DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Minnesota Rail Service Improvement Grant Program

Questions and Answers

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Our organization does not have audited financial statements, can we submit a different financial document?

If your organization does not currently have audited financial statements, please note this on your application and include two years of another type of financial statement (compilation statements, reviewed statements, etc.) with your application.

Can we submit electronic documents by web link?

Yes, electronic documents may be submitted by web link. MnDOT will download the documents at the application deadline and will not check for updated documents after this time. If the web link does not work for MnDOT, materials will not be allowed to be submitted after the application deadline.

Due to the schedule of our board meetings and application turnaround time, we will have difficulty obtaining a board/council resolution by the application deadline. Can we submit this document after the deadline in this case?

MnDOT does not require a board/council resolution as part of the grant application process. Applicants may optionally submit board/council resolutions with their application. If an applicant would like to submit an optional board/council resolution but is unable to do this by the deadline, they may explain their desire to submit a resolution and submit this document when they are able to obtain it. An executed board/council resolution will be required for all successful projects prior to executing a grant agreement.

We are unable to obtain a detailed engineer's estimate or construction bid for our project within the application timeframe. Is it ok to submit an estimate that is not an official engineer's estimate?

Please explain why you are unable to provide an engineer's estimate or construction bid by the application deadline and submit the cost estimate that is currently available to you and how you arrived at this estimate. An engineer's estimate or construction bid will be required for all successful projects prior to executing a grant agreement.