

2016 TransitCenter Dispatch Grants

We are pleased to announce Dispatch Grants, a new 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.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed monthly. Grants under this program will range between a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 per grantee in one calendar year.

Eligible activities are detailed below, though this list is not exhaustive. Ineligible activities include lobbying, activities related to a ballot measure or support of a candidate, and general operating support.

Work in the following categories is eligible to be funded:

- Emerging strategic opportunity, such as:
 - Partnership with city or other organization on a project
 - Public outreach and education campaigns
 - Events
- Time-sensitive project work, such as:
 - Accelerate website redesign
 - Re-printing of materials
- Improving working relationships between peer organizations
 - Staff or leadership exchanges
 - Support for maintaining coalitions
- Investing in staff and organizational capacity
 - Technical training for staff
 - Conference participation and attendance
- 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
- Professional development
 - Leadership development
 - Budget training
- Project management
- Staff management