

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Parties Interested in Transportation Alternatives Program Funds

FROM: Tammy DeBord, Grant Specialists II, SWIPCO

RE: Transportation Alternatives Program Request for Applications

DATE: December 28, 2020

Regional Planning Affiliation 13 (RPA-13) is now taking applications for its Regional Transportation Alternatives Program fund for projects in Cass, Fremont, Montgomery, and Page Counties. The submission window for applications is January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021. Eligible applicants include:

- Local governments,
- Regional transportation authorities,
- Transit agencies,
- Natural resource or public land agencies,
- School districts and local education agencies,
- Tribal governments,
- A non-profit entity responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs (such as a local program implementing 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 or a SRTS program.) and
- Any other local or regional government entity responsible for oversight of transportations or recreational trails.

To be eligible for funds, the project or area served must fit one or more of the following:

- Construction, planning and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation.
- 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.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists or other non-motorized transportation users.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas.
- Inventory, control or removal of outdoor advertising.
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities.
- Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control.
- Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of transportation project eligible under this title.

- Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to address storm water management, control and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.
- A construction or non construction project eligible under the Safe Routes to School program.
- A project eligible under the Recreational Trail Program as defined by section 206 of Title 23.

Additionally, the projects must:

- Provide a commitment of at least 20 percent of eligible costs.
- Minimum cost of \$25,000
- Project sponsors may be a city, county, public agency, private non-profit or an individual. Public agencies, private non-profits, and individuals must have a city or county as a co-sponsor.
- Sponsors must be willing to maintain the project for 20 years, including an official endorsement in the form of a fully executed resolution by the elected body or board stating such.
- Narrative discussing public input process.
- Projects must demonstrate a relationship to transportation.

You may request a hard copy of the application by:

- Calling Tammy DeBord at 866-279-4720 (toll free),
- Emailing Tammy.DeBord@swipco.org

Completed applications must be in the Southwest Iowa Planning Council office by 4:30 P.M. on February 28, 2021. Applications will be submitted to the Iowa DOT for review. The RPA 13 Technical Committee and Policy Board will meet to score the applications and to award recommendations. Award letters will be sent to applicants and the Iowa DOT by August 1, 2021. Funds will be released by the IDOT after Oct. 1, 2021.