

WFRC Funding Programs

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is responsible for administering six programs that provide funding and resources for local governments. These are briefly described below with additional detail regarding timelines and eligibility outlined in this packet of information.

The [Surface Transportation Program \(STP\)](#) provides funding that may be used for projects on Federal-aid highways and bridges, transit capital improvements and projects, and active transportation projects.

The [Congestion Mitigation Air Quality \(CMAQ\)](#) provides funding for transportation projects that improve air quality.

The [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\)](#) funds construction and planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The [Transportation and Land Use Connection \(TLC\)](#) supports local governments with technical assistance for integrating land use and regional transportation plans that proactively address anticipated growth. The program seeks to implement the [Wasatch Choice Vision](#) growth principles through projects that reduce travel demand and increase access to opportunities. The TLC program is made available through a partnership with Salt Lake County, the Utah Transit Authority, and the Utah Department of Transportation.

The [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#) Small Cities Program provides funding to local governments and public service providers for a variety of housing, infrastructure, public service, and community development projects that principally benefit low to moderate-income persons in Morgan, Tooele, and Weber Counties.

The [Wasatch Front Economic Development District \(WFEDD\)](#) is a federally recognized Economic Development District created to foster regional economic development and assist eligible entities in creating competitive grant applications available through the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

General application milestones for the STP, CMAQ, TAP, and TLC programs are:

Letter of Intent due October 30, 2017

Application due January 18, 2018

Application Information

Funding Program	Purpose	Letter of Intent Due Date	Application Due Date	Year Funds Available	Approximate Funds Available to the Region Annually	Selection Process	Program Manager
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Surface Transportation Improvements	October 30, 2017	January 18, 2018	2024	\$25,000,000 - \$27,000,000	Competitive	Ben Wuthrich bwuthrich@wfrco.org (801) 363-4250, ext 1121
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	Projects that reduce mobile source emissions	October 30, 2017	January 18, 2018	2024	\$7,000,000 - \$8,000,000	Competitive	Ben Wuthrich bwuthrich@wfrco.org (801) 363-4250, ext 1121
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	October 30, 2017	January 18, 2018	2020	\$1,400,000	Competitive	Ben Wuthrich bwuthrich@wfrco.org (801) 363-4250, ext 1121
Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)	Planning Assistance	October 30, 2017	January 18, 2018	2018	\$1,300,000	Competitive	Megan Townsend mtownsend@wfrco.org (801) 363-4250, ext 1101
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	Housing and Community Development Activities	Mandatory How to Apply Workshop on Oct. 17, 2017 at 2:30 pm	January 18, 2018	2018	\$622,000	Competitive	Christy Dahlberg christy@wfrco.org (801) 363-4250, ext 5005

Surface Transportation Program (STP)



Program Description

Provides funding that may be used for projects on federal-aid highways and bridges, transit capital projects, and intra-city and intercity bus terminals and facilities.

Program Eligibility

An eligible project sponsor must be a local government in the Ogden/ Layton Urbanized or Salt Lake/ West Valley Urbanized Area, the department of transportation, or the transit authority. Other entities interested in applying must submit a letter in cooperation with an eligible project sponsor.

Eligible Activities

STP funds may be used for constructing new streets or widening, improving, or reconstructing existing streets classified as Federal Aid Eligible (FAE) freeways, highways, arterials, or collectors (click [here](#) for the latest version of the FAE facilities map in your Urban Area). In addition, STP funds can be used for bridge replacement, intersection improvements, projects which reduce traffic demand, such as transit capital improvements and active transportation, and other projects as identified in federal law. Major highway and transit capacity improvements must be identified in the first phase of the [Wasatch Front Regional Council 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan](#).

Funding

By population formula, the federal government currently apportions approximately \$8,000,000 - \$9,000,000 in Urban STP funds each year to the Ogden/ Layton Urbanized Area, and approximately \$17,000,000 - \$18,000,000 to the Salt Lake/ West Valley Area. Funds are programmed over a six-year period and applicants currently will be competing for funds available in the federal fiscal year 2024.

Letters of Intent

In order for the WFRC staff to recommend whether a sponsor should submit an application, the "[Letter of Intent](#)" must include the project name, project limits, a brief project description, the type of funds being sought, and an estimated cost. A list of all the projects appropriately submitted will be distributed to members of the Councils of Governments (COGs) and then reviewed by WFRC to determine program eligibility. **Letters of Intent are due October 30, 2017 to bwuthrich@wfr.org**. This letter should be signed by the Mayor, Commissioner, or executive director of the sponsoring agency.

Applications

Sponsors of eligible projects will be notified and required to submit a new and/or updated "Project Evaluation Concept Report" and "Cost Estimation Form" for each project by **January 18, 2018**. These reports will be reviewed for completeness. The projects will be evaluated and scored by the WFRC staff according to the approved criteria prior to presenting information to the Technical Advisory Committees for review and recommendation. The projects and the recommendations will then be presented to the COGs for discussion and review, as well as to Trans Com for recommendation to the Regional Council.

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Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)



Program Description

CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation projects that improve air quality. They are not eligible for through travel lanes.

Program Eligibility

An eligible project sponsor must be a local government in the Ogden/ Layton or Salt Lake/ West Valley Urbanized Area, the department of transportation, or the transit authority. Other entities interested in applying must submit a letter in cooperation with an eligible project sponsor.

Eligible Activities

Funds must be used for projects which improve air quality. Eligible projects include transportation activities in the [State Air Quality Implementation Plan \(SIP\)](#); construction or purchase of public transportation facilities and equipment; construction of bicycle or pedestrian facilities serving transportation needs; promotion of alternative modes, including ridesharing; Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), and certain traffic control measures, such as traffic signal coordination, intersection improvements, and incident management. The funds may not be used for major road widening.

Funding

By population formula, the federal government currently apportions approximately \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000 in CMAQ funds each year to the Ogden/ Layton Urbanized Area and approximately \$5,000,000 to the Salt Lake/ West Valley Urbanized Area. Funds are programmed over a six-year period and applicants currently will be competing for funds available in the federal fiscal year 2024.

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Applications

Sponsors of eligible projects will be notified and required to submit a new and/or updated "Project Evaluation Concept Report," "Cost Estimation Form," and "Emissions Analysis Form" for each project by **January 18, 2018**. These reports will be reviewed for completeness. The projects will be evaluated and scored by the WFRC staff according to the approved criteria prior to presenting information to the Technical Advisory Committees for review and recommendation. The projects and the recommendations will then be presented to the COGs for discussion and review, as well as to Trans Com for recommendation to the Regional Council.

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Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)



Program Description

TAP funds are for the construction and planning of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Program Eligibility

An eligible project sponsor must be a local government in the Ogden/ Layton or Salt Lake/ West Valley Urbanized Area, the department of transportation, or the transit authority. Other entities interested in applying must submit a letter in cooperation with an eligible project sponsor.

Eligible Activities

Funds may be used for the construction, planning, and design 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 that will provide safe routes for non- drivers, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Funding eligibility includes Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects.

Funding

By population formula, the federal government currently apportions approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000 in TAP funds each year to the Ogden/ Layton Urbanized Area and approximately \$800,000 - \$900,000 to the Salt Lake/ West Valley Urbanized Area. Applicants will be competing for funds available in the federal fiscal year 2020.

Letters of Intent

In order for the WFRC staff to recommend whether a sponsor should submit an application, the “[Letter of Intent](#)” must include the project name, project limits, a brief project description, the type of funds being sought, and an estimated cost. A list of all the projects appropriately submitted will be distributed to members of the Councils of Governments (COGs) and then reviewed by WFRC to determine program eligibility. **Letters of Intent are due October 30, 2017 to bwuthrich@wfr.org.** This letter should be signed by the Mayor, Commissioner, or executive director of the sponsoring agency.

Applications

Sponsors of eligible projects will be notified and required to submit a new and/or updated “TAP Concept Report” and “Cost Estimation Form” for each project by **January 18, 2018**. These reports will be reviewed for completeness. The projects will be evaluated and scored by the WFRC staff according to the approved criteria prior to presenting information to the Technical Committees for review and recommendation. The projects and the recommendations will then be presented to the COGs for discussion and review, as well as to the WFRC Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) for recommendation to the Regional Council. TAP projects will also be presented to the Active Transportation Committee (ATC) for discussion, review, and comment prior to being presented to Trans Com.

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Transportation and Land Use Connection

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE CONNECTION

Program Description

The [Transportation and Land Use Connection \(TLC\)](#) program is made available through a partnership with Salt Lake County, the Utah Transit Authority, and the Utah Department of Transportation. The program provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth. The program helps communities implement changes to the built environment that reduce traffic on roads and enable more people to easily walk, bike, and use transit. This approach is consistent with the Wasatch Choice Vision and helps residents living throughout the region enjoy a high quality of life through enhanced mobility, better air quality, and improved economic opportunities.

Program Eligibility

An eligible project sponsor must be a local government in Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Southern Box Elder, Tooele, or Weber Counties. Multijurisdictional projects and letters of support from other agencies are encouraged.

Program Objectives

- Support local governments
- Coordinate land use and regional transportation
- Support Wasatch Choice growth principles to reduce travel demand, improve access to opportunities, and create livable communities

Eligible Activities

Funds may be used to provide technical assistance to complete visioning efforts, produce plans, conduct studies, amend policy, or engage in pre-development activities that support the program goals. The TLC program encourages innovative projects that meet the needs of local governments.

Funding

Program funds have grown to \$1,300,000. The program is funded by the Wasatch Front Regional Council (\$700,000), Salt Lake County (\$200,000), the Utah Department of Transportation (\$300,000), and the Utah Transit Authority (\$100,000). Funds are allocated by urbanized area. TLC partners have an active voice in the program and are integral to the successful implementation of TLC projects.

Application Process

In order for the WFRC staff to recommend whether a sponsor should submit an application, the "[Letter of Intent](#)" must include the project name, project limits, a brief project description, the type of funds being sought, and an estimated cost. A list of all the projects appropriately submitted will be distributed to members of the Councils of Governments (COGs) and then reviewed by a selection committee made up of program partners to determine program eligibility. **Letters of Intent are due October 30, 2017 electronically by 5:00 pm to mtownsend@wfr.org.** This letter should be signed by the chief elected official of the sponsoring community(ies). Sponsors of eligible projects will be notified and required to submit a new application for each project by **January 18, 2018**.

For more information

More details can be found on the program website at wfr.org/tlc. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the program or project eligibility, please contact Megan Townsend, mtownsend@wfr.org, (801) 363-4250, ext 1101

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)



Program Description

The purpose of the CDBG program is to assist in developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Eligibility

Cities with a population of 50,000 or less and counties with a population of 200,000 or less qualify for the small cities program. Eligible entities in the Wasatch Front region include Morgan, Tooele, and Weber Counties and the cities within (excepting Ogden City).

Eligible Activities

The following activities are eligible for funding: public services; planning; assistance to not-for-profits for community development activities; removal of barriers that restrict the accessibility of the elderly or handicapped; property acquisition for public purposes; construction or reconstruction of streets, water and sewer facilities, construction or reconstruction of parks and other public works in low income areas; demolition of buildings and improvements; rehabilitation of public and private buildings; and slum and blight removal.

Funding

The Wasatch Front region will receive approximately \$622,000 dollars of CDBG funds in fiscal year 2018. The program is a competitive grant program; all applicants are required to submit an application for funding. **All interested persons wishing to make an application must attend the region's How-to-Apply workshop on October 17, 2017 at 2:30 pm at the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.** In Utah, project prioritization is delegated to the local elected officials that make up a Regional Review Committee (RRC). This local rating and ranking process provides for maximum involvement of the public and local governments. In the Wasatch Front, the RRC is made up of two members from each county, nominated by their respective County Council of Governments. The RRC determines project eligibility, project ranking, and funding recommendations to the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development.

Important Dates

Mandatory How to Apply Workshop	October 17, 2017, 2:30 – 5:30 pm
Capital Investment Plans	January 8, 2018
Application Deadline (to WFRC)	January 18, 2018
Application Deadline (to State of Utah)	January 31, 2018
CDBG Grant Award Notification	April 2018

For More Information

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Wasatch Front Economic Development District



Description

The Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) undertakes a regional approach to economic development with support of its member counties including Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber. The District operates as part of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The District's mission is to support economic development plans, promote long-term economic competitiveness, and attract federal monies in order to implement local plans. The District implements its mission through six regional economic goals 1) Attract businesses that offer higher wages, 2) Retain and expand existing Utah businesses, 3) Build on and improve the region's growth centers, 4) Encourage entrepreneurship and innovation, 5) Increase economic development capacity, and 6) Maintain and improve our high quality of life.

The District's focus is to further regional economic development activities through coordination of long-term planning activities, collaboration and partnerships, and the implementation of the region's regional economic development strategy known as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS analyzes the region's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. This analysis allows the District to foster and implement local and regional goals that further comprehensive planning, economies of scale, capital investment, and regional competitiveness.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include the state, political subdivisions of the state, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations acting in coordination with political subdivisions of the state, areas that are economically distressed, and/or import-impacted U.S. firms.

Investment Programs

The WFEDD assists entities in coordinating and developing competitive grant applications for the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) investment programs. EDA's investment programs 1) help distressed communities attract new industry and encourage business expansion, 2) build local and regional knowledge base, 3) assist in planning efforts, 4) analyze feasibility of potential economic developments, 5) fund market and/or environmental studies, planning / construction grants, revolving loan funds, 6) develop and implement business recovery strategies for the global marketplace.

Submitting a Project

Filling out the CEDS [Project Form](#) is the first step in making a formal application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The District reviews and approves projects quarterly (February, May, August, and November) for inclusion into the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

For More Information

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