There is funding for walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School in every state, for communities of ALL sizes

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There is money available to build safe, connected, and convenient places to walk and bike

For small towns and big cities, tribal communities and major metros, rural areas and suburban neighborhoods

In every state across the country
Crosswalks and Refuges

Protected Bike Lanes

Take a moment to think:

What improvement would you like to see in your community to make walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School more convenient and connected?
Transportation Alternatives

The #1 source of federal funding for bicycling, walking, and Safe Routes to School

- Money for projects like sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, trails, and more!
- Unique because program is designed to support local priorities
- Awarded by state DOTs and MPOs through competition
- Covers ~80% of project cost (requires local match, but there is some flexibility)
- There is money set aside for rural, small towns, mid-sized cities, and major metro areas
- Has benefitted (nearly) every congressional district in the country
Eligibility - Projects & Sponsors

TAP Funding Supports:
- Sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian infrastructure
- Bike lanes and other bicycle infrastructure
- Safe Routes to School infrastructure and non-infrastructure
- Recreational trails
- Turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas,
- Community improvement activities (outdoor advertising, historic transportation facilities, vegetation management, transportation-related archaeological activities
- Environmental mitigation (stormwater management, wildlife connectivity)
- Converting highways/interstate routes to boulevards

Who is eligible to apply?
- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- State and local parks/public lands agencies
- Schools and school districts
- Tribal governments
- Nonprofits
- Small MPOs
- Other local/regional agencies that administer transportation or trails
- State DOTs may receive funds if requested by local government
Why start with TAP?

- You don’t have to make the case for why walking and bicycling matter - this money is intended for that use (among other things)

- There is significant money every year (over $1.5 billion)
  - That supports walking, bicycling, Safe Routes to School, and more
    - For every state
    - For communities of all sizes!

- Like-sized communities compete against like-sized communities

- Projects do not have to be in plans in order to apply
TAP – Steps to Prepare to Apply

- Visit your state DOT’s TAP website
- Look for TAP competition dates and application information

Where can I find my state’s TAP website and funding amounts?

https://saferoutespartnership.org/healthy-communities/policy-change/StateTAPFactSheets
TAP – Steps to Prepare to Apply

- Look at application guidance what makes an application competitive and what pre-work is required for applicants
  - This can help you select which project will be most competitive

SECTION 7: PROJECT BENEFITS
Check the box(es) that show the project importance to local/regional transportation, health, safety, environment, and economic development, etc. Please include data and examples to support project impacts.

- The project is included in a local or regional plan
- Health and Safety
- Local/ regional economic development
- Accessibility/ Connectivity/ Mobility
- Environment
- Other benefits

Please provide explanation for all of the marked impacts. Where possible, show the project impacts to disadvantaged populations such as the elderly, people with disabilities, minorities, and low-income residents, etc. Breakdown your explanation into the categories above. This information is crucial to how your project scores and ranks.
TAP – Steps to Prepare to Apply

- Complete project sponsor training, if required
- Complete pre-work (community support - government and community residents)
- TAP applications typically include both narrative and technical aspects.
  - For the technical components, like cost estimation, you may need to engage professional assistance
- New flexibility in the infrastructure law gives state DOTs funding to help get good projects in the pipeline and then expedite the delivery of those projects

Where can I get help with my application?

Request technical assistance from your state DOT; they have $ to help you!
Resources on Transportation Alternatives Program

- Safe Routes Partnership [federal policy blog](https://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/fact-sheet/federal-funding-infographics)
- Safe Routes Partnership [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law landing page](https://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/fact-sheet/federal-funding-infographics)
- State-by-state TAP fact sheets with funding amounts and competition dates
- Transportation Alternatives [State Implementation Tracking](https://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/fact-sheet/federal-funding-infographics)
- DNPAO recipients: submit a technical assistance request, we can help you navigate your role as public health partners in your state’s specific situation

[https://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/fact-sheet/federal-funding-infographics](https://saferoutespartnership.org/resources/fact-sheet/federal-funding-infographics)
State Funding

- Amount of funding each state dedicates to walking, bicycling, and Safe Routes to School and the source of these funds
- Case studies on how states have created these funding mechanisms
- As of 2021, 30 states had state-revenue funding for walking, bicycling, and/or Safe Routes to School totaling $431 million
- We are in the process of collecting recent data that we will release with the 2024 Making Strides State Report Cards

Questions?

We’re here to help!

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