



Application Period Now Open for TLC and Roadway Safety Programs

The TPB is now accepting applications for two technical assistance programs for local governments—the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP). For the next round of funding—for FY 2024— applicants will have the opportunity to fill out one joint application for both programs.

The deadline for applications is March 3, 2023. The deadline for submitting abstracts for proposed projects, which is an optional step, is January 24, 2023.

For more information, and to submit an online application, go to:

- TLC: www.mwcog.org/tlc
- RRSP: www.mwcog.org/rrsp

Solicitation Schedule for FY 2024

- Application period opens: January 6, 2023
- Abstracts due: January 24, 2023
- Applications due: March 3, 2023
- Panel recommendations: March-April, 2023
- TPB approves projects: April-May, 2023
- Consultant selection: June-July 2023
- Contracting process: August 2023
- Project kick-off meetings: Fall 2023

Application Process

Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the Transportation Planning Board is eligible to apply for either or both programs. Projects are eligible to receive between \$30,000 and \$80,000 in assistance for planning projects or design projects. Recipients will receive short-term consultant services. They will not receive direct financial assistance.

The FY 2024 application period is open between January 6 and March 3, 2023. Potential applicants may also submit an optional abstract by January 24, 2023. TPB staff will provide preliminary feedback on the abstracts approximately one week after their submittal.

For each program, a panel of industry experts and COG/TPB staff will review the application submissions and recommend projects to the TPB for funding. The panels' recommendations will represent a cross-section of jurisdictions throughout the region. The TPB is scheduled to approve the applications for both programs in April or May.

FY 2024 projects will begin in fall 2023 and must be completed by June 30, 2024.

TLC Program

The Transportation Land Use Connections (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 \$80,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and 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. This year, we are 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).

Regional Roadway Safety Program

The RRSP provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning and preliminary engineering projects that focus on roadway safety in the National Capital Region. Any local jurisdiction in the region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Similar to the TLC Program, all projects are eligible to receive \$80,000 in technical assistance, regardless of whether they are planning or design projects. RRSP projects typically last 6-8 months.

Proposed projects may provide a range of services to support roadway safety efforts, including.

- Support of local roadway safety plans
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access studies
- Roadway safety audits
- Crash data analysis

- Jurisdictional efforts to leverage the “Street Smart” program
- Identification of jurisdictional “high injury networks”
- Road diet design
- Lighting and signage improvements
- Intersection improvements
- Enhanced pedestrian infrastructure
- Safety guides or toolkits
- Safety guidelines and standards

The TPB encourages applications that address five TPB priorities: safety improvements for Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs), improvements to road user behavior, identifying and designing safety countermeasures, understanding safety data, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

Changes This Year

This year, the application process for both programs features several enhancements:

- Planning projects are now eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in technical assistance—an increase of \$20,000 from previous years.
- The application timelines for both programs will be synchronized to simplify the application process for interested member jurisdictions.
- Applicants have the opportunity to submit one joint application for both programs.

The TPB is anticipated to approve slates of recommended projects for both programs in April or May 2023. The projects will get underway in fall 2023.

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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