

2025 Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives Program

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
4:00 p.m. Presentation and Q&A
3rd Floor, BOCC Boardroom
Stillwater Building
316 N. 26th Street



Introduction

- History of federal non-motorized grant administered locally
 - Community Transportation Enhancement Program – CTEP
 - Transportation Alternatives - MDT
- 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – Allows MPO's to administer their own competitive application process and approval with oversight from MDT. Includes Billings, Missoula, Great Falls, Gallatin Valley, and Helena
- Funding outlook for this round: \$1,784,111
- Applicants: City, County, Tribal. Non-profits may not apply as primary, must have local government sponsor



TAP Process

- Grant process – Local review with project recommendation to MDT for programming
- MDT manages all projects unless community participates in the MDT LAG program
- All projects must include a local match of 13.42% (cash match only) and must account for MDT's 11.32% indirect cost rate (IDC). IDC is only collected by MDT if MDT has applicable costs associated with Local Agency Guideline (LAG) projects. MDT Instructions on developing the budget is included in the TA Instructions
- Non-profits are not eligible to apply as a stand-alone entity, must have a local government sponsor (City or County)

Eligible Projects

- On/Off road and trail facilities
 - Pedestrians
 - Bicyclists
 - Sidewalks
 - Bicycle infrastructure
 - Bike/pedestrian signals
 - Traffic calming
 - ADA projects
 - Transit
- Non-driver safe routes (multi-destination) for children, older adults and those with disabilities
- Conversion/use – abandoned rail corridors
- Construction – turnouts, overlooks

Eligible Projects Continued

- Safe Routes to School – Projects must be identified in a locally, adopted SRTS Plan
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Pavement preservation projects of facilities previously funded through the Community Transportation Enhancement or Transportation Alternatives Program

Full list of eligible projects is available here: [Montana Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program](#)



Not Eligible

- Safety and Education activities
- Landscaping and scenic beautification
- Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites
- Visitor/welcome centers
- Historic preservation unrelated to transportation. Or operation of historic transportation facilities
- Archaeology
- Transportation museums



TAP Application/Evaluation Scoring

100 Total Points:

Category	Points Available
TA Eligible	Yes/No
Local Sponsor	Yes/No
Project Description	0-10
Project Benefits	0-45
Project Risk Analysis	0-45



Local TA Program Timeline

- January 10, 2025 – MPO/MDT call for applications.
- January 14, 2023 – Public meeting
- April 9, 2025 – Applications due by 5 p.m.



Additional Resources

- Montana Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program
- Federal Highway Administration – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Billings MPO TA Instructions
- Billings MPO TA Application



Questions

Thank you!

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