



## Innovation Implementation Assistance: The STIC Incentive Program

State Transportation Innovation Councils (STIC) are creating a culture of innovation in the transportation community by leading deployment of new technologies and practices in their states. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) STIC Incentive program provides resources to help support this state-based initiative.

### WHAT IS A STIC?

A STIC brings public and private transportation stakeholders together to evaluate innovations and spearhead deployment in their state. This puts each state's transportation community in the driver's seat when it comes to selecting innovations that best fit their program needs and then putting those innovations into practice quickly.

STICs (or an equivalent task force) are active in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Federal Lands Highway, creating a national network for exchanging best practices on innovations and getting them into widespread use across the country.

### HOW MUCH FUNDING DOES THE STIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROVIDE?

The STIC Incentive program offers federal funding of up to \$100,000 per state, per federal fiscal year to support or offset some of the costs of standardizing innovative practices in a state transportation agency or other public-sector STIC stakeholder. Funding is administered by the FHWA Center for Accelerating Innovation through the Technology and Innovation Deployment Program (TIDP).

STIC Incentive funds for eligible projects provide the federal share of 80 percent. The 20 percent non-federal match may come from project sponsors or other allowable funding sources.

### WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE ELIGIBLE?

STICs consider innovations from a variety of sources, including but not limited to FHWA's Every Day Counts initiative to deploy proven technologies and practices, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Innovation Initiative (AII), and the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2).

STIC Incentive funds may be used to develop guidance, standards, and specifications; implement process changes; organize peer exchanges; offset implementation costs; or other activities the STIC identifies that address TIDP goals. To qualify, activities must meet the following requirements:

- Have a statewide impact in fostering a culture of innovation or in making an innovation a standard practice.
- Align with TIDP goals
- Be eligible for Federal-aid assistance and adhere to applicable federal requirements
- Start within six months, but no later than one year, after notification of approval for STIC Incentive funding. Funds must be expended within two years.

### HOW CAN STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGE WITH THEIR STIC?

A list of STIC points of contacts is available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/stic-contacts.cfm>.

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