered “rural” or “urban”

- Urbanized Areas have 50,000 or more people
- Rural Areas are any area not in an Urbanized Area, including all Urban Clusters

For list of Urban Clusters, see

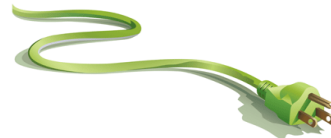
<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua2k.txt>



**Energy Block
Grants Work!**
CAMPAIGN TO SAVE EECBG



SUSTAINABLE CITY
NETWORK
www.sCityNetwork.com



Determining Eligibility

Step 2: Ensure that your project activities are eligible

- Includes solely or predominately **Capital** investments in:
 - Roads, highways and bridges
 - Ports, freight and passenger railroads
 - Transit systems
 - Bike and pedestrian
 - Multi-modal projects
- May also include **very limited** investments in:
 - Planning
 - Right of Way



Determining Eligibility

Step 3: Confirm Project Readiness

- State Transportation Improvement Plan
- Minimum of \$10M in urban areas and \$1M in rural areas
- NEPA review is complete or substantially complete
- Match and leveraging funds are available for commitment (matching funds cannot originate at the federal level)
- Able to obligate all federal funds by September 30, 2013



TIGER III Selection Criteria

Keep in Mind DOT's Primary Selection Criteria:

1. State of Good Repair
2. Economic Competitiveness
- 3. Livability**
- 4. Sustainability**
5. Safety



TIGER III Selection Criteria

Livability

- Strengthen local and regional economies, support communities by expanding transportation choices and foster connections to places people work, play and live
- Could incorporate Complete Streets, Greenways, transit access
- Previous examples:
 - Philadelphia Area Pedestrian and Bicycle Network
 - Tucson Street Car
 - Las Vegas Bus Rapid Transit Project



TIGER III Selection Criteria

Sustainability

- Encourage energy efficiency and security, and reduce reliance on motor fuels
- Could include CNG transit fleet conversions, facility improvements that enhance walkability and bikability
- Previous examples:
 - Kansas City Green Impact Zone
 - Contra Costa County/Alameda County Bicycle/Pedestrian Network





Tips for Success

- Hire a pro to conduct your cost-benefit analysis
 - It is important that analysis shows net societal benefits as well as local benefits and includes well-documented calculations
- Partnerships are key!
 - Seek non-traditional partners
 - Private sector partners that will benefit should also provide financial contribution
- Job creation still important
- Exceed the minimum 20 percent match
 - Average TIGER award has historically leveraged an average of \$3 local for every \$1 in federal funding (rural applicants have provided 50/50 match)



Tips for Success

- Limit the number of projects that you submit
- Make sure the project sticks together
 - Application shouldn't be a grab bag of disparate projects
- Enable the project to be broken apart
 - Provide cost estimates for individual components to allow for DOT to easily provide partial funding
- Review TIGER I and TIGER II winners
- Build Congressional support
- Take advantage of DOT technical assistance
 - DOT can hold conference calls with you about TIGER and provide guidance while preparing a benefit cost analysis



Next Steps?

- Review Interim NOFA
- Ask DOT for feedback on previous applications
- Define your top priorities
- Reach out to your MPO and State DOT
- Begin building partnerships
- Ensure you have a draft or final NEPA documentation
- Get data organized for / prepare cost-benefit analysis

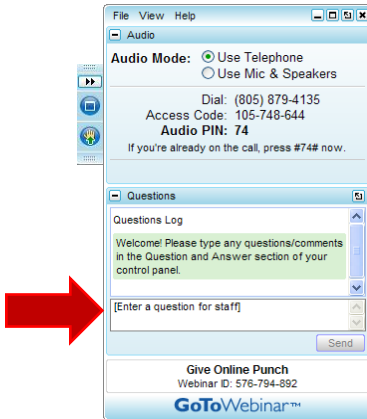


Questions?

Today's PowerPoint presentation is available at
www.climatecommunities.us/webinar.html



Asking questions



At any point during the presentation, you can type your question into the question text box and click send. All questions will be read aloud and answered at the end of the presentations, as long as time permits.



Upcoming Webinars

Climate Communities Members Only

- Aug. 11:** HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant Program (up to \$30 million)
- Aug. 18:** Fixing PACE – Efforts in Congress and the Courts to Enable Property Assessed Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs