

Transportation Alternatives (TA)



What is the Transportation Alternatives?

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) was established under the new federal transportation bill referred to as FAST Act. TA is for community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by integrating modes and improving the cultural, historic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure.

Who can apply for TA funding?

Only eligible applicants can apply for funding. Eligible applicants include counties, cities over 5,000 people, state agencies, Native American Tribes, and Regional Development Commissions. If an entity such as a township, school, or non-profit organization would like to submit a proposal, that entity must have an eligible applicant sponsor the proposal.

How much money is available?

The maximum amount that each project can request in a given grant cycle is \$600,000. The minimum amount that can be requested is \$100,000.

Is there a local match that is required?

Yes. All projects require a 20% local match of the eligible project costs, including Safe Routes to School projects.



How does the funding cycle work?

The solicitation is taking place through the fall 2016 for projects that will be ready for construction in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (fall 2020).

Who reviews and evaluates the applications?

The Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP), a board of elected officials, state agency representatives, and transportation experts is responsible for identifying projects to receive federal funds. The ATP has appointed a TA Task Force working group that reviews and suggests projects to the ATP.

Will the review process be competitive?

Yes. Approximately \$900,000 will be available for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 funds in Northeast Minnesota (this includes the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis).

Where is more information available?

The NE MN ATP's website: www.nemnatp.org/

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's website: www.dot.state.mn.us/ta/

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