INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION PANEL
Eligible applications will be reviewed by an independent grant evaluation panel. The panel will score each application based on the criteria described below and will recommend a prioritized project list to WSDOT. The evaluation panel is comprised of demonstrated subject matter experts with experience in:

- Coordinated special needs transportation.
- Public transportation operations.
- Transit asset management.
- Transportation funding.
- Tribal transit.

EVALUATION CRITERIA
WSDOT has developed criteria for evaluating applications in collaboration with partners and stakeholders. All applications will be evaluated based on the extent to which the project:

1. Establishes, preserves, or improves public transportation services within a community.
2. Addresses a recognized need within the community.
3. Reflects a community process of coordination and input.
4. Leverages funds from other sources and/or documents local commitment to support the implementation of the project.
5. Appears to be feasible as described.
6. Connects to other systems and/or modes.
7. Defines specific performance measures to be used in determining the success of the project.
8. Describes an active effort aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of transportation services.
9. Applicant reports sufficient experience managing transportation projects and grants awards to ensure success.
10. Applicant reports sufficient financial capability and resources to implement and successfully carry out the project.
11. Applicant demonstrates good faith effort to utilize and/or contract with disadvantaged businesses on the project.
12. Contributes to the state maintaining the number of public transportation vehicles within their minimum useful life.
13. Complies with state rules (WAC 194-29) regarding alternative fuels (for vehicle purchases).