

The Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) program is a collaborative research program that has existed for more than 45 years. TPF creates an opportunity for partners to pool their funds, subject matter expertise, and resources to conduct high-priority research that addresses a wide variety of shared transportation problems. Since 2003, the TPF program has processed more than \$656 million in collaborative research funding, and, as of February 2023, has 152 active projects and 18 open solicitations (170 in total).



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International Partners


International participation in the TPF program is welcomed and encouraged. Any country in good standing with the U.S. Government is allowed to participate. The TPF program has partnered with 19 different global partners since 2003.





Benefits of Participation

Benefits from participating in the TPF program include:

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Achieving common and broad-reaching transportation goals.
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Solving shared problems at a lower cost.
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Partnering with a large variety of organizations. The TPF program provides a mechanism to allow a wide variety of agencies to work with partners, including State departments of transportation (DOTs), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), other Federal agencies, regional and local agencies, academic institutions, and foreign entities.
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Fostering knowledge exchange between subject matter experts across the country. Through each TPF study, participants can learn from others' experiences and form connections that not only assist with that specific project but also benefit their work in other research areas as well.

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How to Participate

International agencies interested in participating should request access from the TPF program manager to view and log into the TPF website (<https://www.pooledfund.org/>) where they can join potential TPF studies. Once international users are given TPF website access, they can review TPF research project content and decide which ones they would like to participate in.

Developed in conjunction with FHWA, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and State DOTs under the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Project 20-39(2), the TPF interactive website includes all current projects and TPF program resources. It serves as an excellent tool for tracking research activity and a resource for reviewing projects of interest.

How to Transfer Funds

For an international agency interested in providing funds to a TPF research study, the contribution process depends on whether FHWA or a State DOT is leading the study.

For FHWA-led projects, foreign government funds can be transferred through a mailed check (in U.S. dollars) or an online fund transfer service, such as Pay.gov or the Fedwire® Funds Service. Detailed procedures for sending non-Federal funds can be found in the *TPF Procedures Manual (March 2023)* document on the TPF website's "[Frequently Used Resources](#)" web page.

For State DOT-led projects, the transfer of funds is handled between the State DOT and the country involved. Unless a fund transfer is agreed upon, a mailed check (in U.S. dollars) must be sent to the State DOT leading a TPF study.

Make an Impact Through a TPF Study!

Learn more about initiating a TPF study and browse the list of open solicitations on the TPF website at <https://www.pooledfund.org/>. (currently geographically restricted)

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