



MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Lamont B. Cobb, Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Project Solicitation for FY 2018 TLC Technical Assistance
DATE: January 13, 2017

The Transportation/Land Use Connections Program (TLC) aims to support local jurisdictions in the planning and design of vibrant communities that are multimodal, accessible, and equitable for all. TLC has three integrated program components: TLC Technical Assistance, the federal Transportation Alternatives/Surface Transportation Program Set-Aside (TAP), and the Peer Exchange Network (TLC PeerX).

On February 1, 2017, the TPB will begin soliciting applications from local jurisdictions for FY 2018 TLC Technical Assistance.

TLC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TLC Technical Assistance began in 2007 to support local jurisdictions in integrating local land use and transportation planning, as well as advance the TPB broader regional policy goals. TLC Technical Assistance provides consultant support of \$30,000-\$60,000 for planning projects, and up to \$80,000 for conceptual design/preliminary engineering projects. The proposed FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program is expected to include \$260,000 for TLC Technical Assistance, with additional funds for Maryland projects. Roughly 8-10 projects are funded each year, and the TPB has supported 100 projects with over \$3 million in technical assistance since the inception of the TLC program.

For FY 2018 TLC Technical Assistance, the TPB will evaluate project applications based on the following priorities:

- Description of local transportation and land use issues
- The goals of the *Regional Transportation Priorities Plan* and *Region Forward*.
- Support of regional Activity Centers
- Communities highlighted in the TPB’s Environmental Justice analysis.
- Access to transit
- Cross-jurisdictional collaboration

The solicitation schedule will proceed as follows:

Application Period Opens	Optional Abstracts Due	Applications Due	Selection Panel sends recommendations to TPB for approval
February 1, 2017	February 24, 2017	April 3, 2017	May 17, 2017

The TPB also seeks jurisdictional balance among the projects selected for technical assistance.

The solicitation brochure and application materials will be available on the TLC webpage: www.mwcog.org/tlc prior to the solicitation opening on February 1, 2017.

COG/TPB encourages applicants to submit a joint abstract where staff will consider project ideas for both TLC Technical Assistance as well as the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel (ULI-TAP) program. ULI-TAP provides focused, expert advice from ULI Washington's membership to help communities think through market-based solutions to planning issues.

The application and more information about the ULI-TAP are available on their webpage: washington.uli.org/what-we-do/technical-assistance-panels/.

For more information about TLC Technical Assistance, visit the frequently asked question section of the TLC website at old.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/tlc/about/faqs.asp, as well as the application information section at old.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/tlc/program/application.asp