



Thriving Communities Program

Guiding Transportation Projects from Concept to Completion

What is the Thriving Communities Program?

The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) provides the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) with historic funding to transform the country's transportation systems, making them safer, more equitable, and accessible for all. DOT's Thriving Communities Program (TCP) recognizes that some communities lack the staffing, resources, or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals. TCP funds organizations to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to disadvantaged and under-resourced communities, enabling them to advance transportation projects that support community-driven economic development, health, environment, mobility, and access goals.

Three Options to Apply

1. For The Thriving Communities National Program (TCP-N) – DOT is seeking applications from teams that want to **provide** technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to **communities across the country**.

This is a teaming opportunity for non-profit organizations, philanthropic entities, and other partners, including academic institutions or private sector organizations, with demonstrated experience developing and providing technical assistance, planning, and capacity building to a range of communities located across multiple states and regions (including Tribal nations and U.S. territories). The TCP-N will support selected communities over a three-year period, including two years of deep-dive technical assistance and a final year focused on program evaluation, reporting, and transition activities.

Selected applicants will receive \$4-5 million over three years to provide targeted technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support and peer learning opportunities to a set of communities located across the country and selected by DOT. Support will be provided based on scopes of work designed with each individual community.

What is “technical assistance?”

Technical assistance refers to programs, processes, and resources that provide targeted support, knowledge, or expertise to a community, region, organization, or other beneficiary, to help them access and use Federal funding to develop, analyze, design, and deliver transportation plans and projects.

Interested? View the [FY 2023 TCP Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). Applications must be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) by 4:59 p.m. ET on November 28, 2023.

2. For the Thriving Communities Regional Program (TCP-R) – DOT is seeking applications from State, Tribal, or Regional organizations that want to **provide** technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to **communities within their state, Tribe, or region.**

This opportunity is for state governments and their agencies; Indian Tribes; governmental planning, economic development, or transportation organizations working at the regional or metropolitan level; and regional, Tribal, or statewide planning non-profit organizations.

Selected applicants will receive \$1-2 million over three years to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support and peer learning opportunities to communities located within their own jurisdiction or service area and selected by the applicant.

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3. **Community applicants** that want to **receive** technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to advance transformative transportation projects.

This opportunity is for local or state governments, Indian Tribes, U.S. territories, metropolitan planning organizations, transit agencies, regional planning organizations, and other political subdivisions of state or local governments (e.g., rural planning transportation organizations, economic development authorities, public health departments, etc.). Applicants are required to identify at least two additional community partners that will assist with implementation activities and community engagement to help ensure the community has a clear voice in the transportation projects affecting them.

Selected recipients will receive two years of individualized deep-dive technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support, which will include subgrants from TCP-N Capacity Builders, to address their community's unique challenges to advance transportation projects and coordinate these investments with housing, land use, economic development, and other community goals. Additionally, recipients will receive three years of support as part of a Community of Practice, an opportunity to engage peer to peer learning with other communities working to address similar types of projects and challenges.

Interested? [View the FY 2023 TCP Call for Letters of Interest.](#) LOIs must be submitted via [DOT webform](#) by 4:59 p.m. ET on November 15, 2023.

Learn More About the TCP

[Visit the Thriving Communities Program website](#) to find more information, including [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the program, and to register for or view webinar materials.

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