STATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MATCH PROGRAM (STAMP)
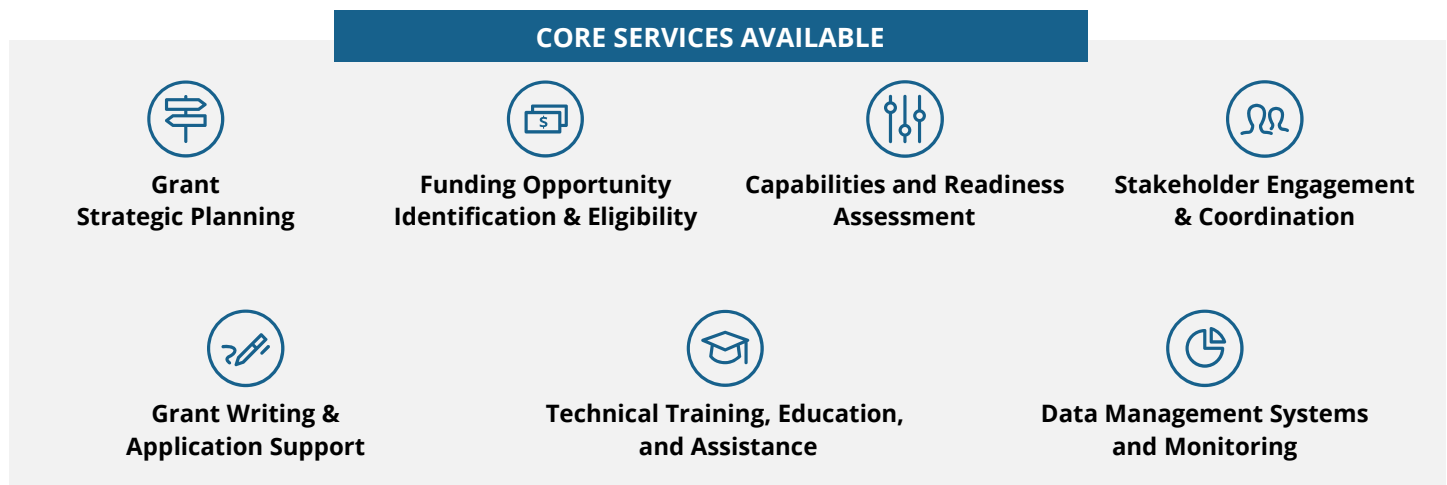# RESOURCE HUB

Overview

OSBM's State Technical Assistance and Match Program (STAMP) is an innovative program designed to help state agencies apply for funding for technical assistance and state matching funds associated with funding opportunities made possible by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the Chips and Science Act of 2022 (CHIPS), and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). The primary objective of STAMP is to enhance the capacity of North Carolina's agencies to take advantage of federal grant funding opportunities and secure transformative investments for the State and its citizens.

Given the scale and complexity of current federal grant funding opportunities and the notable demand for assistance among state agencies, OSBM has secured the assistance of a leading grant management service provider to facilitate a Resource Hub. The STAMP Resource Hub will be critical in helping to facilitate:

Coordination and Communication
Act as a facilitator to help ensure that agencies are aware of federal funding opportunities, minimize duplication of effort and promote a more cohesive approach to accessing funding.

Technical Assistance in Select Topics
Provide direct technical assistance, consulting, and advisory services to state agencies (e.g., Justice40, BABA, tax credits, community benefits planning).

Grant Proposal Support
Provide targeted support to agencies for the development of compelling grant proposals and strengthen their competitiveness.

Information Clearinghouse
Serve as an information clearinghouse for federal grant regulations and compliance requirements to help agencies reduce the risk of ineligibility increase the overall success rate of grant applications.

Monitoring and Reporting
Establish performance metrics and reporting mechanisms that facilitate statewide transparency and accountability while providing valuable data for continuous improvement.

Core services available through the STAMP Resource Hub to support agencies plan and execute federal grant funded initiatives include:

CORE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Grant Strategic Planning	Funding Opportunity Identification & Eligibility	Capabilities and Readiness Assessment	Stakeholder Engagement & Coordination
Grant Writing & Application Support	Technical Training, Education, and Assistance		Data Management Systems and Monitoring

Core Services Description

Service Support Area	Description
Grant Strategic Planning	Develop balanced and sustainable plans that demonstrate how federal grant funding opportunities can be aligned and prioritized to address community needs and agency objectives.
Funding Opportunity Identification & Eligibility	Identify relevant federal grant funding opportunities that meet agency priorities and evaluate eligibility of both agency and its intended projects to the requirements of the grant program.
Capabilities and Readiness Assessment	Evaluate agencies' control environment and operational capacity to comply with grant compliance requirements and provide recommendations for improvements.
Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination	Identify and engage relevant stakeholders (e.g., other state agencies, local governments, private industry, non-profit organizations) to rally and collaborate around grant funding opportunities in a coordinated, integrated, and synergistic manner.
Grant Writing & Application Support	Develop and provide leading practice feedback on grant application packages that effectively establish credibility with federal grantors and clearly and logically present persuasive cases for selection in competitive award contexts.
Technical Training, Education, and Assistance	Develop education materials and facilitate trainings to state agency personnel on grants that require specific expertise.
Performance Monitoring and Reporting	Develop tracking mechanisms and visualizations that articulate intentions, effort, progress, and outcomes related to grant application, funding, and disbursement across specific jurisdictions.

STAMP Resource Hub Service Activation Process
The following steps outline the process involved in activating assistance from the STAMP Resource Hub:

Agency submits online application and email completed application template to FederalFundsNC@osbm.nc.gov. If the technical assistance being requested is exploratory in nature, Applicant only needs to submit the STAMP-TA Application.

OSBM reviews assistance request for eligibility and determine if request fits within allowable scope of services.

OSBM notifies agency of assistance request decision and forward approved request to grant consultant.

Grant consultant reaches out to agency PoC to schedule a scoping consultation.

OSBM approves final scope and level of effort required to help State agency.

Grant consultant begins providing relevant assistance services to State agency.