

Transportation Advisory Committee

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Community Clean Transportation Assistance Program

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

Colorado Department of Transportation staff will provide an overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Community Clean Transportation Assistance Program (CCTAP).

Background

The [Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise \(NAAPME\)](#) was created by Senate Bill 21-260 to mitigate the environmental and health impacts of increased air pollution from motor vehicle emissions in Colorado's air quality nonattainment areas. The [Community Clean Transportation Assistance Program \(CCTAP\)](#) is the enterprise's first grant funding opportunity. It will make awards in amounts between \$500,000 to \$17 million by the end of July 2025. A 20% local match is required, though hardship waivers are possible.

The [NAAPME 10-Year Plan](#) identifies the following funding focus areas:

- Projects that sustainably reduce traffic congestion (transit services, mobility hubs, sidewalks & bike paths, car-/vanpools, etc.).
- Projects that reduce the environmental and health impacts of transportation (lowering construction impacts, roadside vegetation, etc.).
- Projects that improve neighborhood connectivity for communities adjacent to highways (sidewalks, bike/ped connectivity, reduce urban traffic speeds, etc.).

Projects eligible under the federal [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\)](#) program are also eligible for this funding.

Eligible project sponsors are a metropolitan planning organization or any other public entity that is eligible to receive CMAQ funding that is in [good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State](#), have no projects on the federal inactive list, and have not had a non-compliance determination on a sub-allocated recipient audit/visit.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Emissions reduction benefits in ozone precursors (25 percent).
- Project is located within or supports a disproportionately impacted community, demonstrated outreach to engage with those communities, and how the project would help address community needs and/or issues (25 percent).
- Project meets NAAPME business purpose and funding focus areas (15 percent).
- Project is prioritized in an approved transportation plan (15 percent).
- Demonstrates likelihood of successful project delivery, including commitment for long-term maintenance of infrastructure projects (5 percent).



- Demonstrates that the project improves traveling safety, especially for vulnerable road users (5 percent).
- Demonstrates improvement/expansion of transportation choice or neighborhood connectivity (5 percent).
- Quality of the application (5 percent).

Complete eligibility and evaluation criteria are available in the [CCTAP Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (which is also available in [Spanish](#)).

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

None

Attachment

Colorado Department of Transportation presentation

For more information

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