



MEMORANDUM

May 22, 2023

To: Eligible Rural Town Centers & Corridors Applicants and Interested Parties
From: Jennifer Barnes, Program Manager
Subject: **Call for Projects - 2023 Competition for \$6.09 Million in Funding for PSRC's Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program**

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) invites agencies with eligible projects to submit applications for the \$6.09 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds available through its Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program (RTCC). The available funding includes \$3.045 million per year in 2025 and 2026. The RTCC program was established to recognize and support the needs of the region's rural areas. Eligibility information, project evaluation criteria, schedule, screening form, application and background information on the program can be found at: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/rural-town-centers-and-corridors>.

Overview of the 2023 Process

The RTCC program is a collaborative countywide and regional effort with a two-stage process. The first stage takes place at the countywide level where each countywide forum reviews the projects of sponsors interested in seeking RTCC funding and recommends **three priority projects** to compete in the regional competition. The process and deadlines for each stage are further explained below.

Application Process and Deadlines

Stage One: Countywide Process

Each of the countywide forums will coordinate to identify three projects to be submitted for the regional RTCC competition. The countywide selection will occur in June-July 2023 and should be completed by a date that will leave adequate time for project sponsors to submit their applications by the regional competition deadline. For information on each of the schedules for stage one, these are the contacts for the countywide forums:

- King County: Peter Heffernan at (206) 477-3814 or peter.heffernan@kingcounty.gov; Eric Miller at (425) 452-6146 or emiller@bellevuewa.gov
- Kitsap County: David Forte at (360) 337-7210 or dforte@co.kitsap.wa.us; Steffani Lillie at (360) 478-6931 or steffanil@KitsapTransit.com
- Pierce County: Clint Ritter at (253) 798-2762 or clint.ritter@piercecountywa.gov; Mark Burlingame at (253) 581-1912 or mark.burlingame@ci.steilacoom.wa.us
- Snohomish County: Doug McCormick at (425) 388-6655 or dmccormick@snoco.org; Max Phan at (360) 363-8100 or mphan@marysvillewa.gov

As part of the countywide process, all interested project sponsors must complete PSRC's online screening form (located [here](#)) by **6:00 P.M. Monday, June 12, 2023**. Screening forms will be reviewed by PSRC to confirm project eligibility.

Stage Two: Regional

For projects selected by the countywide forums to compete in the regional competition, the project sponsor must submit a final project application using PSRC's online form (located [here](#)) by the **6:00 P.M. Friday, July 28, 2023**.

Important – Project sponsors can access the screening form and application portal using the same username and password used for prior PSRC funding competitions and monthly TIP amendments accessed via WebApps, **provided a # symbol is added to the end of the WebApps password when signing into Formsite**. If you do not have your agency's username or have forgotten your password, please contact Mitch Koch at mkoch@psrc.org.

For all other questions about PSRC's Rural Town Centers and Corridors Program or the application process, please contact Doug Cox at (206) 971-3050 or DCox@psrc.org.