

TIFIA Distribution Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General FAQ

1. What is TIFIA?
 - a. *The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program “provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance.”*
 - b. *USDOT website: <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/financing/tifia>*
 - c. *Caltrans website: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/budgets/tifia-program>*

2. Is this a new program?
 - a. *The TIFIA itself is not a new program but the distribution of additional apportionment for STBGP-eligible and TAP-eligible projects is new as of FFY 2024-2025.*

3. What is the FHWA Notice number?
 - a. *[N4510.900](#) issued March 10, 2025*

4. Why were these apportionments distributed?
 - a. *The apportionments were distributed pursuant section 2103 to the Fiscally Responsible Highway Funding Act of 2024 (FRHFA). The FRHFA allows the Secretary of Transportation to distribute unobligated amounts of TIFIA contract authority (apportionments).*

5. Do the TIFIA distribution apportionments come with additional OA?
 - a. *No, the obligation of TIFIA for STBGP-eligible projects will utilize the existing regional formula OA. Obligation of TIFIA for TAP-eligible projects will utilize the state’s share of formula OA. This is consistent with how Caltrans currently tracks regular STBGP and regular TAP (ATP) obligations.*

6. Have there been other TIFIA distributions? Was there a TIFIA cancellation notice?
 - a. *Pursuant to section 2104 and section 2105 of the FRHFA, the Secretary of Transportation can make additional disbursements in April 2025 and April 2026.*
 - b. *FHWA Notice 4510.904 was issued on August 4, 2025, and stated that there would not be an additional distribution pursuant to section 2104 of the FRHFA because there was no estimated contract authority (apportionments) that would remain unobligated.*

7. Will there be future TIFIA distributions?
 - a. *The distribution pursuant to section 2105 of the FRHFA is to be determined in April 2026. We will know more after April.*

8. What apportionments are available to the MPOs/RTPAs?
 - a. *\$66,679,177 of TIFIA for STBGP-eligible projects for urbanized areas with population over 200K.*
 - b. *\$16,093,962 of TIFIA for TAP-eligible projects in any area of the state and in various population categories. The TIFIA for TAP-eligible projects will go through the regular CTC ATP process.*

9. Can TIFIA Population over 200K apportionments be used for the oversight adjustment?
 - a. *No, these funds are a one-time distribution, and the state cannot use the funds.*

10. How will DLA be tracking these apportionments?
 - a. *Regional balances TIFIA for STBGP-eligible projects are included in the monthly activity reports and a separate TIFIA-only report is posted on the DLA TIFIA website.*
 - b. *TIFIA for TAP-eligible projects tracking is TBD. The funds will be tracked at a high level similar to regular TAP funds, but it is unknown if more detailed tracking reports will be provided.*

11. How long are these apportionments available for obligation?
 - a. *Apportionments for both the TIFIA for STBGP-eligible projects and TAP-eligible projects are available for obligation until September 30, 2028. Any apportionments not obligated by September 30, 2028, will lapse.*

12. Can the TIFIA apportionments be loaned?
 - a. *The TIFIA for STBGP-eligible projects can be loaned and the process would be the same as an STBGP Urban loan. The borrowing region will need to repay the loaning region with a different type of apportionment since TIFIA is a one-time augmentation.*
 - b. *The TIFIA for TAP-eligible projects cannot be loaned since the apportionments follow the regular CTC ATP process.*

13. Do the TIFIA apportionments have transferability under Section 126, Title 23 U.S.C?
 - a. *These apportionments have no transferability under Section 126, Title 23, U.S.C. See FHWA Notice [N4510.900](#), section 3(j).*

14. Can toll credits be used with the TIFIA funds?
 - a. *Yes, as of right now we are still operating under the existing Toll Credit Policy. Please adhere to the MPO/RTPA shares of Toll Credits to remain within limits.*

TIFIA for STBGP-eligible projects

1. What type of projects are eligible to use these apportionments?
 - a. *Per FHWA Notice [N4510.900](#), section 3(c) states “The funds are available for any purpose described in Section 133(b) of Title 23, U.S.C., and are subject to the set-aside under Section 133(h) of such title.”*
2. What is the applicable apportionment code?
 - a. *Y041*
3. What is the CTIP Fund ID?
 - a. *Fund ID TIFIA_S; Fund ID name 2025 Distribution of TIFIA_STBGP*

TIFIA for TAP-eligible projects

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2. What are the applicable apportionment codes?
 - a. *Y045 Transportation Alternatives eligible projects in any area*
 - b. *Y046 Transportation Alternatives eligible projects in urbanized areas with population over 200K*
 - c. *Y047 Transportation Alternatives eligible projects in urbanized areas with population 50,000 to 200,000*
 - d. *Y048 Transportation Alternatives eligible projects in urban areas with population 5,000 to less than 50,000*
 - e. *Y049 Transportation Alternatives eligible projects in areas with population less than 5,000*
3. What is the CTIPS Fund ID?
 - a. *Fund ID TIFIA_T; Fund ID name 2025 Distribution of TIFIA-TA*