



**3. I'm a CBO. Why can't I be a lead applicant?**

After considering CBOs as the lead applicant, we received feedback from CBOs and jurisdictions emphasizing the importance of having clear support from the city agency responsible for operating the public right of way and elected officials. As such, we modified the criteria such that lead applicants must be from jurisdictions. However, CBOs can be co-applicants, and the scoring criteria emphasize the importance of community partnerships.

**4. Who is eligible to apply?**

Los Angeles County jurisdictions or municipalities, which include cities, councils of governments, and Los Angeles County agencies with jurisdiction over the streets, where they propose staging an event. Community Based Organizations (CBOs/non-profit organizations) can apply as co-applicants.

**5. Is there a minimum local match required?**

Yes, there is a 30% minimum local match requirement on each application. Match can come from in-kind or staff time. Metro hopes to see that cities also commit to a range of resources, not limited to Metro funding.

**6. How do we include the total cost of the project with the match?**

If you are seeking \$250,000 in grant funding from Metro, for example, you would also need to account for the 30% match (\$75,000) in your total cost, which amounts to \$325,000.

**7. Do prospective applicants have a limit as to how many applications they can submit?**

There is no limit to the number of applications an applicant can submit; however, applicants must rank each application they submit.

**8. Is the \$10 million available for both 2026 and 2028?**

Correct, there is a total of \$10 million in competitive funds for the entire cycle. In this cycle, there is no \$500,000 maximum per event; however, a proposed event would need to be extraordinary to receive funding exceeding \$500,000.

**9. Is there a preference for near-venue events or outside?**

There is no preference; applicants may submit their applications from anywhere in the county as long as they promote the spirit of the games and meet the application criteria.

**10. Is there priority given to cities that are closer to physical events?**

No, Metro wants to see events throughout LA County.

**11. Are traffic control expenses eligible expenses that include policing and traffic control?**

Yes, these expenses are eligible for reimbursement. A table listing this and other eligible expenses can be found in the grant application.

For those planning to include retractable bollards as an expense, Metro will evaluate the cost-effectiveness of this measure. For example, manual retractable bollards—such as those used in 3rd Street Promenade—are more cost-effective over the long term because they require less maintenance.

**12. We are a city working on our Games agreement, but it is not finished yet. What are the policies and expectations regarding branding, etc., for the World Cup or the Games in relation to our proposed routes?**

Jurisdictions are responsible for understanding and complying with FIFA or LA28 rules.

**13. Applications for 2026 and 2028 are now open. Will there be more funding available later?**

Not at this time. Cities and their partners are encouraged to identify local funding and/or seek additional funding from other government, philanthropic, and commercial sources to supplement Metro grant funding.

**14. The FIFA World Cup has only announced scheduled dates, but not times. What if we are planning an Open or Slow Streets event around a game that doesn't make sense once the final schedule is released, and we want to adjust the date of our event?**

Metro can and will be flexible with date changes for Open and Slow Streets events. However, grantees must contact Metro Open and Slow Streets manager immediately to review/approve the new proposed date. Applicants should be cognizant of any changes that might impact their score, however, and there is additional information on how scope changes will be managed in the guidelines.

**15. Does the funding need to be spent during the duration of the Olympics, Paralympics, or World Cup?**

Yes, the events must align with these or pre-events, such as the Cultural Olympiad. Local jurisdictions are encouraged to seek additional funding to host events outside of these major ones. Metro will be creating a list of pass-through transportation funds that LA County jurisdictions can use to support more Open and Slow Streets events.

**16. What if we are proposing a combination of both a Slow and Open Street event?**

In the application, choose the option that best fits your event from the drop-down menu, then provide details in text about your planned activities. It's acceptable to submit an application that combines both Open and Slow Streets.

**17. Can you provide examples of programming that support both the sporting theme and the requirement for art, culture, and recreation?**

You don't need to host a game viewing or anything like that, but programming should be themed and scheduled around the games, whether it's the World Cup, Olympics, or Paralympics. Think about transportation needs that support or provide access to venues or fan zones (if any).

Additionally, consider strengthening arts, culture, and recreation by increasing resources already available in your community. Examples include linking a route to a park, bikeway, or museums and historic buildings that offer structured programming such as tours.

**18. Are applicants required to submit a formal action (such as a board mandate) from their jurisdiction?**

Applicants must submit a letter of support from (1) an elected official overseeing the geographic area where the event will take place, (2) the department responsible for the public right of way, and any other partners listed, such as a CBO co-applicant.

**19. If awarded, does Metro support the grantee if the project budget exceeds the total funding amount?**

Metro will only reimburse the grantee up to the amount approved by the Board at the time of the grant award for eligible expenses, as long as the grant is executed according to the grant agreement. Any costs exceeding that amount will be the grantee's responsibility.

**20. My city doesn't have many routes that make sense in Equity Focus Communities (EFCs). How can we think about equity beyond the EFC map?**

Metro defines equity as both an outcome and a process aimed at addressing racial, socio-economic, and gender disparities to ensure fair and just access—considering where individuals start and their capacity to improve from that point—to opportunities such as jobs, housing, education, mobility options, and healthier communities. Metro's goal is to focus on those with the least access to mobility options so that everyone can benefit from dignified, accessible transit that connects them to opportunities.

To support this goal, Metro developed the EFC map to identify areas with the most significant transportation needs. However, Metro also recognizes that equity is not one-size-fits-all, and the EFC map is not the only way to determine need. Every community is unique, and equitable solutions must reflect those differences. Equity means actively including all Angelenos, especially those with the largest gaps in access to opportunities, by removing barriers to full participation. This includes ensuring that proposed routes and programs are accessible, welcoming, and meaningful to people with disabilities, seniors, young families, and others who often face barriers. Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong understanding of their community's specific needs and will design events that center those community members.

**21. I submitted my application, but where do I submit my Scope and Financial Plan and Letters of Support?**

Exhibits and attachments to applications should be sent via email to [OpenStreets@metro.net](mailto:OpenStreets@metro.net). You will receive a confirmation email once you submit.

**22. Will there be a time extension on the applications?**

Metro is working on a very tight schedule, and no extensions will be granted beyond the October 10th @ 11:59pm deadline. However, Metro will accept letters of support from

applicants through October 24th, as long as applications and Scope and Financial Plans are submitted by the October 10th deadline at 11:59 pm.

**23. What is the Open and Slow Streets timeline?**

Applications are due October 10th. Evaluation of the applications will begin immediately. Applicants will be notified of results in December, pending Board approval at the December 4th Board Meeting.

**24. Do we have an updated list on CBOs?**

Yes. Each CBO has been listed by subregion. Additionally, [Guidestar](#) is another resource for searching organizations in your area.

**25. As far as reimbursement, are there any guidelines for what can be reimbursed?**

Generally, Metro will reimburse any transportation-related expenses. We cannot reimburse programming that isn't transportation-related, such as docent tours, stages, broadcasting fees for screening sports games, branded signage, or alcohol. Please refer to the table on the application for a list of reimbursable expenses.

**26. Can applicants partner with private spaces along the route?**

Yes, but Metro funds can't be used to block off private areas.

**27. Can Open Streets be in lieu of existing transit? What if the street is closed for extended periods of time? What is the thought process of Open Streets detouring transit?**

It depends on additional details, such as the city, type of street, and the closure.

**28. Could a single city council district be eligible with a CBO?**

No, the jurisdiction would need to be an applicant.

**29. Does the funding need to be spent during the duration of the Olympics and FIFA?**

Yes, but there are pre-events such as the Cultural Olympiad. Could fund things that are related to the events.

**30. How do we align with these mega events?**

Time-bound, temporal, and location-based connections to cultural centers, fan zones, and gathering spots for the event.

**31. Do we need to submit a formal action (like a board mandate) from our jurisdiction?**

Applicants are only required to submit a letter of support due to limited time period for applications.

**32. If we had a closure but allowed bus and bikes to come through, is that slow or open streets?**

Considered an Open Street, but describe how you will keep it safe, including how to separate bike, pedestrian, and bus traffic. Closed to cars.