

Transportation Alternatives (TA)



TA projects are 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. The TAP provides for the implementation of a variety of projects, with examples of projects that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities for non-drivers, scenic turnouts and overlooks, mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff, and improvements to historic transportation facilities.

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 solicitation process taking place in Fall 2016

This year's process began September 30, 2016 with the announcement of the Letter of Intent (LOI) form being open for submittal. To assist potential applicants, the Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) hosted a TA Workshop that was facilitated by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). The workshop was held at the MnDOT District 1 Office in Duluth and was designed to explain TA and answer questions related to applying and delivering projects. The LOI is due October 31, 2016 and will be accompanied by a regional/statewide discussion with the LOI applicant to ensure all TA requirements are understood. Eligible project applicants will be provided with the final application that will be due January 13, 2017. The applications will be reviewed and selected for recommendation by the ATP and its sub-groups in February through April. Applicants will be notified if their project was selected by April 15, 2017.

Timeline

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| September 30, 2016 | Letter of Intent (LOI) Available |
| October 4, 2016 | TA Workshop |
| October 31, 2016 | LOI Submission Deadline |
| November 1– November 18, 2016 | LOI review– applicants will be contacted |
| November 21, 2016 | Applicants notified whether or not to proceed to the full application |
| January 13, 2017 | TA Final Application Submission Deadline |
| February 2017 | TA Task Force reviews and ranks projects |
| February 2017 | RTAC reviews the Task Force recommendations |
| April 2017 | ATP reviews recommended projects |
| April 17, 2017 | Grant Recipients Announced |

The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) provides facilitation and staff services to the ATP TA Task Force, which is a working group that recommends projects for funding under the TA. ARDC also communicates the priorities of the ATP to local officials and transportation stakeholders, and provides staffing to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the ATP. If you have questions regarding TA or the TA process, please contact:

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