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SEMCOG TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)?

SEMCOG TAP is a competitive federal grant program that funds transportation projects, such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities and transportation-related environmental mitigation.

How much money is available?

The SEMCOG region is expected to receive approximately $10 million annually. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) also administers its own statewide TAP.

Who is eligible for TAP funding?

Eligible TAP applicants include all Act-51 eligible agencies in SEMCOG's seven-county region. Act-51 agencies are those agencies with the authority under state law to receive federal transportation funds. They include incorporated cities, incorporated villages, county road commissions, and public transit agencies. Other agencies, including Townships can apply, but must be sponsored by an Act-51 eligible agency.

What is eligible for SEMCOG TAP funding?

Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

Shared-use Path and Sidewalk Modernization Projects

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements, including New and/or Enhanced Roadway Crossings, Town Center Streetscapes and Traffic Calming Projects

New Shared-Use Paths, Sidewalks and On-Road and Off-Road Bicycle Facilities

Complete Streets Amenities that increase usability and safety

Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Green Streets Projects that address roadway safety and complete streets elements while also reducing public roadway runoff, improving water quality; and/or reducing localized flooding

Standalone Green Stormwater Projects that specifically address public roadway runoff, improve water quality, and/or reduce localized flooding; but do not directly address complete streets elements.

What is competitive for SEMCOG TAP funding?

Priority projects include those that:

1. Address a gap and/or provide connections to identified Regional Corridors.
2. Enhance existing Regional Corridors **and connections** to increase safety, accessibility, use, and/or comfort.
4. Enhance walking and biking in regional Demand Areas, especially in areas identified as gaps in access to walking or biking infrastructure.
5. Improve safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists to access public spaces, downtowns, core services, and quality of life amenities.
6. Integrate Green Infrastructure to improve water quality and/or reducing localized flooding along roadways, especially in regional Demand areas.

Is there a per-project limit?

No specific dollar limit has been set, but historically projects have ranged between $100,000 and $2.5 million. SEMCOG intends to award funds to several projects each year that promote holistic and regionally significant outcomes.

Is there a matching requirement?

Yes. All projects require a cash match of at least 20%.

Are there specific rules required for TAP funded projects?

Yes. Like almost all federal funding, the project must be let by MDOT and follow their design guidelines and processes.

How do I apply for SEMCOG TAP?

Applications are completed via SEMCOG's TAP application, available on SEMCOG's TAP webpage by one of the three deadlines per year, usually February, June and October.

How do I get more information?

Visit SEMCOG's TAP webpage and contact SEMCOG's TAP coordinator, Brian Pawlik at 313-324-3426 or pawlik@semcog.org