

# Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)



## **What is the Transportation Alternatives Program?**

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was established under the new federal transportation bill referred to as MAP-21. TAP is for community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by integrating modes and improving the cultural, historic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure.

## **Who can apply for TAP funding?**

Only eligible applicants can apply for funding. Eligible applicants include counties, cities over 5,000 people, state agencies, Native American Tribes, and Regional Development Commissions. If an entity such as a township, school, or non-profit organization would like to submit a proposal, that entity must have an eligible applicant sponsor the proposal.

## **How much money is available?**

The maximum amount that each project can request in a given grant cycle is \$600,000. The minimum amount that can be requested is \$100,000.

## **Is there a local match that is required?**

Yes. All projects require a 20% local match of the eligible project costs, including Safe Routes to School projects.

## **How does the funding cycle work?**

The solicitation taking place through the fall 2013 and winter 2014 is for projects that will be ready for construction in Federal Fiscal Year 2017 (fall 2016) and Federal Fiscal Year 2018 (fall 2017).

## **Who reviews and evaluates the applications?**

The Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP), a board of elected officials, state agency representatives, and transportation experts is responsible for identifying projects to receive federal funds. The ATP has appointed a TAP Task Force working group that reviews and suggests projects to the ATP.

## **Will the review process be competitive?**

Yes. Approximately \$900,000 will be available for Federal Fiscal Year 2017 funds and it is anticipated that same amount will be available for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 funds in Northeast Minnesota (this includes the counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis).

## **Where is more information available?**

The NE MN ATP's website: [www.nemnntp.org/tap](http://www.nemnntp.org/tap)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's website: [www.dot.state.mn.us/map-21/tap](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/map-21/tap)

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