

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process for Consolidated Grant 2023-2025 Biennium

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Puget Sound Regional Council

PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process



NOTE: All dates are subject to change.



2022 PSRC Priority Ranking Timeline

July 21, 2022	WSDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity
August 3, 2022	PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Training
October 27, 2022	Application Deadline for 2022 Consolidated Grant – applicants in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties must submit their applications to both WSDOT and PSRC for consideration
November 16, 2022	PSRC Sponsor Presentation (NEW step in the process)
December 6, 2022	PSRC Special Needs Transportation Committee 2023-2025 Consolidated Grant Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
December 2022 (Exact date TBD)	PSRC Transportation Operators Committee Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
January 12, 2023	PSRC Transportation Policy Board Regional Priority Ranking Recommendation
January 26, 2023	PSRC Executive Board Decision on Regional Priority Rankings
May-June 2023	WSDOT Funded Project List Announced and Award Letters Sent
July 1, 2023	Project Begins

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



PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Process

1

Applicants within the PSRC region will address **PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors in the state application**

2

PSRC will review applications for how applications address the Regional Priority Ranking Factors

3

Sponsor presentations will help PSRC and SNTC to better understand projects

4

PSRC will share the results of staff review with SNTC and interested parties a week prior to the deliberations, as a resource

5

Final priority rankings will be discussed and determined at the **SNTC deliberation meeting**, using “Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation” developed by the committee



2023-2025 Available Regional Priority Rankings

- Total 15 ABC rankings are available for PSRC region:
 - 5 A's
 - 5 B's
 - 5 C's
 - Unlimited number of D's

NOTE: 4-year projects will receive the same grade for both biennia

- Compared to the last biennium, **more applications are expected** for the upcoming biennium



Revised PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

- PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors are designed to help **implement the Coordinated Mobility Plan**
- Applicants will address both **WSDOT's evaluation criteria** and **PSRC's Regional Priority Ranking Factors** in their applications
- Projects will receive simple **“Yes” or “No” answers** for each factor
- PSRC will also use the information heard from **sponsor presentations** to determine the final Yes/No responses



Revised PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

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

Evaluation Method:

Only preservation and capital projects that are supporting existing programs at existing service levels will receive a “Yes.”

New or expansion projects will receive a “No” for this factor.



Revised PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

#2. Support for PSRC's Coordinated Mobility Plan

Evaluation Method:

Only applications showing that they **adequately address at least one “High” Prioritized Strategy** found on page 43 will receive a “Yes.”

Applications failing to address this component of the Coordinated Mobility Plan, or **only addressing “Other” Prioritized Strategies**, will receive a “No” for this factor.

Link to the Coordinated Mobility Plan: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning/regional-transportation-plan/coordinated-mobility-plan>



Revised PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

#3. Uniqueness of Service

Evaluation Method:

Applicants that **adequately explain the uniqueness of their services and how their projects do not duplicate other existing services for target populations**, including those provided by public transportation operators (fixed-route, demand response, travel training, etc.) will receive a “Yes.”

Applicants that do not provide an explanation or respond there are no similar services or programs without an explanation, will receive a “No” for this factor.



Revised PSRC Regional Priority Ranking Factors

#4. Financial Sustainability

Evaluation Method:

An application that demonstrates it is **providing more than the federal minimum required match from local sources in its project budget** will receive a “Yes.”

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 federal/state funding amount less than 80% of their net project cost will receive a “Yes.”



July 21 WSDOT Call for Projects

PSRC Specialized Transportation Funding Webpage:

<https://psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding>

- Schedule
- Regional Priority Ranking Factors Guidance
- Population Density Maps by County
- 2021-2025 PSRC Region Projects Funded for Consolidated Grant
- Registration Link for the August 3rd Training



Next Steps

September-October 2022

Develop “Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation” including **Advancing Equity (New)** and **Performance Measures & Targets** factors



Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

- The SNTC identifies the additional factors that they may take into consideration **during deliberations** on regional priority recommendations
- Additional factors **should not duplicate the Regional Priority Ranking Factors**
- Any additional factors that **require data and analysis must be determined prior to the deliberation meeting** to give PSRC staff time to prepare



Additional Factors for Consideration in Deliberation

Additional Factors Used for the 2021-2023 Biennium:

- **Geographical Distribution of Regional Rankings**
- **Project Types**
- **Agency Equity**
- **Compelling Cases for Agencies with Limited Resources**
- **Strategic Application of State/Federal Funds**
- **Coordination**

Potential Factors to Add:

- **Advancing Equity**
- **Performance Measures & Targets**

NOTE: This list can be retained, updated, or replaced based on SNTC feedback during the December 6 deliberation meeting



Important Dates

WSDOT Call for Projects: July 21

- PSRC call for projects will be available soon after the state's release:
<https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding>

PSRC Priority Ranking Process Training: August 3 (10:00-11:00am),
registration will open on 7/21

Application Deadline: October 27 by 3:00pm, PSRC region sponsors must submit a PDF version of the application to jkim@psrc.org **by the same date/time** noted above

NEW Sponsor Presentations: November 16 (9:00am-4:00pm), time/date depend upon the volume of applications received by October 27th

2023-2025 Deliberation Meeting: December 6 (9:00am-2:00pm), SNTC voting (or alternates of the voting) members should attend for recommendation



Contact Information & Resources

PSRC Staff Contact: Jean Kim (jkim@psrc.org)

- PSRC's Specialized Transportation Funding Website: <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/funding/project-selection/special-needs-funding>
- PSRC Regional Coordinated Mobility Plan Website: <https://psrc.org/our-work/regional-planning/regional-transportation-plan/coordinated-mobility-plan>

WSDOT Community Liaisons serving PSRC region:

- King and Pierce Counties: Matthew Cramer (cramema@wsdot.wa.gov)
- Snohomish County: Marianna Hanefeld (Marianna.hanefeld@wsdot.wa.gov)
- WSDOT Consolidated Grant Webpage: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/grants/public-transportation-grants/grant-programs-and-awards/consolidated>

