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Questions	Answers
How do I submit my application?	Interested parties can submit their application through DRPT's Online Grant Administration (OLGA) website. They can log in using their agency credentials and navigate to Mid-Cycle Grant Applications. There, they can submit their application and attach relevant documentation.
What documents are due by September 17th?	The following documents must be submitted by the September deadline: completed application (PDF format), ridership reports, relevant local/planning documentation, and any other supporting documents that don't need board approval. The following documents will be accepted up until October 1 st : letters of support and appropriate board/MPO approvals (if applicable).
What years do I use for ridership analysis?	Applicants should use ridership numbers from 2020 as a point of comparison. They should use 2025 for all ridership projections.
For zero fare projects, what year should grantees use to determine revenue base?	2020 should be used to determine net fare collection/cost of project.
What is the duration of funding?	Regional connectivity projects can receive up to 5 years of funding and zero fare projects can receive up to 3 years of funding. Projects may be eligible for funding extensions based on project performance and availability of funding.
What is required for a project to be considered 'regional'?	While it is preferred that projects will serve multiple jurisdictions and cross jurisdictional boundaries, a project could still be considered regional if it is proven to meet a regional need. Therefore, a route that serves only one jurisdiction could still qualify for regional connectivity funding if it accesses large regional employers, other modes of transportation, and/or can be proven to benefit the regional transportation network.
How will FY 22 funds be distributed to multi-year projects?	FY 22 funds can and will be used throughout the duration of the multi-year project cycle. For zero fare and low income, it is anticipated that FY 22 funds will be spread out and used for FY 22, FY 23, and FY 24.
What regions are eligible for regional connectivity funds?	The following regions are eligible for regional connectivity funding: Blacksburg, Charlottesville, Hampton Roads, Lynchburg, Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Roanoke.



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For zero fare transit, when do we have to provide salaries? And for what staff?

Salaries have to be provided on the application if it is anticipated that TRIP funds will be allocated towards the hiring or payment of staff. For instance, if an agency is planning to use TRIP funding to hire new operators to accommodate the predicted increase in use. If the TRIP funds are not going to be used towards staff salaries, then the applicant does not need to provide salary detail.