



Application Period Now Open for Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program

The TPB is now accepting applications for the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. The deadline for applications is March 8, 2024.

For more information, and to submit an online application, go to: www.mwcog.org/tlc.

Solicitation Schedule for FY 2025

- Application period opens: January 11, 2024
- Abstracts due: January 24, 2024
- Applications due: March 8, 2024
- Panel recommendations: March-April, 2024
- TPB approves projects: April-May, 2024
- Consultant selection: June-July 2024
- Contracting process: August 2024
- Project kick-off meetings: Fall 2024

Application Process

Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the Transportation Planning Board is eligible to apply for TLC. Projects are eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in assistance for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for design projects (the availability for design projects has been increased this year). Recipients will receive short-term consultant services. They will not receive direct financial assistance.

The FY 2025 application period is open between January 11 and March 8, 2024. Potential applicants may also submit an optional abstract by January 24, 2024. TPB staff will provide preliminary feedback on the abstracts approximately one week after their submittal.

This year, for the second time, the TLC application has been combined with the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP). Applicants can fill out one joint application to apply for either or both programs.

A panel of industry experts and COG/TPB staff will review the application submissions and recommend projects to the TPB for funding. The panel's recommendations will represent a cross-section of jurisdictions throughout the region. The TPB is scheduled to approve the applications in April. The new projects will begin in fall 2024 and must be completed by June 30, 2025.

Program Background

The TLC Program provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Projects are eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for design projects. TLC projects typically last 6-8 months.

As in past years, TLC projects may provide a range of services for community-oriented planning activities, such as:

- Small area & transit station area planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Housing studies
- Economic development studies
- Roadway design guidelines & standards
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Safe Routes to School planning
- Trail planning and design
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

The TPB encourages applications that address long-standing TPB priorities, including support for multimodal transportation options and land use enhancements in Activity Centers. The TPB is particularly interested in applications that support walking and biking improvements in high-capacity transit areas, especially Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs); projects to plan and design missing links in the National Capital Trail Network (NCTN); and projects that support access in Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs).

About the TPB

The TPB is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the metropolitan Washington region. It is responsible for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the metropolitan area. The TPB is staffed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

Questions?

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