

# Preparation for the 2022 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process

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Puget Sound Regional Council



# Today

## Outline

- Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Process Overview
- Preparation for the 2022 Process
- Committee Review & Discussion:
  - PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors
  - Additional Considerations for Deliberation
  - Other Ideas
- Next Steps



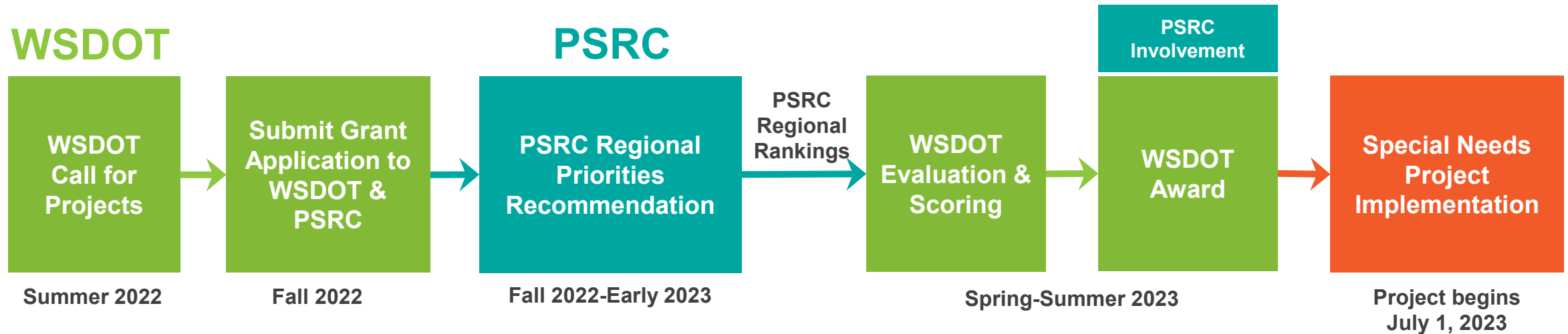
# Goals

To provide an overview of the upcoming 2022 Consolidated Grant process and receive feedback to the following discussion questions:

- Should any of the **regional priority ranking factors** be revised, and if so, what are your suggested revisions?
- For the **additional considerations for deliberation**, do you have any questions, concerns, or suggested revisions?
- Do you have any **other ideas** regarding the process?



# Consolidated Grant Process for PSRC Region



# DRAFT 2022 WSDOT Consolidated Grant Timeline with PSRC Regional Priority Recommendation Dates

<b>July 21, 2022</b>	WSDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity
Summer 2022 (Exact Date TBD)	PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training
<b>October 27, 2022</b>	Application Deadline for 2022 Consolidated Grant – <b>must submit same applications to both WSDOT (via GMS) and PSRC (<a href="mailto:jkim@psrc.org">jkim@psrc.org</a>) by 5:00pm on October 27, 2022.</b>
November 16, 2022	<i>NEW</i> PSRC Sponsor Presentation
(Exact Date TBD)	WSDOT Due Date for Revised State Applications – <i>if applicable</i>
December 21, 2022 (or January 18, 2023)	PSRC Special Needs Transportation Committee 2022 Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
January 25, 2023	PSRC Transportation Operators Committee Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
February 9, 2023	PSRC Transportation Policy Board Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
February 23, 2023	PSRC Executive Board Decision on Regional Priority Rankings
May 2023	WSDOT Funded Project List Announced and Award Letters Sent
<b>July 1, 2023</b>	Project Begins

NOTE: All dates are subject to change. For discussion purposes only.

**Bolded** dates are those provided by WSDOT in communication as of March 4, 2022.



# WSDOT Consolidated Grant in 2020

## Review of 2020 Consolidated Grant Results:

- PSRC received 13 applications (one agency submitted 6 applications)
- \$3.2M requested for 2021-23 and \$2.8M requested for 2021-25
- 10 projects received regional priority rankings worth points (2A's, 3B's, 5C's)
- WSDOT awarded 12 projects for the PSRC region
- \$3.1M funded for 2021-23 and \$2.8M funded for 2021-25

## Upcoming 2022 Consolidated Grant:

- Call for projects expected in July 2022
- Anticipate 15 rankings available:
  - 5 A's = 50 pts
  - 5 B's = 25 pts
  - 5 C's = 12 pts

NOTE: Four-year projects will receive the same grade for both biennia

- Less funding amount expected compared to the 2020 competition



# PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

- Applicants within the PSRC region are expected to address **both WSDOT's evaluation criteria and PSRC's regional priority factors within the same application**
  - PSRC's regional priority ranking factors are designed to help implement PSRC's Coordinated Plan
- PSRC staff will review applications for how they address the regional priority ranking factors
- PSRC will share the result with SNTC and interested parties a week prior to the deliberations
- Projects will receive a simple “Yes” or “No” answer for each factor:
  - A “Yes” indicates that the project application addresses the factor
  - A “No” response indicates that a project application either does not address the factor or does not adequately address it



# PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

Project Title	County	Sustaining, Expansion, or New	Project Type	Grant Application Evaluation					
				Project Type (Existing vs. New)	Support for Coordinated Plan	Uniqueness of Service	Performance Measures	Financial Sustainability	Total Number of "Yes" Responses
A	County A	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
B	County B	Sustaining	Mobility Management	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4
C	County C	New/Expansion	Capital	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	3
D	County A & C	New/Expansion	Planning	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	3
E	County A	New/Expansion	Operating	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	3
F	County B	Sustaining	Mobility Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	3
G	County C	Sustaining	Capital	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	3
H	County A & B	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	2
I	County A	Sustaining	Mobility Management	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	2
J	County B	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	2
K	County C	Sustaining	Operating	Yes	No	No	No	No	1
L	County B & C	New/Expansion	Operating	No	No	No	No	No	0

Final regional priority rankings will be discussed and determined at the SNTC Deliberation meeting, using “Additional Considerations” developed by the committee





# Regional Priority Ranking Factors

## Project Type (Preservation vs. New/Expansion)

- **Evaluation Question:** Is the application for preservation or to support ongoing operations of an existing program? This includes fleet replacement or other capital needs to support an existing program.
- **Evaluation Method:** Only preservation and capital projects that are supporting existing programs will receive a “Yes.”



# Regional Priority Ranking Factors

## Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

- **Evaluation Question:** Does the application support PSRC's Coordinated Plan by addressing at least one of the “Emerging Needs and Gaps” and at least one “High Prioritized Strategy” as identified in the Coordinated Plan?
- **Evaluation Method:** Only applications that the project adequately addresses at least one “Emerging Needs and Gaps” as well as at least one “High Prioritized Strategy” will receive a “Yes.”



# Regional Priority Ranking Factors

## Uniqueness of Service

- **Evaluation Question:** Does the application provide information demonstrating that there are no other operating or mobility management programs serving the same populations within the same geographic area? If there are other programs and services, does the application demonstrate the uniqueness of the project?
- **Evaluation Method:** Applicants that adequately explain the uniqueness of their services will receive a “Yes.”



# Regional Priority Ranking Factors

## Performance Measures and Targets

- **Evaluation Question:** Does the application commit to tracking required, project-specific performance measures and set grant-cycle-related targets for those performance measures?
- **Evaluation Method:** If the applicant commits to tracking required performance measures and sets targets for those required performance measures, the applicant will receive a “Yes” for this factor.



# Regional Priority Ranking Factors

## Financial Sustainability

- **Evaluation Question:** Does the application demonstrate that it is providing more than federal minimum required match from local sources in its project budget?
- **Evaluation Method:** Operating projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 50% of their net project cost will receive a “Yes.” Capital and mobility management projects seeking a federal/state funding amount less than 80% of their net project cost will receive a “Yes.”





# Additional Considerations for Deliberation

## **Geographical Distribution of Regional Rankings**

- This factor addresses the distribution of regional priority rankings (expressed as A's, B's, and C's) over the three counties participating in the Consolidated Grant competition in the region.

## **Project Types**

- This factor addresses the variety of project types being recommended for regional priority ranking (e.g., mobility management, operating, and capital projects).

## **Agency Equity**

- This factor addresses the number of projects recommended to receive funding by an agency.



# Additional Considerations for Deliberation

## **Compelling Cases for Agencies with Limited Resources**

- This factor addresses projects that provide valued services and programs, but which are challenged to provide the minimum local match. Small agencies and/or community-based organizations might have less local support compared to larger agencies that have local partners providing sufficient local matching funds or local governments/transit agencies that have their own tax bases.

## **Strategic Application of State/Federal Funds**

- This factor includes stakeholders' assessment of possible program eligibility for state/federal funding programs found within the Consolidated Grant program.

## **Coordination**

- This factor addresses projects that work together to make the most efficient use of limited resources. There are many levels of coordination, ranging from the basic sharing of training resources to the full integration of services. The Committee can discuss the full range of coordination for this topic.



# Other Ideas

## **Sponsor presentations**

PSRC recommends project sponsor presentations for the upcoming competitions. SNTC members will be able to ask questions about the project and increase their understanding of the projects before the deliberation.

## **Prioritizing equity**

How can we ensure that equity is prioritized in this process? For example, we could ask project sponsors to describe how their projects provide benefits to equity focus populations within the service area (potentially with demographic or other data).



# Next Steps

## **May 18 SNTC Meeting**

- Continued discussion & revision of the call for projects materials

## **June 15 SNTC (New meeting)**

- Final edits to achieve the regional consensus

## **July 20 SNTC**

- Get ready for the call for projects release

## **Summer-Fall 2022: PSRC reviews applications**

## **November 16 SNTC**

- Sponsor presentations

## **December 21 (or January 18, 2023) SNTC**

- Regional priority ranking deliberation meeting





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