

Project Selection Preparation

Regional Project Evaluation Committee
October 23, 2026

Puget Sound Regional Council

Today's Discussion



- Review and follow-up on funding cycle poll
- Recap of policy discussion
- Schedule and next steps

Project Selection Process

Option 1: Resync to Odd-Year Funding Cycle

Competition Year	Award Years	TIP Timeframe
2024	*2027, 2028*	*2025-2028*
2027	2029, 2030, 2031	2028-2031
2029	2032, 2033	2030-2033
2031	2034, 2035	2032-2035
Continue odd-year funding cycle…		

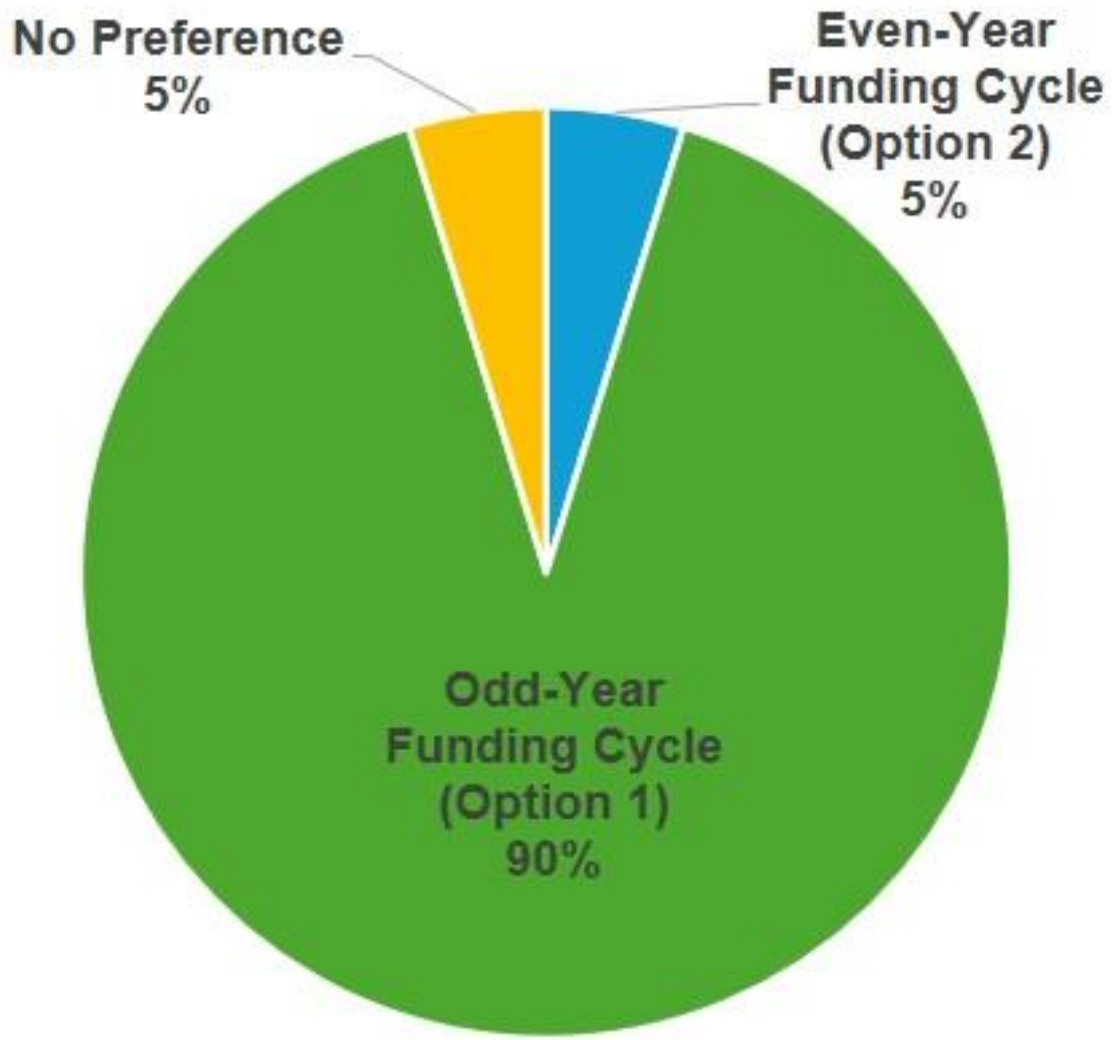
Option 2: Resync to Even-Year Funding Cycle

Competition Year	Award Years	TIP Timeframe
2024	*2027, 2028*	*2025-2028*
2027	2029, 2030, 2031	2028-2031
2030	2032, 2033, 2034	2031-2034
2032	2035, 2036	2033-2036
Continue even-year funding cycle…		

- Options presented to get project selection back on a 2-year cycle
  - ➢ *and* meet state and federal requirement for a fully programmed 4-year TIP
- Polled RPEC and TOC members and alternates

Poll Results

21 responses



Comments Provided

Reasons provided for odd-year funding cycle preference

- Results in quicker realignment back to 2-year cycle
- Balances better with other agency commitments
- Staggers with other grant competitions including those administered by WSDOT that are predominantly held in even years

No comments provided with reasons for even-year funding cycle preference

Other Comments Provided

- Mixed feedback regarding inclusion of 2031 funding year
  - Needed to meet FHWA requirement for full TIP programming
- Implications for other PSRC competitions (e.g., RTCC and TAP)
  - Expected to continue to be held in years between biennial processes
- Avoid conflict with RTP development timeline
  - Will require deliberate scheduling to minimize overlap of major tasks
- Effect of third funding year on application caps
  - Let's discuss!

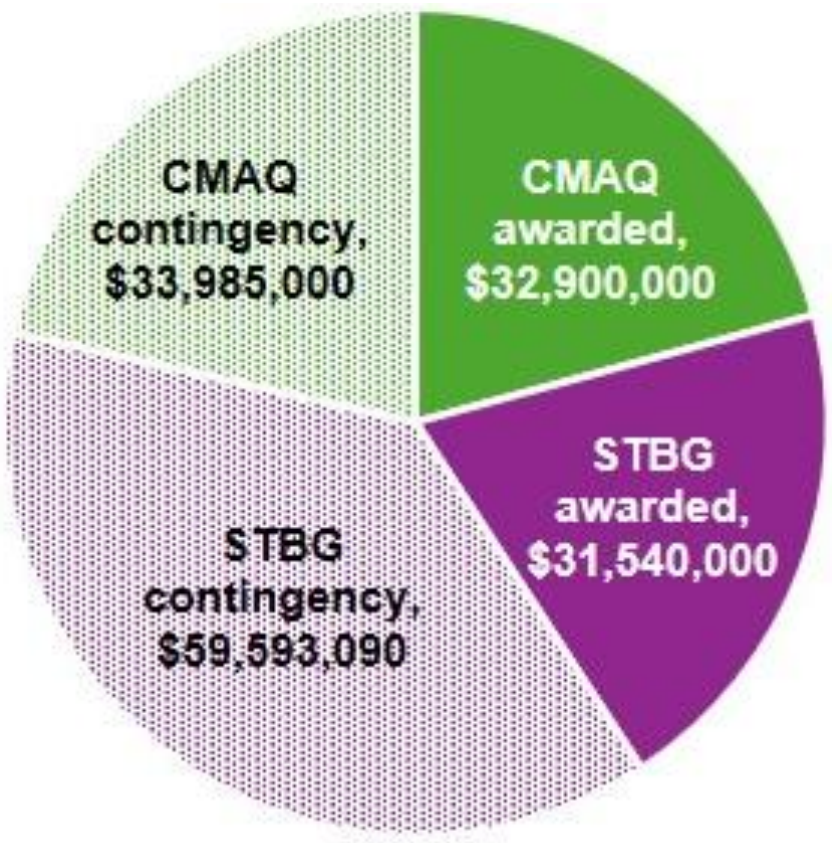


Adjustments for Third Funding Year?

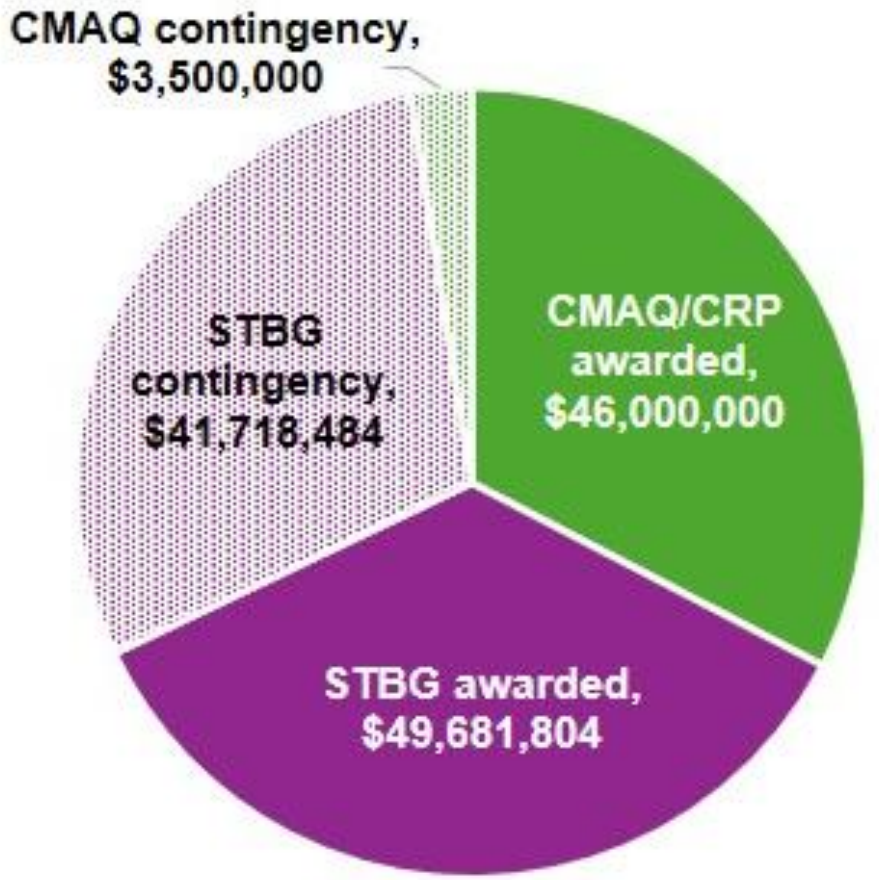
- No basis for increasing Regional funding request cap
  - ➢ Award of funds for additional year will not affect the amount available *per year*
- Could potentially provide basis for increasing cap on # Regional applications allowed
- Countywides will need to make their own determinations regarding cap adjustments

Award v Requests - Regional

2022

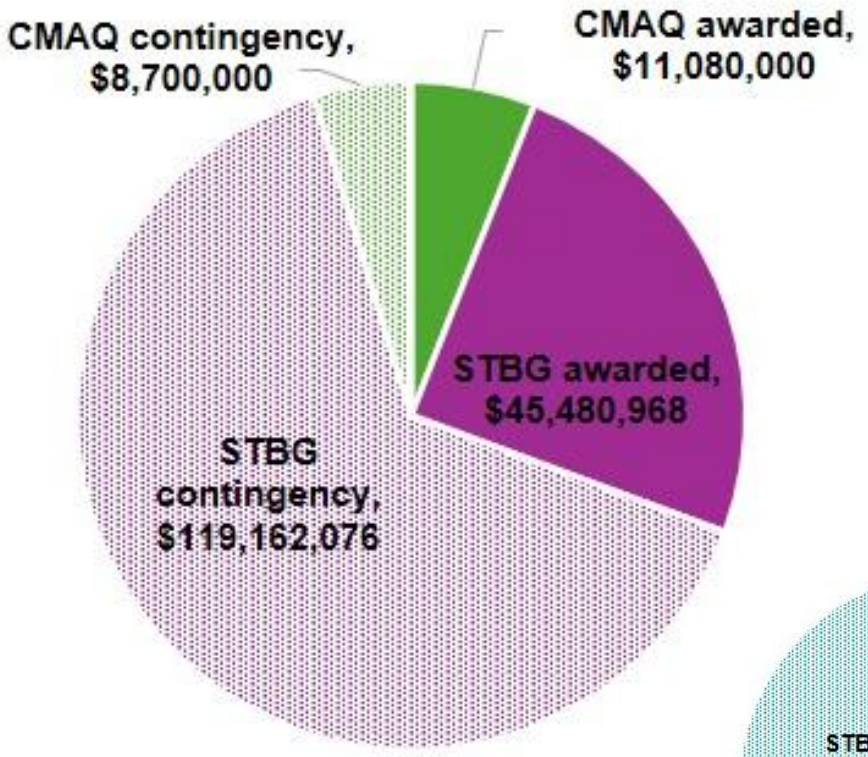


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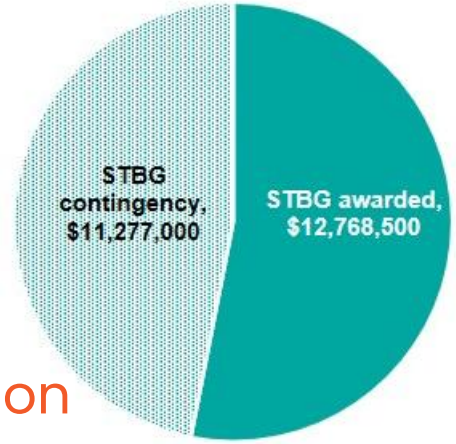


Award v Requests – King Countywide

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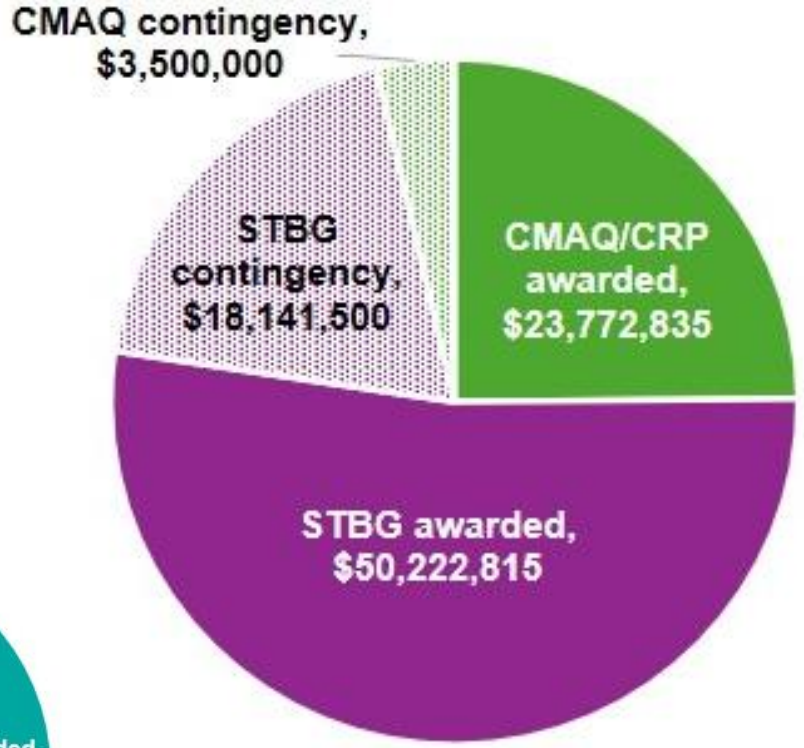


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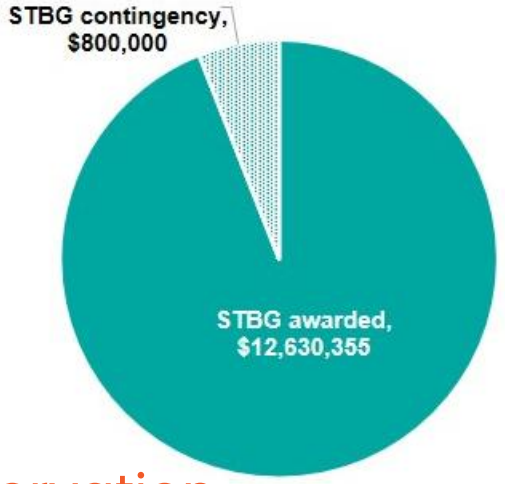


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2024



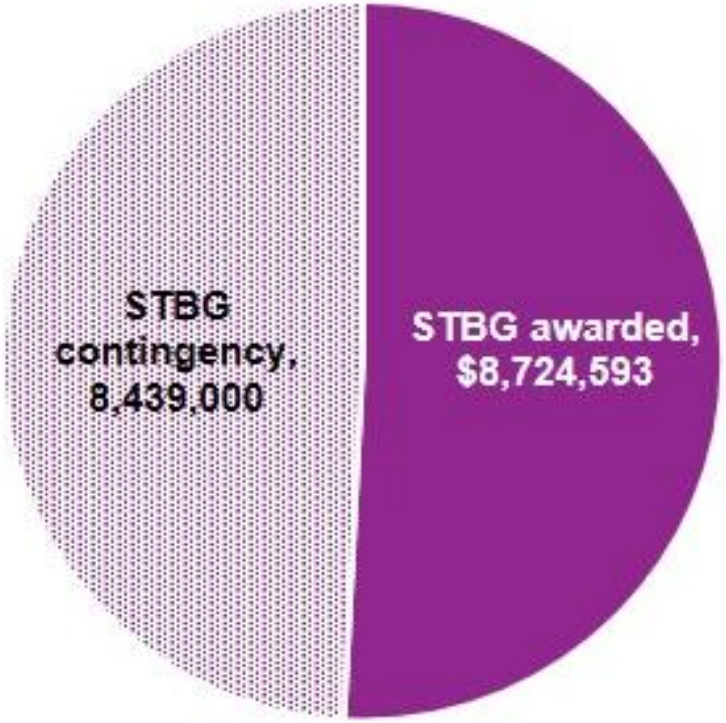
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Award v Requests – Kitsap Countywide

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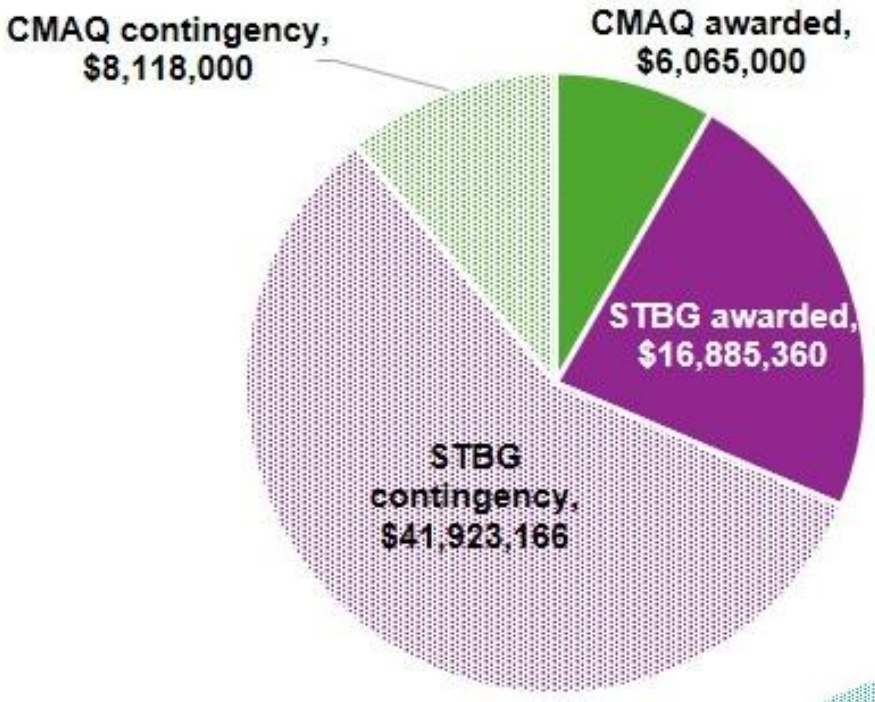
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Award v Requests – Pierce Countywide

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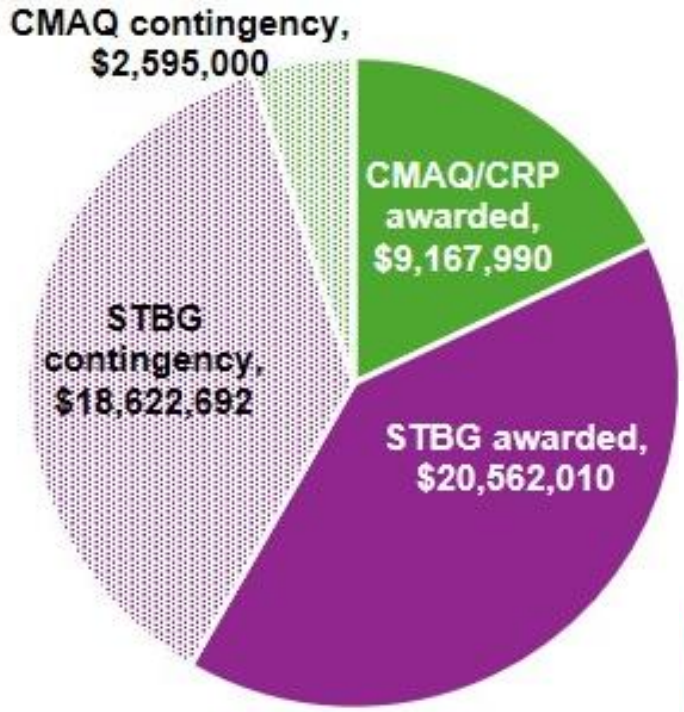


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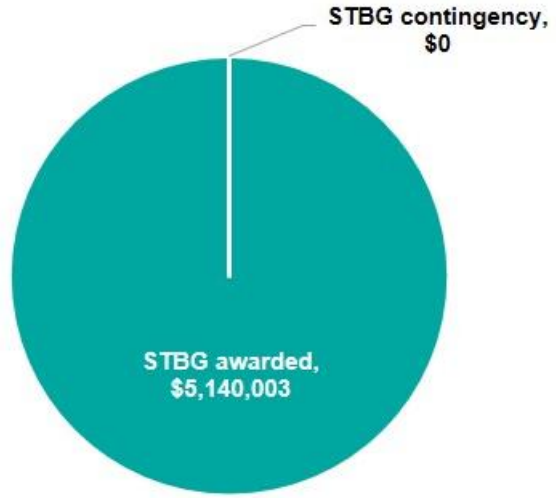


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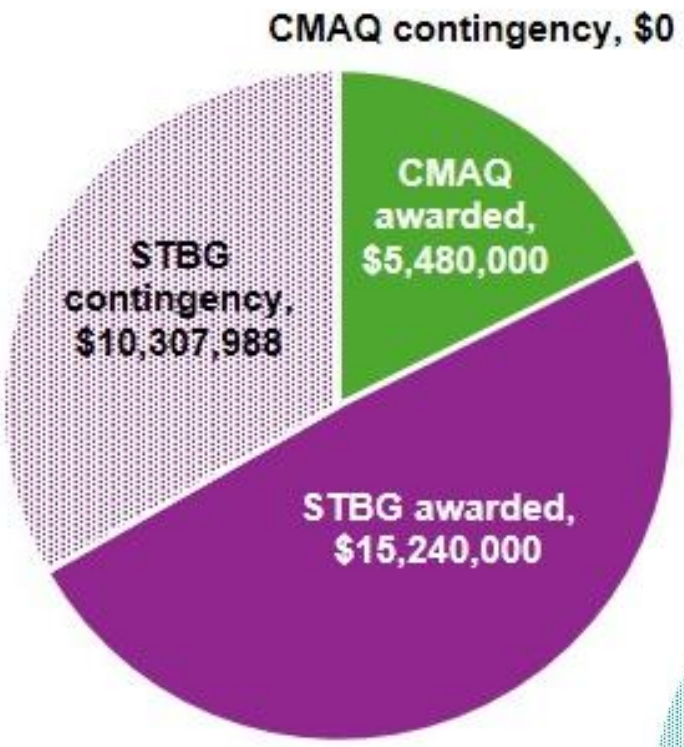
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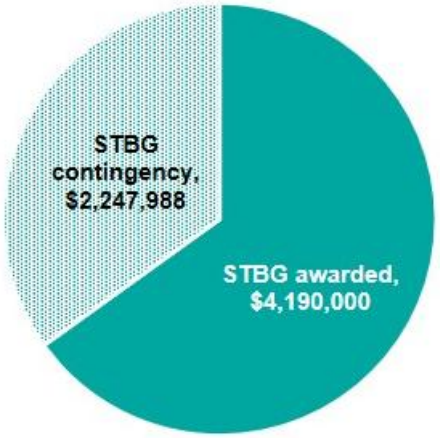
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Award v Requests – Snohomish Countywide

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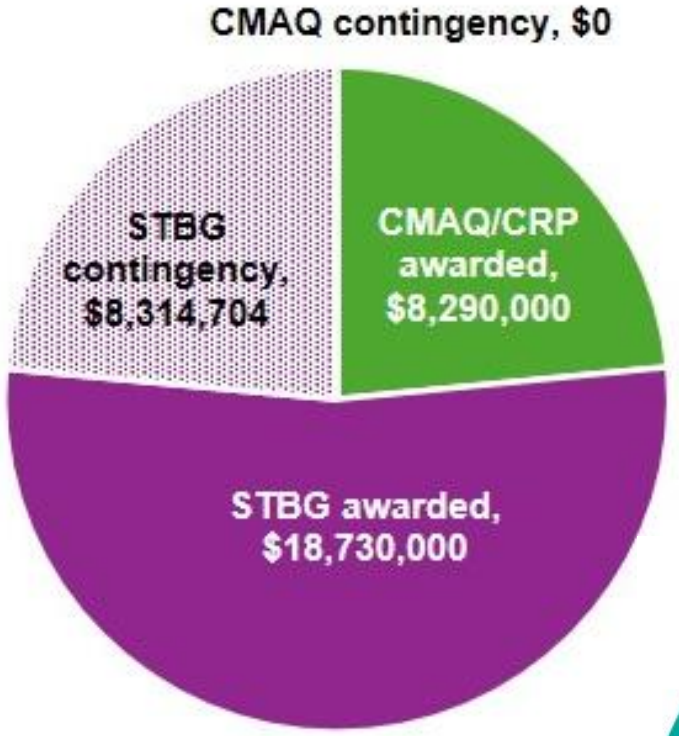


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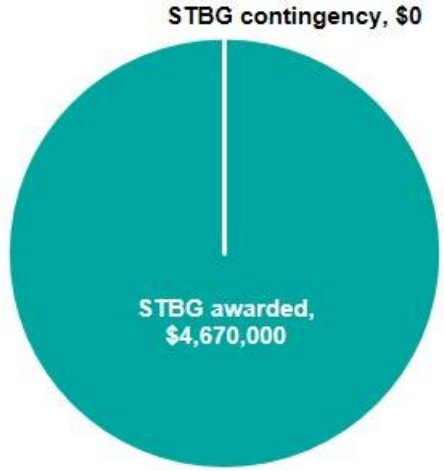


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2024



All Categories



Preservation

Follow-up on Application Limit Questions



- Preliminary feedback today
- Will conduct follow-up poll as needed
- Confirm by December

➢ *Provide data to support countywide deliberation as needed*

FHWA Project Evaluation Criteria Categories

- Based on VISION 2050 policies, board priorities
- Point values vary depending on funding source

Criteria	Regional Competition Point Values	
	STBG	CMAQ
Development of Centers	28	13
Mobility & Accessibility	24	12
Outreach & Displacement	12	10
Safety & Security	16	15
Air Quality/ Climate Change	20	50
TOTAL	**100**	**100**

In 2024, enhanced criteria and increased point values for safety, supporting underserved communities

Evaluation Criteria – Safety Refinement

- Based on VISION 2050 policies, board priorities
- Point values vary depending on funding source

Criteria	Regional Competition Point Values	
	STBG	CMAQ
Development of Centers	28	13
Mobility & Accessibility	24	12
Outreach & Displacement	12	10
Safety & Security	16	15
Air Quality/ Climate Change	20	50
TOTAL	**100**	**100**

Expected Refinement

- Address locations on the regional, state or a local High Injury Network
- Address locations on the regional, state or a local Pedestrian / Bicycle High Injury Network

Evaluation Criteria – Ped/Bike Refinement

- Based on VISION 2050 policies, board priorities
- Point values vary depending on funding source

Criteria	Regional Competition Point Values	
	STBG	CMAQ
Development of Centers	28	13
Mobility & Accessibility	24	12
Outreach & Displacement	12	10
Safety & Security	16	15
Air Quality/ Climate Change	20	50
TOTAL	**100**	**100**

Expected Refinement

- Address Ped/Bike Facility Typology re: improvements appropriate to the speed/volume of adjacent roadway
- Address Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress and comfort of facilities for all users

Evaluation Criteria – Underserved Communities

- Based on VISION 2050 policies, board priorities
- Point values vary depending on funding source

Criteria	Regional Competition Point Values	
	STBG	CMAQ
Development of Centers	28	13
Mobility & Accessibility	24	12
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Air Quality/ Climate Change	20	50
TOTAL	**100**	**100**

Expected Refinement

- Same criteria, updated tool
- Opportunity Index built from four categories - Transportation, Amenities, Housing, Economy
- Focused on outcomes/ needs rather than individual/demographic characteristics –- areas of Low Opportunity
- Woven through criteria, similar to 2024

Schedule / Next Steps

- Committee discussions, July - December
- Board discussions, September – December
- Finalizing language, guidance documents, supporting materials, October - January
  - Including coordination on countywide updates
  - Testing of new online application system underway!
- *Policy Framework for PSRC's Federal Funds*
  - Draft to TPB planned for December
  - Board adoption planned for January
- Regional Call for Projects planned February 2027



Questions and Feedback?