

2016 Measure B Innovative Transit Service Models Grant
Program Process

Purpose:

- Support affordable new innovative transit service models to address first/last-mile connections to transit, serving the vulnerable, underserved and transit-dependent population.

Estimated amount of funds:

- The first cycle has approximately \$6 million for FY2018 – FY2021.

Project Eligibility:

- Transportation services or models that provide first and last-mile connections to public transit.
 - Planning or feasibility studies are not eligible.
- The project must score at least 75 points out of 110 points;
- The project must include a service delivery schedule.
- The project service may be targeted and limited to specific demographics (e.g. school children, seniors, people with disabilities, etc.) to the extent not prohibited by applicable law.
- The project must be implemented within one (1) year of the grant award;
- The project service must not duplicate¹ existing VTA or another transit provider or city's services.
- Minimum Request Amount: \$250,000.
- Maximum Award Amount: 50% of the total available funds per call for projects per cycle.

Process:

1. VTA staff will release a call-for-projects.
2. Member Agencies submit project applications.
3. The scoring committee evaluates the application. The scoring committee will consist of three to five members including one VTA staff.
4. Only projects that score more than 75 points will be considered for the two-year project list.
5. VTA staff will allocate funding to projects based on project ranking and recommend the two-year project to the VTA Board of Directors for approval.
6. Once a Member Agency has been allocated funds for their project, they must begin to draw down funds within one year of execution of the funding agreement.
7. VTA staff will revisit the program criteria after the first call-for-projects.
8. After the two-year project list expires, a new call-for-projects for the next two-year cycle will be released.
 - Projects will not automatically roll over to the new two-year project list.
 - All the projects on the list must reapply.

¹ Funding an existing service isn't considered duplication.