

TAP, RTP, and CMAQ FFY 2023+ Call for Projects

NPRTPO Virtual Workshop
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Project Types

- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) & Recreational Trails Program (RTP):**

Non-motorized transportation facilities, supporting infrastructure and programs

- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program:** three categories:
 1. Projects that reduce the number of vehicle trips and/or Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT);
 2. Projects that reduce emissions related to traffic congestion; and/or
 3. Projects that reduce the per mile rate of vehicle emissions through improved vehicle and fuel technologies.

CMAQ funding cannot be used for repaving or reconstructing a roadway, nor can it be used to fund motor vehicle capacity expansion projects.

Call For Projects Considerations and Requirements

- Federal funding, federal requirements
 - Reimbursement NOT Disbursement
 - Local match = 14.56% of total project
 - TAP & RTP: FFY 2023-2025
 - CMAQ: FFY 2023-2024
- Competitive process
- Buy America: All proposed projects that include steel or iron must demonstrate ability to comply with Buy America requirements; waivers will not be considered
- Coordination with RTPO and NMDOT District
- **Application screening:**
 - ADA Transition Plan or Policy, where required (50 or more employees)
 - Title VI Policy
 - Financial review – audit findings could disqualify an applicant

Eligible Entities

- Local governments
- Tribal governments
- Transit agencies
- School districts
- NMDOT (except TAP)
- State or Federal government entities

Note: Nonprofits, and MPOs/RTPOs are NOT eligible project sponsors.

In-Kind Match

In-kind contributions are available as an option for meeting the local match. However, **in-kind contributions must be approved by the NMDOT prior to execution of the funding agreement** (outlined in T/LPA Handbook Chapter 2 - Agreements) and should be discussed at the feasibility meeting. Examples of in-kind matches include:

- Donations of funds, materials, services,
- Agency force account,
- Right-of-way acquisition, and
- Utility relocation.

The local match may also be fulfilled through a combination of cash and in-kind contributions. **All in-kind contributions must be quantified, tracked, and reported throughout the project just as matching funds would be.**

Local Lead Project Certification Requirements

All 5 certifications (Environmental, ROW, Utilities, Railroad, ITS) are required when the following conditions are met:

1. The Project has Federal Funding in ANY phase.
2. The Project required Federal Actions, i.e.; ROW acquisition of Federal Lands, etc.
3. The Project is within or crosses NMDOT Right-of-Way.

The projects that are funded with 100% State and Local funds are *also* required to get all 5 Certifications when the following conditions are met:

1. The Project required Federal Actions, i.e.; ROW acquisition of Federal Lands, etc.
2. The Project is within or crosses NMDOT Right-of-Way.
3. The Project is funded with LGRF, MAP, CAP, Capital Outlay and the agreement is executed for State Fiscal Year 2020/2021 or Prior.

Projects that are funded with the state Transportation Project Fund (TPF) funds and DO NOT meet the conditions above will not be required to obtain the 5 certifications. The local entity will be required to consult with NMDOT Environmental section in order to determine the local entities level of effort to comply with Federal/State/and Local laws.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

\$5,875,811 previously funded

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

\$1,588,144 previously funded

Federal Funding by TAP and RTP Funding Categories*

Transportation Alternatives Program

- Population 200,001 or more: \$1,071,346
- Population 5,001 to 200,000: \$1,091,424
- Population 5,000 or less: \$694,754
- Available for any area: \$2,857,525

Recreational Trails Program

- 30% Non-motorized: \$424,659
- 30% Motorized: \$424,659
- 40% Diverse: \$566,213

*Funding is apportioned by Congress and is subject to change.

TAP and/or RTP Eligible Projects

*EQUESTRIAN TRAILS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR TAP IF BUILT AS PART OF A SHARED-USE PATH. **MUST BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO A TRAIL, TRAILSIDE, OR TRAILHEAD FACILITY.	TAP	RTP
Sidewalks (street-adjacent)	X	
Streetscape improvements (as part of bike/pedestrian project)	X	
Non-motorized, paved, shared-use paths	X	X
Equestrian trails	X*	X
Motorized trails (e.g. for ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.)		X
ADA improvements	X	X**
Bike lanes, sharrows, and signage related to on-street bicycle facilities	X	
Lighting for bicycle and pedestrian facilities	X	X**
Traffic-calming measures (e.g. road diets)	X	
Stormwater projects related to bicycle or pedestrian improvements	X	X**
Trail maintenance		X
Trailside or trailhead facilities		X

TAP and/or RTP Eligible Projects, cont.

<p>**Must be directly related to a trail, trailside, or trailhead facility.</p> <p>***RTP funds may be used to develop statewide recreational trail plans.</p>	TAP	RTP
Bicycle parking	X	
Bus bike racks	X	X**
Bicycle/pedestrian plans	X	
Path/trail and road intersection improvements	X	X***
Path/trail connections	X	X
Bridges or tunnels for motorized trails and equestrian trails		X
Bridges or tunnels for bicycles and pedestrians (off-road)	X	X**
General educational programs/trainings		X
Bicyclist/pedestrian education for children in grades K-8	X	
Safe routes to school coordinator positions	X	
Bike share (capital costs only; no operations costs)	X	
Lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment		X

TAP & RTP Scoring Criteria

1. Planning (6 points)
2. Economic Vitality (3 points)
3. Safety and Security (3 points)
4. Accessibility and Mobility through Integration and Connectivity (3 points)
5. Protection and Enhancement of the Environment
 - A. Promote environmental, energy conservation and reduce green-house gas emissions (3 points)
 - B. Improve quality-of-life for residents (3 points)
 - C. Achieve community's land-use goals (3 points)
6. Efficient System Management (3 points)
7. System Preservation (3 points)
8. Equity (3 points)

Total: maximum of 33 points

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)

approximately \$11 million funded yearly

CMAQ Eligible Projects

- Transit improvements
- Traffic Demand Management
- Active transportation network improvements.
- Roundabouts, HOV lanes, left-turn or other managed lanes,
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities that reduce vehicle trips (not exclusively recreational)
- Road Diets are eligible projects if the project designates part of the road surface to non-motorized or active transportation and the project application demonstrates
 - the project would result in a mode shift along the corridor and
 - the lane reconfiguration will not negatively impact vehicular level of service on the corridor to an extent that it increases net mobile emissions
- Traffic calming measures
- Carpools or vanpools
- Diesel engine replacement, repowering (plan to address Buy America)

CMAQ Funding Thresholds:

- Infrastructure – minimum of \$500,000 total costs
- Non-infrastructure – no minimum

CMAQ Scoring Criteria

1. Planning (10 points)
2. Transportation Demand Management (25 points)
3. Air Quality Improvement (20 points)
4. Economic Vitality (10 points)
5. Safety and Security (20 points)
6. Accessibility and Connectivity (10 points)
7. Equity (5 points)

Total: maximum of 100 points

Penalties and Deductions

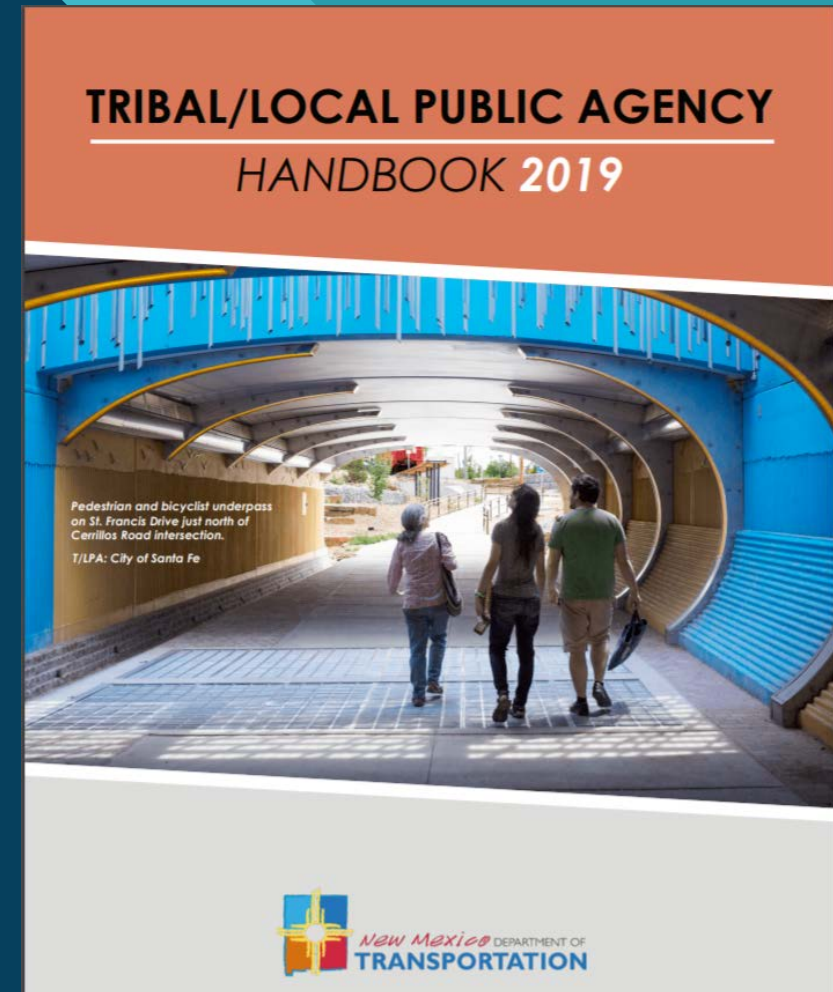
- Poorly written, lacking clarity, and/or the scope is not well defined (penalty up to -10 points)
- Inactive Projects (penalty of -5 points per inactive project)

NPRTPO TAP, RTP, CMAQ Schedule

Month	Year	Activity
July 12	2021	PFFs and Environmental Level of Effort forms due to RTPO planner
July 12	2021	Non-Tribal applicants must submit their agencies Title VI and ADA Plans/ Policies to NMDOT Title VI and ADA Coordinator for review and approval
July-Aug	2021	RTPO planner schedules PFF meetings with RTPO staff, NMDOT liaison, District, Enviro., NMDOT TLPA Coordinator, and responsible charge
Aug 4	2021	Regular NPRTPO meeting, discuss members' applications and process
Sept 16	2021	Deadline for District 4 to return signed PFFs to RTPO staff
Sept 1	2021	Regular NPRTPO meeting, review and approve rating and ranking structure
Oct 4	2021	Complete applications due to RTPO planner, RTPO planners vet for completeness
Oct 6	2021	Regular NPRTPO meeting, rating and ranking TAP, RTP, CMAQ applications
October 29	2021	Deadline for RTPO planners to upload complete applications to NMDOT's FTP site Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted
Nov-Dec	2021	CMAQ/TAP/RTP Program Coordinators reviews applications for completeness and prepares packages for rating and ranking by Selection Committee (CMAQ & TAP) and Recreational Trails Advisory Board (RTAB) (RTP)
Jan-Feb	2022	CMAQ and TAP Selection Committees rate, rans, and select projects; RTAB rates and ranks RTP projects and makes recommendations to NMDOT
March	2022	NMDOT sends award letters and award forms Entities must sign and return the form to confirm acceptance of federal funding and commitment to the required local match Projects added to STIP Preview (out for public review concurrently)
April-May	2022	All entities receiving CMAQ, TAP, and/or RTP funds will be required to attend an orientation webinar outlining critical deadlines and Federal processes
May-Sept	2022	STIP public review and approval
Oct 1	2022	Beginning of Federal Fiscal Year, 1 st quarter of the STIP year, when 2023-2027 STIP becomes active

Additional application guidance

- Review the TAP & RTP Guide, and the CMAQ Guide
- Read the NMDOT T/LPA Handbook
 - View the T/LPA Handbook videos:
 - Chapter 1, Planning
 - Chapter 2, Agreements
 - Chapter 3, Procurement
 - Chapter 4, Project Development
 - Chapter 5, Environmental
 - Chapter 6, Right-Of-Way
 - Chapter 7, Utilities
 - Chapter 8, Railroad
 - Chapter 9, Intelligent Transportation Systems
 - Chapter 10, Advertising and Award
 - Chapter 11, Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunities
 - Chapter 12, Construction



Attributes of successful applications

- **Planning:** Project appears in and is consistent with numerous planning documents.
- **Narrative:** Responses are clear, compelling, and concise. Major claims are supported with data and documentation.
- **Consistency:** Responses are internally consistent.
- **Alignment:** Project demonstrates strong alignment with the purpose of the grant.
- **Impact:** Persuasive case that project will have a high impact and level of use.

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