

RTD to launch \$2 million program for special projects that meet community mobility needs

Local governments can apply for funding to provide innovative transportation services to be awarded this fall

DENVER (June 1, 2023) — The Regional Transportation District (RTD) officially releases its Call for Projects today with \$2 million available annually for projects that will help improve mobility. The program provides an opportunity for local governments and Transportation Management Associations/Organizations (TMA/Os) to apply for funding for services or enhancements that complement RTD existing services or fill an existing transportation need. Eligible organizations can apply for RTD partnership funding through 5 p.m. July 7. RTD will hold a [virtual Q & A session](#) on June 8 at 11 a.m. for those who have questions on the application process. Other organizations that are interested in the 2023 Partnership Program funding should partner with an eligible organization. Recommendations will be announced and awarded in September.

RTD will consider all innovative ideas that are within RTD boundaries, however, infrastructure projects are not eligible. Full details can be found on the [Partnership Program](#) page of the RTD website. A minimum 20% local match is expected for each applicant and if an applicant is awarded money, RTD will commit up to three years of funding, with a start date of 2024. Applicants can request funding for one, two, or three years, depending on project needs.

Eligible projects include:

- Fixed route transit service – operating on a specific route
- On-demand transit service – demand responsive service operating in a specific area
- Other mobility service that does not fall into the above categories
- Other project that enhances mobility through other means

“Through RTD’s Partnership Program, local governments have an opportunity to expand or enhance existing mobility options,” said RTD General Manager and CEO Debra A. Johnson. “RTD recognizes that the unique needs of each community in the region are best met through partnerships at the local level.” Applications will be evaluated on criteria that will consider the following factors:

- Alignment with RTD strategic priorities of Community Value and Customer Excellence
- Local support and ability to meet local needs
- Complements existing RTD services
- Provides service where there is a gap in existing service
- Provides service to equity populations
- Potential ridership

ABOUT RTD

The Regional Transportation District develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the transit needs of close to 3 million people within an eight-county service area in the Denver Metro region. For more information, visit rtd-denver.com, call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: www.facebook.com/RideRTD, [@RideRTD](https://twitter.com/RideRTD) on Twitter, [@ridertd](https://www.instagram.com/ridertd) on Instagram and [rtdco](https://www.youtube.com/rtdco) on YouTube. For the most current RTD news, visit the News Stop, at rtd-denver.com/news-stop.

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