USDOT FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program

For Communities Seeking Support to Advance Transformative Infrastructure Projects

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Thriving Communities Program (TCP) is designed to ensure that communities have the tools needed to access federal funding and deliver projects that are aligned with the community's broader housing, economic development, land use, environment and public health goals that enable all members of the community to thrive.

What will my community receive if selected?

Selected communities will receive two years of deep-dive technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to help them plan, fund, and implement transformative infrastructure projects, plans, and processes. They will also receive three years of support as part of a Community of Practice that provides peer-to-peer learning opportunities with other TCP recipients working to advance similar transportation projects and community goals.

> **What is "technical assistance?"**
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> 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.

Communities will **not** receive direct grant funding from DOT, and TCP does not directly fund infrastructure project construction. However, Capacity Builders will provide sub-grants that can be used by the lead applicant and its community partner organizations to build community capacity to successfully apply for federal funds and advance infrastructure projects in the long term.

Who can apply to receive TCP support?

Eligible lead applicants include state or local governments, Indian Tribes, U.S. territories, metropolitan or rural planning organizations, transit agencies, and other political subdivisions of state or local governments; and they must identify at least two other community partner organizations in their Letters of Interest. Applicants must also identify the specific geographic area that is the focus for technical assistance and describe their community's specific technical assistance and capacity challenges and the vision for success. DOT prioritizes support to disadvantaged communities that have disproportionate rates of pollution, poor air quality, and persistent poverty.

How do I apply?

Submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to be considered for selection using the simple webform. Read the Call for Letters of Interest (LOI) for full program details in preparing and developing your submission. LOIs must be submitted by 4:59 p.m. ET on November 15, 2023. There is no match requirement to participate in the program.

What specific activities will TCP support include?

Each selected community will be assigned a DOT-funded National Capacity Builder team. Support will vary based on each community's challenges and goals but may include activities such as identifying and responding to federal funding opportunities, technical analyses, improving grant management or financial accounting systems, supporting planning and public engagement, building organizational capacity, and deploying innovative technology and data.

Scan the QR code to learn more about TCP and how to apply!

Questions? Contact us at ThrivingCommunities@dot.gov or (202) 366-7738.

Building Community Capacity to Take Transformative Projects from Concept to Completion