Funding Opportunities for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

What is TAP?

- Transportation Alternative Set Aside Program (TAP)
- Federal Program administered by FHWA
- Helps states fund a variety of activities related to improving transportation assets, including on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- ALDOT- managed Local Transportation Bureau

Who can apply?

- Local Governments
- Public Land Agencies
- Regional Transportation Authorities
- Tribal Governments
- Transit Agencies
- School Districts
- Other Entities responsible for Transportation / Safety Programs

Project Eligibility

- Sidewalks
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Signals
- Traffic Calming Techniques
- Lighting
- Safety Related Infrastructure
- ADA Compliance

Call for Applications

Distributed to League of Municipalities, Association of County Engineers, MPOs, RPOs, and ALDOT Area Local Trans Engineers
ALDOT TAP Website
Alabama Transportation Funding Guide
Electronic Submittal Process
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Transportation Alternative Set-Asides Program

The Transportation Alternative Set-Asides Program (TAP) is a federal program that offers funding for projects that enhance the transportation environment. TAP projects focus on providing links between transportation and other essential facilities and services, such as schools, hospitals, shopping centers, and recreation areas. They emphasize safety, mobility, and access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities.

**Project Selection Timeline**

- Applications Due: May
- ALDOT Areas/Local Trans Bureau Review
- Kick-off Meetings: September
- Call for Applications: March
- FHWA Eligibility Review
- Projects Awarded: August
- Project Authorized: 2 years from date of award letter

**Project Delivery**

- Funding agreement Execution: 3 months
- Environmental Clearances / Permits: 1 year
- Project / Specifications / Estimates (PS&E) Review: 18 months
- Final Plans / Certifications / Estimates: 2 years

* Sponsors with active TAP project aren’t eligible to submit another application until awarded project is ready for authorization

**What makes a good TAP project?**

- Promotes Safety
- Promotes Mobility from Point A to Point B
- Part of a Larger Comprehensive Plan
- ADA Upgrades
- Connects to Community Facilities
- Provides Options for Underserved Communities
- Primary Purpose Not for Recreation

**What makes a good TAP application?**

- Defined Scope
- Location Map with Project Limits Clearly Marked
- Detailed Cost Estimate
- Pictures

**ROW and Utility Conflicts**

- Projects with significant ROW Acquisition & Utility Relocation involvement are not as competitive
- Projects with Minor ROW & UT Relocation are considered on a case by case basis

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Challenges for Sponsors

- Right-of-way Acquisition
- Utility Relocation
- Ability to Provide Matching Funds
- Phased Construction
- Accuracy of Initial Cost Estimate
- Meeting ADA Compliance Requirements

Project Funding

- TA Funds Are Administered Through FHWA - All Federal Regulations Apply
- 80% Federal / 20% Sponsor
- Total Amount of Federal Participating Funding is $800k
  - $640k Federal Share
  - $160k Local Match
- Cost Reimbursement Program and Not a Grant

50% of TA funds are sub allocated into areas based on their relative share of the total State 2020 Census
- Large Urban - Over 200K
  - (Awarded & Administered by the MPOs)
- Small Urban - 5,001 to 200K
- Rural - 5,000 or Fewer

50% of TA Funds are sub allocated to any area of the State

FY 2022 TAP Program

- 34 Projects Awarded - $17.8 million
- 5K and Under
  - 7 Projects
- 5k-200k
  - 4 Projects
- Any Area
  - 23 Projects

Upcoming Changes

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
  - TAP Funding Level
- PE as Eligible Cost
  - Details in Guidelines
- Feedback

Summary

- Call for Applications - Beginning of March
- Upcoming changes
- Only one application per sponsor
- Sponsors with active TAP project aren’t eligible to submit another application until awarded project is ready for authorization
- Website/Funding guide

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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
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