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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM - NOTICE OF 2022 STATEWIDE CALL FOR RURAL PROJECTS - APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 15, 2022

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is seeking projects to be funded using Rural Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. This program call will award \$29.3 million of federal TAP funds. Local Public Agencies (LPAs) that reside within the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of OTO, MARC, and East-West Gateway are not eligible for this program call.

Eligible projects include:

- Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting, and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
- Construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs;
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users; and
- Construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools.

Awarded projects will be funded with a maximum 80 percent federal funds and require a minimum 20 percent local match. A project must seek a minimum of \$100,000 of federal reimbursement. The maximum federal reimbursement is \$500,000. For more information, please visit

https://www.modot.org/node/25832?fbclid=IwAR0qkixP8gIL5ftckk3dTj5btHzZhFHsajufhioiMLHpH5ZGqyY61_cY6As. If you have additional question, please contact Amy at the Regional Council, amy@nwmorcog.org or David Earls, Senior Transportation Planner, at the MoDOT Northwest District office in St. Joseph via email to david.earls@modot.mo.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OPENS SOLICITATION FOR COMMUNITY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS THROUGH STATE ARPA FUNDING

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is offering competitive water infrastructure grants for communities to complete drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects as well as lead service line inventories. These grant opportunities are made available through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The notice of funding opportunity describes grant rules, guidelines and eligibility requirements for each funding program, including scoring criteria, award limits, applicants, costs, application instructions, cost-share information and grant terms and conditions. The notice of funding opportunity is located at [Required Forms & Program Application Instructions – ARPA \(mo.gov\)](#). Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. July 14. The department will score applications based on financial need, engineering capability and necessity of the project. Though not required, communities with a completed engineering report will receive preference in the scoring process. A local match must be provided to be eligible for funding. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified once all applications are scored by mid-October.

Nodaway County Virtual Job Fair – Restaurant & Food Services

Restaurants and other Food Service businesses are invited to be a part of the Virtual Job Fair on Friday, June 3, 2022. Sign up below, providing your current job openings, attach your logo and you will be added to the list of participating employers in promotional and social media materials. Participation for businesses with job openings is easy:

- **It's an online Virtual Job Fair – Friday, June 3, from 9-10:30 a.m.**
- Participating businesses will be asked to join a Zoom virtual chat room from a computer or smart phone at 8:45 a.m. There will be a brief introduction and instruction on how the Zoom chat rooms work.
- Then be available for the next 90 minutes to speak with job candidates

[REGISTER HERE](#)

FY22 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) Application is now Open

The Missouri Department of Public Safety has announced the FY22 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Regionalization grant application period. The application process opened Friday, May 20, and will close Friday, June 17, at 5 p.m. The SHSP assists state and local efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, and protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. [The Notice of Funding Opportunity pdf](#)

Public Comment Period Opens on Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The draft FY 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, and is open for a 30-day public review and comment period. Following the public review period, the comments will be presented to the Commission. The Commission will review the comments and the final transportation program before considering it for approval at its July 6 meeting. The STIP makes available \$9.9 billion of federal and state revenues for all modes of transportation over the next five years. Of the \$9.9 billion, the draft STIP details \$7.69 billion in road and bridge construction contractor awards, averaging approximately \$1.5 billion per year. The draft FY 2023-2027 STIP lists transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027).

“We appreciate the cooperative effort with our regional planning partners to develop a program that reflects the transportation needs of communities across the state,” said MoDOT Transportation Planning Director Eric Curtit. The proposed program is available for public review. Those interested in seeing the program or offering comments can contact MoDOT by email to STIPcomments@modot.mo.gov, by calling customer service at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636), or by mail to Transportation Planning, Program Comments, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102. The program is available on MoDOT's website: <https://www.modot.org/DRAFTSTIP>. The formal comment period ends June 17, 2022.

FEMA ANNOUNCES \$33 million in Funding Opportunities for Dam Safety Programs

On May 16, FEMA released two funding opportunities for the [National Dam Safety Program](#). The total funding for the [Rehabilitation of the High Hazard Potential Dams](#) program and the [National Dam Safety State Assistance Grant Program](#) is \$33 million. The [Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams \(HHPD\)](#) program provides technical, planning, design, and construction assistance in the form of grants for the rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams. Eligible applicants must be eligible subrecipients, which include non-federal governments and non-profit organizations. This grant program is authorized and funded by the [Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act](#). Another approximate \$11 million is available through the [National Dam Safety State Assistance Grant Program](#) to establish and maintain effective state programs to ensure dam safety and protect human life and property. FEMA received \$7 million in appropriations and is adding an additional \$4 million in funds from the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#). The Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found on [Grants.gov](#).

Big Lake State Park Campground Has Reopened

Since March 2019, the campground at Big Lake State Park has been closed due to major flood damage. As soon as repairs to the damaged levee were completed, work began on reopening the park's campsites. Thanks to Big Lake State Park team members and the Missouri State Parks northern construction crews' hard work cleaning and repairing the sites, the campground reopened May 16. While reservations are strongly recommended due to limited capacity, they are not required. Reservations, including same-day reservations, can be made by contacting the Reservation Call Center at 877-422-6766 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., or by visiting icampmo.com. Big Lake State Park is located at 204 Lake Shore Drive, Craig. For more information please contact 660-771-6341.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Open

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has announced that the application process is now open for communities of all sizes to apply for **\$1 billion** in Fiscal Year 2022 funding to help them ensure safe streets and roads for all and address the national roadway safety crisis. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program provides dedicated funding to support regional, local, and Tribal plans, projects and strategies that will prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the Department's comprehensive approach, laid out in the National Roadway Safety Strategy, to significantly reduce serious injuries and deaths on our Nation's highways, roads, and streets and is part of our work toward an ambitious long-term goal of reaching zero roadway fatalities. This comes at a time when traffic fatalities are at the highest level they have been at in over a decade. The Safe Streets for All Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>. Applications are due on or before September 15, 2022.

Governor Parson Announces Launch of Website for Missouri's American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Governor Mike Parson announced the launch of a public website to help guide access to Missouri's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The website, moarpa.mo.gov, enables visitors to learn about how ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds are being spent in Missouri. The website will also provide information on how Missouri organizations, non-profits, municipalities, businesses, communities, and other entities can apply for the State's ARPA funds. There are certain categories of allowable spending under federal regulations for the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The eligible categories of spending include projects or programs that support public health expenditures; address negative economic impacts caused by COVID-19; replace lost public sector revenue; or invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Per federal law, all ARPA funded programs and grants must be allocated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026. To view the state's new website for ARPA funding information and opportunities, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

May 30: RCOG Office Closed

June 3: Nodaway County Virtual Job Fair for Restaurants and Food Services, 9-10:30 a.m.

June 7: Workforce Development Board Meeting, 2202 Frederick, St. Joseph, MO, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (virtual option is also available)

June 8: Solid Waste Executive Board meeting, RCOG Office, 5:30 p.m.

June 8: Solid Waste Full Council meeting, RCOG office, 5:45 p.m.

June 20: RCOG Office Closed

June 28: RCOG Budget & Personnel Committees, RDC and RCOG Board meetings, Nodaway County Administration Building, 403 N. Market, Maryville, 5 p.m.