

# CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATE NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES September 11, 2023

### **USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program**

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP) and Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) program have been combined under one NOFO for 2023. This program will provide funds to local governments, MPOs, and non-profits for capital construction, planning, and regional partnerships to plan and implement projects for the removal, retrofit, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development. For FY 2023, \$1.15 billion is available for construction projects, \$185 million for planning, and \$450 million for the Regional Partnership Challenge. Eligible Capital Grant applicants are facility owners or partnerships between owners and eligible Planning Grant applicants.

#### Award Amounts:

- Capital-No less than \$5 million with RCP funds, no minimum with NAE funds
- Planning-Up to \$2 million for RCP funds, no maximum for NAE funds
- Regional Partnership Challenge: 3-5 awards made for FY 2023.

Match: Capital-At least 20-50% of project costs

Planning-At least 20% of project costs

Regional Partnership Challenge: 20% of project costs or 0% if a disadvantaged or underserved community.

Deadline to apply is **September 28th, 2023**. For more information and to apply, click here!

### FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

**Texas State Infrastructure Bank** 

This bank is a revolving loan fund which provides loans at below market interest rates to any public or private entity that can construct, maintain, or finance a transportation project eligible under USC Title 23. Economically disadvantaged counties are eligible for reduction in interest rates-FY 2023 disadvantaged counties include Bell, Milam, and Coryell counties. Funds are limited to \$53 million per project and \$107 million per borrower. Upcoming deadlines are September 25th, and October 23rd, and November 27th, 2023. For more information and to apply, click here!



## CTRTAG UPDATES & EVENTS

CTRTAG Meeting and Local Agency Update The next CTRTAG meeting will be held November.16th, 9:30-11:00 AM CTCOG offices at 2180 N. Main Street, Belton, TX. One of the strategies in the 2022-26 Regionally Coordinated Transporation Plan (RCTP) is to hold a "Local Agency Update" at CTRTAG meetings. If you are a city, county, or organization representative dealing with public transportation services or needs. out dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org to request providing an update on needs, projects, or areas for partnership.

To access the 2022-26 RCTP, Click Here!



Utilizing DOT Data and Mapping Tools for Stronger Grant Applications September 19 , 12:30-1:30 PM Registration Fee: Free To register, click here!