

Summary of Discussion to Date of the Attributable Funding Process

For this round, the AFC expects only minor adjustments because two years ago, there was a significant subcommittee effort to work through the attributable funds process.

Documentation

- Combine the *Principles and Procedures* that govern the application process into one document to simplify and reduce redundancy.
- Include the information to be requested in the application in the *Principles and Procedures* rather than the application form itself, to allow flexibility in developing the online application.
- Improve upon last round's on-line application:
 - Allow attachments to be uploaded to specific questions.
 - Improve the ability to save applications as PDFs.
 - Expand collaboration capabilities to allow multiple users (both internal staff and consultants, for example) to coordinate on an agency's application.
- Create a separate form for updates to previous funding commitments rather than a subset of the form for new applications.
- The information needed on the application may change to simplify the process:
 - Coordinate the initial and final applications to reduce review time.
 - Reduce what information is requested in the final application, asking for only what is needed to understand and evaluate the project.
 - Upon selection, additional information required for programming, complete streets or other information needs will be requested.

Scoring

- Review the target percentages of funds to allot to each category. In 2014, the AFC recommended that we not meet the target for the system preservation category.
- Adjust the criteria to relate to the new objectives of the MTP.
- Should an AFC subcommittee assist with the scoring process for the economic development goal? In the past, most feedback from the staff scoring results was good, but there may be other experts that we should involve, perhaps from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Funding and Incentives

- Toll revenue credit (TRC) allows projects to be funded up to 100 percent with federal funds, where most projects are funded with 80 percent federal money and a 20 percent non-federal match. ODOT has indicated that TRC is now available again and guaranteed through 2020.
 - The *Principles and Procedures* must account for TRC.
 - Could TRC be a way to provide an incentive to ensure projects are delivered on time or more quickly?
- Review the PE incentive: only one selected project took advantage of it last round.