



Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program (TCP-N) Fact Sheet

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Thriving Communities Program (TCP) funds organizations to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to enable disadvantaged and under-resourced communities to advance transportation projects that intersect with housing, economic development, public health, climate, and other community development goals. The **National Capacity Builder Program (TCP-N)** funds teams to provide this support to communities from across the U.S., including Tribes and U.S. territories, and selected by DOT through a separate [Letter of Interest](#) process.

Who is Eligible to be a TCP-N Capacity Builder?

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, philanthropic entities, and other partners, including academic institutions or private sector organizations, with demonstrated capacity and experience to develop and provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building to a set of diverse communities with varying levels of resources, capacity, and needs. USDOT encourages applicants to apply as a team to ensure a diversity of skills and competencies and a commitment to community-driven program implementation. DOT will prioritize the selection of diverse teams (i.e., those that include disadvantaged businesses, small businesses, Minority-Serving Institutions, and others).

The TCP-N program provides support to a *national* cohort of communities. Interested in supporting communities within a *specific State or Region*? Learn more about the [Thriving Communities Regional Pilot \(TCP-R\) Program](#).

What Kinds of Support will Capacity Builders Provide?

Each TCP-N Capacity Builder will receive \$4-5 million to provide support to 15-20 communities located across the country and selected by DOT for a three-year period. Each TCP-N Capacity Builder will support one of three Communities of Practice (**Main Streets, Complete Neighborhoods, and Networked Communities**) designed to connect communities based on shared challenges and needs. This includes:

- **Two years** of individualized, tailored support to selected communities based on their unique challenges, needs, and goals but may include identifying and responding to funding opportunities, grant writing, conducting project scoping or planning, supplementing local staffing, developing systems to improve compliance, supporting comprehensive planning, and implementing innovative public engagement. Capacity Builders are required to subgrant a portion of their budgets to assigned communities and their partners to facilitate long-term capacity building.
- **Three years** of facilitated peer learning opportunities across communities.



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

How Do I Apply?

Applications must be submitted electronically by **4:59 PM ET on November 28, 2023** via grants.gov. The TCP Notice of Funding Opportunity is available on the [TCP website](#) and on grants.gov by searching Opportunity Number DOT-TCP-FY23-01. There is no federal match requirement, but DOT will prioritize applicants that can leverage other funding and resources to amplify program impact.

If you have questions, please contact us at ThrivingCommunities@dot.gov or (202) 366-7738.