

# Thriving Communities Program

PCFO IGAP Call for Letters of Interest Snapshot

October 13, 2022

<u>Agency:</u> US Department of Transportation (DOT)	<u>Bureau:</u> Build America Bureau
<u>Application Deadline:</u> December 6, 2022	<u>Max Award:</u> N/A

## Description

The Thriving Communities Program (TCP) is designed to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to advance a pipeline of 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. The TCP will also support and build local capacity to improve project acceleration, access to and management of Federal funding, and deployment of local hiring, workforce development and inclusive community engagement practices.

## Eligible Recipients

1. Local, state, or Tribal governments
2. United States territories
3. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs)
4. Transit agencies
5. Other political subdivisions of state or local governments.

DOT is using this Letters of Interest (LOI) process to select at least 30 recipients of comprehensive planning, technical assistance, and capacity building support. Recipients will be composed of coalitions of organizations from a geographic region. Selected recipients will be matched with TCP Capacity Builders to receive support over two years.

## Matching Grant Requirements

N/A

## Eligible Projects

Applicants should identify which one of the following three Communities of Practice they are applying to receive support and participate:

- **Main Streets** – Focused on Tribal and rural communities and the interconnected transportation, housing, community, and economic development issues they face.
- **Complete Neighborhoods** – Focused on urban and suburban communities located within metropolitan areas working to better coordinate transportation with land use, housing, and economic development.

- **Networked Communities** – Focused on those communities located near ports, airports, freight, and rail facilities to address mobility, access, environmental justice, and economic issues including leveraging their proximity to these facilities for wealthbuilding and economic development opportunities.

Over a two-year period from 2023-2025, TCP recipient communities will have access to:

1. Direct, individualized deep-dive technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support including assistance with grant applications, project scoping, planning and predevelopment activities, and pre-engineering studies. As applicable, assistance is also provided through project development, project funding and financing, and project delivery.
2. A Community of Practice comprised of local and national partners to advance policies, practices, and projects informed by meaningful public involvement and partnership.
3. Targeted technical support as part of the national TCP capacity building network.

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### **New or Existing Program**

New program

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### **Tips for Being Competitive**

As a Justice40-covered program, applicants should identify [Historically Disadvantaged Communities](#) and/or [Areas of Persistent Poverty](#) that would be in the identified geographic focus area.

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### **Labor Requirements**

Labor organizations are eligible Community Partner Organizations.

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### **Examples of Prior Award Recipients**

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### **Agency Contact**

ThrivingCommunities@dot.gov

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### **Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions**

A recording and presentation slides for an information webinar “DOT Thriving Communities Program Overview for Prospective Technical Assistance Recipients” held on October 13 will be available on the [DOT Program Page](#).

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### **Types of Partners Required**

The lead applicant must form Community Partnerships with other organizations working with or located in the identified focus area to collectively advance technical, organizational, and community capacity to advance a pipeline of comprehensive, community-driven infrastructure and community development projects. The composition of these Community Partnerships will be at the discretion of the lead applicant, but could include nonprofits, private sector and community-based organizations, labor unions, advocacy groups, other government entities, chambers of commerce and major employers, academic or other anchor institutions, and philanthropic organizations.

**Total Allocation** N/A

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**Anticipated Award Date** DOT anticipates selection of finalists in early 2023.

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**Links to Grant Opportunity**

- [Call for Letters of Interest](#)
- [Letter of Interest Form](#)
- [DOT Thriving Communities Program Page](#)