

Transportation Alternatives Program

FY2018 Application Update

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Program Overview

- Available funding includes Transportation Alternatives (TA), Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS), and a Recreational Trail Programs mandatory set-aside
- 10 eligibility categories

- Current selection process for FY18 allocations
 - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) make selections in areas over 200,000
 - District CTB members make selections with \$9M statewide funding
 - CTB At-Large /Secretary make selections with funding based on population areas under 200,000 and any statewide amount over \$9M

CTB Project Selection Policy

- Selected projects will receive not less than 50% of the funds requested in the application
- On projects where the requested amount is \$200,000 or less, the request will be fully funded if that amount completes a project
- Projects not under construction within four (4) years of the project's first allocations availability are subject to deallocation

Eligible Categories

1. On-Road and off-road Bike/Ped facilities

- 2. Infrastructure projects that provide safe routes for nondrivers
- 3. Conversion of abandoned railway corridors into trails
- 4. Construction of turn-outs, overlooks, and viewing areas
- 5. Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising
- 6. Rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- 7. Vegetation management practices in transportation rightsof-way
- 8. Archaeological activities related to impacts from implementation of a transportation project
- 9. Environmental mitigation of water pollution related to highway construction
- 10. Environmental mitigation focused on wildlife protection or habitat connectivity

FY18 Application Summary

- Received November 1, 2016
- 98 Applications requesting ~ \$36.9M
- Anticipated allocations FY18 ~ \$20.1M after Rec Trails distribution

Tentative Allocation Distribution	
MPO/TMA Areas	\$ 6.1M
District Members	\$ 9M (\$1M per District)
At-Large Members/Secretary	\$5M
Total	\$ 20.1M

Project Scoring

Average Project Score

- All applications scored
- Scoring focused on:
 - Project funding
 - Project concept
 - Project improves the transportation network
 - Sponsor's ability to administer a federal project
 - Project's readiness to proceed

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Project Scoring

Priority Ranking

- Additional info to assess progress of <u>existing</u> projects
 - Focus on projects that will use funds quickly
 - Projects reviewed based on several indicators
 - Ranking from 1 to 6
 - 1 project ready for construction
 - 6 initial stages of project development

Program Status (as of January, 2017)

- 1,192 individual projects have received funding since 1993 (through FY17)
 - 718 projects completed (60% of projects selected)
 - 130 projects under construction

- 217 projects in project development
- 127 cancelled and remaining funds re-allocated
- Over \$410M allocated since 1993
- 69.6% of allocated funds have been expended

Open Container Funds

- Open Container funds may be available for bicycle/pedestrian trail projects
- TAP applicants were asked to also apply through Bicycle/Pedestrian application process if interested
- Seven (7) TAP applicants applied for both bicycle/pedestrian funding and TAP funding (value approximately \$5M)
- Eligible projects that are ready for construction will be given funding priority

District Summaries

- Lists all projects in District since first selections in 1993
- Provides indication of current status (under construction, agreement pending, etc.)

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 Indicates first and each year that an allocation was provided and amount reimbursed to date

Deallocation/Reallocation Process

 All active projects reviewed for potential action based on progress

- Revised policy formally adopted by CTB July 2013
- Policy now allows for an ongoing review and action
- Project sponsors are provided "45 day letters" as described in the Process
- The appropriate District CTB member will be contacted for a decision on deallocation or time extension

Review of Today's Package

- FY18 Application Summary Page
- Application Listing with Project Scores
- Copy of CTB's TAP Selection Policy
- Copy of Current De-Allocation/Re-Allocation Process
- District Summaries

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 Central Office Local Assistance Division Staff Contact List

TA Program Next Steps

 <u>February 2017</u> – Applications and Project Scores presented to the TMAs and the CTB

- <u>March 3, 2017</u> District CTB member selections due back to Local Assistance Division staff
- <u>April 18-19, 2017</u> At-Large CTB members selection meeting
- <u>April 2017</u> CTB and MPO Tentative Selections completed and available for SYIP public meetings
- June 2017 CTB Approval of FY18 selections



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