

## STIC Funding Application 2023

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/guidance.cfm>

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The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Incentive program provides resources to help STICs foster a culture for innovation and make innovations standard practice in their States. This program provides up to \$100,000 in Federal funds per Federal fiscal year and is made available to support or offset the costs of standardizing innovative practices in a State transportation agency or other public sector STIC stakeholder. These funds can be used on one or multiple smaller projects and this questionnaire is your opportunity to get your innovation funded! Proposals will be reviewed by the STIC Executive Team and awarded based on potential to foster innovation and provide benefit to the traveling public. Although anyone can apply for these funds, each project must have a VTrans Champion. Awarded funds will be processed through FHWA and VTrans.

Examples of allowable innovation projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- develop standards and specifications;
- develop and deliver training to facilitate widespread use of an innovation;
- refine current specifications based on lessons learned from implementing an innovation;
- develop memoranda of agreement;
- prepare standard operating procedures or technical guidance for an innovation;
- prepare a report summarizing the lessons learned and economic analysis of an innovation;
- develop a decision matrix for use of an innovation;
- prepare an implementation plan for an innovation, including performance measures; or
- sponsor an innovation workshop/exchange sharing best practices.

Please complete the questionnaire below and send it to [Matthew.DiGiovanni@dot.gov](mailto:Matthew.DiGiovanni@dot.gov) with a copy to [Amanda.Gilman-Bogie@vermont.gov](mailto:Amanda.Gilman-Bogie@vermont.gov) by **March 31, 2023**.

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**Applicant:**

**VTrans Champion:**

**Please provide a summary of your innovative project proposal:**

**How does your proposal have a statewide impact in fostering a culture for innovation?**

**How will this benefit the traveling public?**

**Please provide a brief implementation timeline:**

**Please provide a brief cost breakdown (\$125k Max @ 80% Federal):**

**Which goal below does this innovation most closely align?**

- Significantly accelerates the adoption of innovative technologies by the surface transportation community
- Provides leadership and incentives to demonstrate and promote state-of-the-art technologies, elevated performance standards, and new business practices in highway construction processes that result in improved safety, faster construction, reduced congestion from construction, and improved quality and user satisfaction
- Constructs longer-lasting highways through the use of innovative technologies and practices that lead to faster construction of efficient and safe highways and bridges
- Improves highway efficiency, safety, mobility, reliability, service life, environmental protection, and sustainability
- Develops and deploys new tools, techniques, and practices to accelerate the adoption of innovation in all aspects of highway transportation.