

AGENDA ITEM VI - DISCUSSION-ACTION

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TIGER Discretionary Grants

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The United State Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced the ***TIGER*** Discretionary Grants. The Department is referring to these grants as “Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery” or “TIGER Discretionary Grants.” This notice requests that applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants be submitted by September 15, 2009, from State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multijurisdictional applicants (“Eligible Applicants”). The funds provided by TIGER Discretionary Grants (“Grant Funds”) will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. These grants will total 1.5 Billion and are available on a very competitive bases from \$ 20 million to \$ 300 million (USDOT may waive the minimum for smaller urban areas). No state will receive more than 20% (or ~ 300million) of the total funds.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB), is requested to provide direction to staff on how to proceed with these grants.

ATTACHMENTS:

Federal Register - TIGER Grants