

SEMCOG's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)?

TAP is a competitive grant program funding transportation projects, such as bikeways, walkways and stormwater management.

How much money is available each year?

SEMCOG receives approximately \$10 million for the seven-county region.

Who is eligible for funding?

Act-51 agencies including cities, villages, county road commissions, and public transit agencies. Townships and other agencies can apply but need an [Act-51 agency sponsor](#).

What types of projects are competitive for SEMCOG funding?

Projects that promote holistic and regionally significant outcomes and are consistent with and implement regional plans, especially SEMCOG's Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan, Transportation Safety Plan and Climate Resiliency Framework.

Priority projects include:

- Filling gaps in or proving additional connectivity to [Regional Corridors & Trails](#)
- Enhancing walking and biking in regional [Equity Areas and Demand Areas](#)
- Improving [Safety](#) for people walking and biking via new or modernized facilities
- Integrating [Green Infrastructure](#) to improve water quality along roadways

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.

Is there a matching requirement?

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

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

