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Date: June 06, 2023

To: Nevada Transportation Partners

Subject: Nevada CALL FOR PROJECTS - 2023 Regional Grant Program

Funding Years: Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2025-2026

Due Date: June 20, 2023

Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) is pleased to announce the 2023 Regional Grant Program Nevada Call for Projects estimated at \$4.1 million for federal fiscal years 2023-24 through 2025-26.

The Linking Tahoe Regional Grant Program (RGP) supports the implementation of regional and local transportation priorities along with the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan and vehicle miles traveled threshold. The RGP provides an important source of funding for project implementation given Tahoe is often at a disadvantage in the larger statewide and federal competitive programs. The RGP seeks to leverage funding sources, when possible, to increase success and effectiveness of project implementation.

The focus of the program is to create additional transportation options and an enhanced transportation system to provide safe, multi-modal improvements that provide social and environmental benefits. The program of projects selected through the RGP sets to prioritize projects that benefit transportation disadvantaged and historically marginalized communities. The grant program is administered by Tahoe Regional Planning Agency as the TMPO, allocating funds to transportation projects that support regional transportation goals through a competitive process.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**: Project applications are due at <u>5:00 p.m. June 20, 2023</u>. Complete project applications must be submitted electronically to <u>jweber@trpa.gov</u> by the deadline in order to be considered for funding.

**AVAILABLE FUNDS:** This is a consolidated call for projects of approximately \$4,115,000 estimated to be available from the Region's federal formula apportionments for federal fiscal years 2023-24 through 2025-2026. The call includes the following funding programs:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) \$2,975,000
- Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) \$873,000
- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) \$266,000

Funding is eligible for all stages of work; Preliminary Engineering/Environmental, Right of Way, and Construction.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Counties, transit agencies, or other local government agencies within the Nevada portion of the Tahoe Region. All applicants must be familiar with Nevada Department of Transportation Local Public Agency (LPA) manual procedures to ensure state and federal accounting requirements are met.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY: Projects must be included in the 2020 RTP constrained project list and be ready for

programming in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Projects requesting construction funding must have environmental, engineering, and right-of-way completed by the fund award year. For more information on specific funding program eligibility see the Nevada RGP guidelines <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** Funds are available for transportation projects in the Nevada portion of the Tahoe Region. Eligible projects include a variety of projects including but not limited to the following:

- Highway and local street and road improvements
- Active Transportation
- Transit Capital

For more information on specific project eligibility see the Nevada RGP guidelines here.

**PROJECT EVALUATION:** Projects will be evaluated on a range of applicable criteria and project assessment benefits contained within the Guidelines, with consideration going to supporting regional and local transportation priorities, and transportation goals and policies. Project selection will be done through an equity lens to enhance underserved communities and be responsive to new federal and state equity policies.

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION:** You can find the Guidelines, Application, and Performance Assessments <u>here</u>.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE:** The following lists the milestones for the Nevada RGP.

RGP MILESTONES	DATE
Call for Projects	June 06, 2023
Project Application Deadline	June 20, 2023
Staff Project Recommendations Released	July 2023
Tahoe Transportation Commission Recommendation of the	
Program of Projects to TMPO Governing Board	Fall 2023*
TMPO Governing Board Program of Projects Approval	Fall 2023*

<sup>\*</sup>Meeting dates will coincide with board schedules.

**CONTACT:** For any questions or comments regarding this program or to request additional information, please contact Judy Weber at <a href="mailto:jweber@trpa.gov">jweber@trpa.gov</a>.