

Date: November 1, 2022
To: Transportation Partner Sponsors
Subject: **CALL FOR PROJECTS - 2023 Regional Grant Program**
Funding Years: Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2026-2027
Due Date: December 12, 2022

Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) is pleased to announce the 2023 Regional Grant Program Call for Projects estimated at \$14.9 million for federal fiscal years 2023-24 through 2026-27.

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. This RGP now includes the Carbon Reduction Program through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These new funds are focused on reducing carbon emission and will also help fill the region's transportation funding gap.

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 **5:00 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2022**. Complete project applications must be submitted electronically to jweber@trpa.gov by the deadline in order to be considered for funding.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: This is a consolidated call for projects of approximately \$14.9 million estimated to be available from the region's federal formula apportionments through federal fiscal year 2026-2027. The call includes the following funding programs:

- Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program- \$2,970,000
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) CA and NV - \$7,467,000
- Carbon Reduction Program - \$1,335,000
- California Active Transportation Program Metropolitan Planning Organization - \$2,901,000
- Nevada Transportation Alternative Program (NV TAP) - \$267,000

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

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: The city, counties, transit agencies, or other local government agencies within the Tahoe

Region. Non-governmental and other entities interested in applying are welcome to partner with an agency who has a Caltrans Master Agreement in place 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 RGP guidelines [here](#).

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

- Highway and local street and road improvements
- Active Transportation
- Transit Operations and Capital
- Transportation Demand Management

For more information on specific project eligibility see the RGP guidelines [here](#).

PROJECT EVALUATION: Projects will be evaluated on a range of applicable criteria and project assessment benefits contained within the RGP 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 RGP Guidelines, Application, and Performance Assessments [here](#).

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

RGP MILESTONES	DATE
Call for Projects	November 1, 2022
Project Application Deadline	December 12, 2022
Staff Project Recommendations Posted	January 2023
Tahoe Transportation Implementation Committee Review of Project Recommendations	January 2023
Project Recommendations presented to the Tahoe Transportation Commission Board	February 2023
Environmental Improvement, Transportation, and Public Outreach Committee Project Recommendations and Active Transportation Program MPO Project Recommendation Resolution Recommendation to TMPO Governing Board	March 2023
TMPO Governing Board Adoption of Active Transportation Program MPO Project Recommendation Resolution	March 2023
Programming of Projects in FTIP	Fall 2023

CONTACT: For any questions or comments regarding this program or to request additional information, please contact Judy Weber at jweber@trpa.gov.