

This brochure provides answers to frequently asked questions about four East-West Gateway transportation funding grant programs available for local governments and non-profit organizations. Please check our website or call us for more information.

Q – What transportation funding programs are available through East-West Gateway?

Transportation funding programs include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program —Suballocated (STP-S), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Section 5310 Program.

Q – Who can apply for STP-S, CMAQ, or TAP funds?

Federal funds are provided to local governmental entities for publicly-owned transportation improvements. Project sponsors must be a city, county, or transportation-related government agency (i.e., Bi-State Development, Great Rivers Greenway, Madison County Transit, etc.) to be eligible to administer a federal aid transportation project. Generally, local agencies are required to contribute at least 20 percent of the project costs. STP-S sponsors in Illinois must contribute at least 25 percent of the construction costs.

Q – What type of projects can be funded through STP-S?

STP-S funds can be used for projects such as pavement preservation, bridge rehabilitation or replacement, highway expansion, congestion mitigation, safety, freight, environmental mitigation, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.



Q – Are all roads eligible for STP-S funds?

No, a road must meet certain requirements to be eligible. To be eligible for funding a road must have a certain functional classification. This includes: interstate, expressway, principal/minor arterial, urban major/minor collector, or rural major collector. Construction on roads classified as rural minor collector or local cannot be funded. However, bridge or bicycle/pedestrian projects on local roads are eligible. To view a map of current roadway functional classifications go to: www.ewgateway.org/FuncClass.

Q – What type of projects can be funded through CMAQ?

CMAQ funds can be used for traffic flow improvements, demand management, shared ride services, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, transit vehicles/facilities, and operating assistance for new transit service. Maintenance projects such as road resurfacing/reconstruction and projects that add capacity for single occupant vehicles are not eligible.

Q – What type of projects can be funded through TAP?

TAP provides funding for on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, and safe routes to school projects.

Q – Who can apply for Section 5310 funds?

Eligible sub-recipients of Section 5310 include local governments, non-profit organizations with local government authority that is approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, or operators of public transit.

Q – What type of projects can be funded through Section 5310?

Section 5310 provides funding to help improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.

The program provides grant funds for capital and operating expenses for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.

FAQ ...continued

Q – Are there workshops where I can learn more details about these programs?

Yes, workshops are held at the start of each project application cycle. Information regarding the project solicitation, including available funding, is posted on East-West Gateway's website, Facebook, Twitter, and Local Government Briefings (weekly electronic newsletter).

Q – What other programs outside of East-West Gateway are available to local agencies?

Many other funding programs are available outside of East-West Gateway, some of the more common programs are selected by the U.S. or State Departments of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) accepts applications for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program and Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) accepts applications for funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program, among others. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) accepts applications through the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) and Cost Share/Economic Development Program. More information can be found at:

- USDOT (TIGER) - www.transportation.gov/tiger
- USDOT (INFRA) - www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/infragrants

- IDOT- www.bit.ly/IDOTFunding
- MoDOT (TEAP) - www.bit.ly/MoDOTTEAP
- MoDOT (Cost Share) - www.bit.ly/MoDOTCostShare

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