TIFIA

USDOT's
Transportation
Infrastructure
Finance
And
Innovation
Act



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The USDOT's TIFIA Program

- TIFIA provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance.
- Many large-scale, surface transportation projects highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access - are eligible for assistance.
- Eligible applicants include state and local governments, transit agencies, railroad companies, special authorities, special districts, and private entities
- ☐ The TIFIA credit program is designed to fill market gaps and leverage substantial private co-investment by providing supplemental and subordinate capital.
- Each dollar of Federal funds can provide up to \$10 in TIFIA credit assistance and support up to \$30 in transportation infrastructure investment.
- ☐ TIFIA program provides direct loans, loan guarantees and lines of credit

Project Types & Repayment Options

- Surface Transportation Improvement Projects
- Cost at least \$50 Million
- ☐ Maximum of 33% of total cost
- Loan Repayments supported in whole or in part from non-federal dedicated funding sources:
 - ☐ Tax Revenues
 - State or Local appropriations
 - Toll revenues or User Fees
 - Real Estate Tax Increments
 - Other

TIFIA Awards Are Based on Statutory Criteria

The Secretary of Transportation reviews TIFIA requests and these requests are evaluated against statutory criteria, including:

- Impact on the environment
- Significance to the National Transportation System
- Generate Economic Benefits
- Leverage Private Capital
- Promote Innovative Technologies

Examples of TIFIA Financed Projects

Project Name	Cost TIFIA As	sistance Primary	Revenue Pledge
East Link Extension, WA	\$4,031M	\$1,330M	Tax Revenues
Wekiva Parkway, FL	\$587M	\$194M	Tolls
Triangle Expressway, NC	\$1,172M	\$387M	User Charges
Grand Parkway, TX	\$2,941M	\$841M	Toll Revenues
I-95 HOV/Hot Lanes, VA	\$932M	\$300M	User Charges
Dulles Metrorail, VA	\$5,684M	\$1,876M	State or Local Appropriations, User Charges

TIFIA Takeaway

- √ The federal TIFIA loan program guarantees low interest loans backed by the federal government
- ✓ The interest rate is currently just under 3%
- ✓ This is the only federal loan program for transportation projects
- ✓ Successful applicants must meet rigorous financial and other statutory criteria