

THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Program Summary

The Thriving Communities Program (TCP) will provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals. TCP is designed to ensure that communities have the tools needed to access the historic funding provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

TCP has two categories:

1. **Communities** interested in **receiving support** from DOT-selected Capacity Builders will need to submit a **Letter of Interest**.
2. **Capacity Builders** interested in providing technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities will need to **respond to the program's NOFO**. For FY23, DOT is offering two Capacity Builder opportunities under a single NOFO:
 - 2.a. **Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program (TCP-N)** - DOT seeks applications from teams that want to support communities across the country.
 - 2.b. **Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program (TCP-R)** - DOT seeks applications from State, Tribal, or Regional organizations that want to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to communities within their state, Tribe, or region.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- To Receive TCP Support: Local, state, or Tribal governments including pueblos or villages, United States territories, Metropolitan planning organizations, Transit agencies, other political subdivisions of state or local governments.
- To be Funded as a Capacity Builder: Non-profit organizations, State or local governments and their agencies (such as transit agencies or metropolitan planning organizations), Indian Tribes, Philanthropic entities, other technical assistance providers. See NOFO for more details for TCP-N and TCP-R.

What Kinds of Support will Capacity Builders Provide?

Over a three-year period (calendar years 2024-2026), TCP recipient communities will have access to:

1. Targeted, individualized deep-dive technical assistance and planning support
2. Capacity Building support, including financial, staffing, or resource support
3. Establishing and managing a national Community of Practice

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- To Receive TCP Support: DOT will prioritize communities and organizations with limited past success in applying for or receiving Federal transportation funding, or in successfully delivering integrated infrastructure and community development projects. TCP is targeting support to assist disadvantaged communities.
- Capacity Builders: DOT will prioritize applicants who demonstrate the ability to develop and provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building tools to disadvantaged communities.

Funding Details

Award Size:

- Receive TCP Support: N/A
- Capacity Builder (TCP-N): \$4-5 Million
- Capacity Builder (TCP-R): \$1-2 Million

Cost Sharing:

- Receive TCP Support: No cost.
- Capacity Builder: No cost share required. Leveraging of resources/funding will be considered

FY 23 Funding Available:
\$22 Million

Important Dates

Receive TCP Support:

Submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) via [DOT webform](#) by **4:59 p.m. (ET) November 15, 2023**.

Capacity Builders:

Applications are due via [Grants.gov](#) by **4:59 p.m. (ET) November 28, 2023**.

Partnerships

Receive TCP Support:

Eligible applicants are required to partner with at least two other organizations, see [Call for LOI](#).

Capacity Builders:

Partnerships are strongly encouraged, but not required.

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [Call for Letters of Interest](#)
- [NOFO](#)
- [TCP Overview Factsheet](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)



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