

FAQ – Tribal Transportation Safety Strategy Pilot Program NOFO

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- 1) QUESTION: Can any federal funding, such as TTSPF, LTAP, TTAP, etc) be used as part of the required match for this project?

ANSWER: Because of the nature of the funding appropriations, using any other types of federal funding for the match is not allowed.

Federal funds (including TTSPF, LTAP and TTAP) cannot count toward local match without a specific statutory exception. 23 USC 120(k) is such an exception, but it is not applicable to this program. Specifically, 120(k) allows TTAP funds to be used as local match for any grant under Title 23 (highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (transit), but the Tribal Transportation Safety Strategy Pilot Program is not codified under either Title 23 or Chapter 53 of Title 49, so that exception would not apply here.

In addition, SPR funding originates from FHWA, so they also cannot be part of the required match.

- 2) QUESTION: Can you confirm whether a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization may serve as the prime applicant for this opportunity

ANSWER: For the Tribal Safety Pilot Program NOFO, the prime applicant must be a university, as a qualified institution of higher education. However, a 501(c)(3) may participate as a subrecipient or technology partner.