

## 2017 TransitCenter Dispatch Grants

We are pleased to announce the 2017 Dispatch Grants program, a funding resource for strategic, time-sensitive project work and organizational capacity building.

**Qualified recipients are non-governmental, non-profit civic organizations with 501c3 status whose primary activities include advocacy and education on urban transportation issues.**

Many organizations face the reality that essential opportunities for both action and learning often arise on short notice, and fall outside of tightly managed work plans and budgets. Dispatch Grants are intended to be responsive to emergent needs and opportunities that become evident in the course of work. They can also support activities that are essential to the overall health of an organization and are often not funded in traditional project budgets: staff professional development, topical training, and collaboration with other organizations, among other things.

**In 2017, Grants under this program will range between a minimum of \$3,000 to a maximum of \$15,000 per grantee in one calendar year.** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed monthly. Applicants can typically expect a decision within 4 weeks.

Successful applicants will define clear objectives and a viable work plan for the funding requested. They will explain how the scope of the dispatch grant project contributes to a broader organizational agenda for improving local transit. Eligible activities are described below, though this list is not exhaustive. TransitCenter can not support lobbying or activities related to a ballot measure or support of a candidate.

If you have a question about your proposal, please contact [dispatch@transitcenter.org](mailto:dispatch@transitcenter.org).

### Eligible work includes:

- Public outreach and education around specific issues related to transit to build public awareness and support for organizational agenda.
- Events for organizational members or the public to learn about a specific transit issue or action
- Demonstration projects that improve access to transit or transit performance
- Timely campaign support not related to a ballot measure or election: materials, web-design, media
- Coalition building and staff exchanges with organizations doing similar work: travel costs, materials, space.
- Organizational capacity building, professional and leadership development, education, and technical training for staff. Including but not limited to: budget training, project management, staff management.
- Other technical training about subjects including but not limited to: transportation network planning, transit financing, designing streets for transit, integrating transit modes, campaign planning, strategic communications.
- Conference participation and attendance