



**NEW RTPO**  
Northeast Washington  
Regional Transportation Planning Organization

## **2019-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects & Guidelines**

**Estimated Funding to be Available: \$156,000  
For the Counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens**

**This Call for Projects will be open for submittal of proposals from September 27,  
2017 through ~~December 22, 2017~~  
**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO January 26, 2018.****

### **GUIDELINES:**

- The 2019-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is anticipating to provide grant funding in an amount of \$156,000 (\$78,000 per year) for non-motorized projects. Projects are to be completed in FFY 2018, FFY 2019, or FFY 2020. Funding is estimated based on historic allocations and is subject to change in each federal fiscal year.
- 2019-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) proposals will be evaluated, scored, and ranked by the NEW RTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC will recommend award of TAP funding for consideration and final decision to the Tri-County Economic Development District (TEDD)/NEW RTPO Board of Directors. Projects will be scored and ranked according to the criteria identified in the application form. The TEDD/NEW RTPO Board of Directors has full discretion to identify final priorities and make funding awards as deemed appropriate.
- The TAC will oversee the entire grant process. Committee members and TEDD/NEW RTPO staff will advise, make recommendations, and manage the administration with WSDOT Highways and Local Programs and the three counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens.
- The following projects are eligible for consideration, per Federal guidelines:
  - Funds may be used for projects or activities that are related to surface transportation and described in the definition of "Transportation Alternatives." [23 USC 101(a)(29)]

- 1) **Pedestrian & Bicycle**: Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation, including 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.
- 2) **Non-Drivers**: Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- 3) **Railway Conversions**: Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.
- 4) **Turnouts & Overlooks**: Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- 5) **Community Improvement Activities**: which include but are not limited to:
  - a. **Billboard Management**: Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising
  - b. **Historic Preservation**: Preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
  - c. **Vegetation Management**: Practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control
  - d. **Archaeological**: Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under title 23
- 6) **Stormwater Management**: Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to:
  - a. Address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in sections 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(3)
  - b. Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats (Former 23 U.S.C. 213(b)(2)-(4)).
- 7) **Recreational Trails**: The recreational trails program under 23 U.S.C. 206 of title 23.
- 8) **SRTS**: The safe routes to school program eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404(f) of the SAFETEA-LU:
  - a. Infrastructure-related projects
  - b. Noninfrastructure-related activities
  - c. SRTS coordinator. SAFETEA-LU section 1404(f)(2)(A) lists “managers of safe routes to school programs” as eligible under the noninfrastructure projects.
- 9) **Boulevards**: Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

*TA Set-Aside projects must benefit the general public (23 CFR 1.23 and 23 CFR 460.2).* For more information regarding eligibility and funding please visit:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation\\_alternatives/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/)

- Go to the TEDD website <http://tricountyedd.com/new-rtpo/committees/> for:
  - 2019-2020 TAP Call for Projects & Guidelines
  - 2019-2020 TAP Grant Application
  - Current Membership List for NEW RTPO and TEDD Board of Directors
  - 2015-2019 NEW Regional Transportation Plan

➤ **PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

- **September 27, 2017** – TAP Call for Projects Announced
- **September 27, 2017 through ~~December 22, 2017~~ January 26, 2018** -- TAP Application Submittal

Applications must be delivered either electronically, by mail, or hand delivered to the TEDD office by 4:00 p.m. on or before ~~December 22, 2017~~ **January 26, 2018**

All Application are to be Mailed, Hand Delivered, or Emailed to:

Tri-County Economic Development District  
986 S. Main Street, Suite A  
Colville, WA 99114  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email: [Kcoots@teddonline.com](mailto:Kcoots@teddonline.com).

If you are submitting through email please make sure you receive an email confirming the submission.

- **~~December 29, 2017~~ January 31, 2018** – Distribution of Applications  
All applications will be emailed to TAC and the TEDD Board by 4:00 p.m. on ~~December 29, 2017~~ **January 31, 2018** for review prior to the **February 28, 2018** meeting.
- **January 17, 2018 February 21, 2018** – TAP Presentations to the TAC and Application Reviews  
A Special TAC meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. to hear presentations from applicants requesting funding awards. (All applicants will receive advance notice of this Special TAC meeting and are required to attend, make a brief presentation, and be available to answer questions). At approximately 11:00 a.m., following the presentations, the TAC will review and discuss the applications.
- **January 24, 2018 February 28, 2018** – TAP Applications: TAC Ranking and Board Final Review, Selection & Funding: The TAC will rank the projects and a recommendation will be prepared for the subsequent TEDD Board meeting, where the TEDD Board will make final award decisions. Letters of award will be sent out after that meeting.

Should you have any questions please contact:

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