

## ***Colleagues; TIGGER ARRA Program Now Available***

On March 24th, 2009, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of \$100 million in federal funding under ARRA for the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) grant program. **Eligible grant recipients** include US public transportation agencies. Consolidated proposals with more than one project may be submitted by a transit agency or an organization on behalf of more than one transit agency such as a designated recipient, Metropolitan Planning Organization, State Transit Association, or State Department of Transportation. However, grants for particular projects will be made directly to public transportation agencies.

Projects will compete for a portion of the funds on the basis of how much their proposed capital investment is expected to reduce either energy consumption or greenhouse gases, or both. The maximum proposal amount is \$25 million and the minimum is \$2 million. The FTA will allow multiple transit agencies to consolidate their projects within one proposal to reach the minimum level. Transit agencies or consolidated proposals can be submitted on behalf of transit agencies by other organization such as State Departments of Transportation. Grants will be made for particular projects directly to public transportation agencies. In addition to the anticipated reduction in energy or greenhouse gasses, the projects will be rated on their return on investment, whether the project is ready to implement, the capacity of the applicant, the degree of innovation in a project, and the national applicability of a project.

Further application information and information regarding energy consumption and greenhouse gas emission reduction can be found at the [FTA Website](#)

Click [here](#) to view the Federal Register describing the TIGGER grant program.

Click [here](#) to view frequently asked questions about TIGGER funds.

Public Transit Division will consider submitting an application of “bundled” smaller projects if there is interest. The division is also contemplating the state purchase of a number of newly available midsize hybrid vehicles that could be offered on rotation to transit entities to test their efficiency.

If after reading the requirements of the program, you are interested in having Public Transit Division bundle your application for a project under \$2 million that will meet the goals of the TIGGER program **contact [Dinah Van Der Hyde](#) by April 10, 2009.**