Transportation Funding Opportunities

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Local System

- 937 cities and villages
- 1,309 townships
- 28,942 bridges
- 70,500 miles of roads
- 3000 miles of bike paths
- 159 public use airports
- 12th highest transit ridership in U.S.
Improving Communities

- Funding Opportunities – Infrastructure
- Training for local staff
- Resources
  - RTPOS
  - Office of Jobs and Commerce
  - ODOT Districts
  - Transportation Stakeholders
  - Guides/Manuals/Web
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**What’s Available to Locals**
Getting Started

- Understand the Scope of Project
- What are the conditions?
- Why is it important to our community?
- How will it improve transportation?
- Leveraging financial/political support
- Finding funds for local match
- Having a solid schedule
**Local Funding Programs**

**Small City - $8 m**
Provides federal funds Small Cities with populations from 5,000 to 24,999 that are NOT located within Metropolitan Planning Organizations' boundaries. Projects solicited annually - January

**Municipal Bridge - $8 m**
Provides federal funds to municipalities for bridge replacement or rehabilitation. Projects solicited annually - January

**Local Major Bridge - $25 m**
Provides federal funds to locals for major bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects. Local Major Bridge is defined as >35,000 sq. ft. deck area or moveable/lift structure. Projects solicited annually – Funding 2017-19
Metroparks - $2.25 m
The Metro Parks Program provides state funds for park drives or park roads within the boundaries of county parks.

County Bridge/STP/HSIP - $60 m
Provides funds to the County Engineers for bridge rehab and replacement, roadway and safety projects. Projects solicited annually – July / August

Transportation Alternatives - $11 m
Provides funds for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and projects that enhance surface transportation by improving historic and environmental aspects. Projects solicited annually - January
Transportation Alternatives Program

- **STW Rural program**
  - Annual allocation of $11 million
  - Eligible applicants not located within MPO unless Allen, Belmont, Licking, & Washington Counties

- **Federal** – 80% maximum based on eligible costs for Construction and Construction Engineering

- **Local** – 20% cash match and all costs associated with engineering plans, environmental studies and documentation, ROW plans and acquisition
TAP Eligibility Criteria

- Local governments, regional transportation authorities, Federal and State resource agencies
- Project must demonstrate a public benefit
- Accessible to the general public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public, and be available for public use throughout its reasonable life
- Publicly-owned and on existing publicly-owned property (except for acquisition projects)
Historic projects must be listed on or determined eligible for National Register of Historic Places

Local cash match must be committed and identified

Commitment to maintain the project after construction is complete
- Does not have to be the local government that applied for the grant

No maintenance issues with past performance concerning liability, negligence or safety

Must meet criteria for at least one of the eligible funding categories
- Non-Motorized Transportation Facilities
- Historic Transportation Preservation
- Environmental Mitigation and Vegetation Management
Types of TAP Projects

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Rail Trails
- Safe Routes for Non-Drivers
- Other Community Improvements
- Environmental Mitigation
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

- Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation
  - Includes sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting, and other safety-related infrastructure and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
Rail-Trails

- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors as trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized transportation users

Safe Routes for Non-Drivers

- Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers to access daily needs
- Includes children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities
Vegetation management practices in transportation ROW to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control
Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under this title
Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
Landscaping and scenic enhancement features, including junkyard removal and screening, may be eligible as part of the construction
Environmental Mitigation

Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to –

- Address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff
- Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality
- Restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats
Application Timeline

- January 1 – Letter Of Interest available
- February 1 – Letter of Interest due
- March 1 – Invitation to apply distributed
- May 1 – Application due
- August 1 – Notification of Award
Small City Program

- $10 million annual allocation
- Currently, no individual project funding limits
- Federal – 80% maximum based on eligible costs for Construction and Construction Engineering
- Local – 20% cash match and all costs associated with engineering plans, environmental studies and documentation, ROW plans, and acquisition
- Funds may be used for any roadway, signal or safety project on the federal aid system
Federal funding to Small Cities with populations between 5,000 and 24,999
  • Based on U.S. Census

Cannot be located within Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ boundaries

There are currently 54 eligible cities
  • List of eligible cities can be found on Local Programs’ website
  • [http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Small%20City%20Program%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Small%20City%20Program%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx)
**Small City Application Process**

- Applications are solicited annually starting January 1\textsuperscript{st} and are due by March 1\textsuperscript{st}
  - Submitted online through a link posted on Local Programs’ website

- Proposed projects are scored based on data
  - includes average daily traffic (ADT), pavement condition rating, crash frequency or density, crash rate, volume to capacity, relative severity index, and economic health

- Multi-disciplinary team reviews applications and overall scores and provides recommendations
  - Previous award funding is taken into consideration

- Award letters announced no later than mid-July
  - List of awards posted on Local Programs’ website
Municipal Bridge Program

- $10 million annual allocation
- $2.5 million individual project funding limit
- Federal – 80% maximum based on eligible costs for Construction and Construction Engineering
- Local – 20% cash match and all costs associated with engineering plans, environmental studies and documentation, ROW plans, and acquisition
- Federal funding to municipalities and Regional Transit Authorities for eligible on and off-system bridge rehabilitation and replacement projects
Municipal Bridge Eligibility

- Has to be owned by a city, village or regional transit authority
- Has to be open to vehicular traffic
- Must meet the federal definition of a bridge
  - NBIS bridge length greater than 20 feet
- Bridge must meet other criteria to be eligible
  - Sufficiency rating of 80 or less
  - General appraisal of 5 or less
  - Must be either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
- Updated Target Bridge List is posted on Local Programs’ website every November
  - [http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Municipal%20Bridge%20Program%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Municipal%20Bridge%20Program%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx)
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The City of Bucyrus was awarded $1,433,000 in 2016 for SFY 2019 for the milling and pavement of SR 4 from SR 98 to just south of the US 30 ramps.
The City of Uhrichsville was awarded $558,125 in 2016 for SFY 2019 for the final phase of the Eastport Avenue improvement project, which will improve pedestrian and vehicular facilities.
Clarington Village was awarded $240,000 in 2016 for SFY 2019 for the replacement of the Market Street Bridge over Still House Run.
City of Kettering was awarded $1,297,920 in 2016 for SFY 2019 for the replacement of the Schantz Avenue Bridge over South Dixie Highway.
Safe Routes to School - $4 m
Provides federal funds to enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk or bicycle to school.

Urban Paving
Funds eligible surface treatment and resurfacing projects on state and US routes within municipal corporations.

Safety - $102M
Dedicated funds for engineering improvements at high-crash or severe crash locations across the state. Funds can be used to improve safety on any public road.
SRTS Program

- Infrastructure Projects
- Non-infrastructure projects
  - Engineering
  - Education
  - Encouragement
  - Enforcement
  - Evaluation

Highland Elementary, Columbus Ohio 2012
Eligible Entities

Any community with ODOT approved School Travel Plan.

In Ohio, SRTS Projects are also eligible within MPO areas under the TA program.

– Our intention is to partner with MPO’s on some of these projects.
ODOT spends about $72 million annually on projects and programs that address high and severe crash locations on any public road.

- Administered by ODOT Office of Systems Planning and Program Management – Michelle May
- Applications due: April 30, September 30
- Funding available for PE, RW, construction
- Typical requests range from $50,000 to $5 million (max)
Types of Projects

- Intersection improvements
- Pavement and shoulder widening
- Sign and pavement marking improvements
- Rumble strips and other warning devices
- Skid-resistant resurfacings
- Pedestrian or bicycle safety improvements
- Construction of traffic calming features
- Elimination or shielding of roadside obstacles
- Nearly any improvement that can be tied to safety
Other Funding Programs

- TRAC – funding varies
- Turnpike Mitigation Program - $5 M
- Appalachia Local Access Road Program - $1M
- Aviation Infrastructure - $1M
- Bridge Partnership - $120M SFY14-16
- Jobs and Commerce - $5M
- Transit Assistance - $36.4 M
- Township Sign Program - $1M
Resources

ODOT Office of Local Programs
http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalProgram
- ODOT Program Resource Guide
- ODOT Program and Contact Information

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Questions