

# CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATE NEWSLETTER

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

November 13, 2023

### HUD's Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program

This program is now open for local governments and political subdivisions to request technical assistance! The Program will provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to teams of community partners that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals. USDOT and HUD funded capacity building teams in late 2022 to provide this technical assistance for 2023-25-local governments and other political subdivisions are now able to request technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support including assistance with grant applications, project scoping, planning and predevelopment activities, and pre-engineering studies from these teams for transportation and community revitalization activities that:

- Increase mobility
- Reduce pollution from transportation sources
- Expand affordable transportation and housing options
- Improve health outcomes
- Facilitate efficient land use
- Preserve or expand jobs, and
- Enhance connections to health care, education, and food security to benefit disadvantaged populations and communities.

Priority will be given to cities and political subdivisions with populations of less than 250,000 people, as well as to those receiving certain Department of Transportation competitive funds. Letters of interest are due by **November 15, 2023**.

For more information and to submit a request, click [here](#)!

## FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### FY 2023 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program

This November the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will announce the availability of \$573 million in competitive funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. Political subdivisions, local governments, and MPOs are eligible to apply. For more information, click [here](#)!



## CTR TAG UPDATES & EVENTS

### CTR TAG Meeting

The next CTR TAG meeting will be held in person on **November 16th, 9:30-11:00 AM** at the CTCOG Offices. This meeting will have a presentation from non-emergency medical transportation provider Ride N Share who offers service in our region, as well as an update on implementation of the 2022-26 RCTP implementation, including the establishment of microtransit zones. To view the agenda, click [here](#)!

To access the 2022-26 RCTP, Click [Here](#)!



**Value Capture and Debt Financing Strategies: Tax-Exempt Debt Financing**

November 14th, 12:00-2:00 PM

To register, click [here](#)!

**USDOT Navigator December Webinar**

December 5th, 2:00-3:00 PM

To attend, click [here](#)!