

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 on timelines, eligibility, etc. shown on the following pages.

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

The [Congestion Mitigation Air Quality \(CMAQ\)](#) provides funding for transportation projects that improve air quality, except these funds are not eligible for major road widening.

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

The [Transportation and Land Use Connection \(TLC\)](#) supports local government efforts to create livable and vibrant communities. It provides local communities with technical assistance towards integrating land use and transportation by means of staff time, consulting and training. Salt Lake County is a joint sponsor of this program for projects within the county boundaries.

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 and economic 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 developments and assist eligible entities in developing competitive grant applications from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

General application milestones for the first four programs are:

Letter of Intent due October 27, 2016

Applications due January 19, 2017

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	Contact
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Surface Transportation Improvements	October 27, 2016	January 19, 2017	2023	\$25,000,000 - \$27,000,000	Competitive	Ben Wuthrich bwuthrich@wfrc.org
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	Projects that reduce mobile source emissions	October 27, 2016	January 19, 2017	2023	\$7,000,000 - \$8,000,000	Competitive	Ben Wuthrich bwuthrich@wfrc.org
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	October 27, 2016	January 19, 2017	2019	\$1,400,000	Competitive	Ben Wuthrich bwuthrich@wfrc.org
Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)	Planning Assistance	October 27, 2016	January 19, 2017	2017	\$900,000	Competitive	Julia Collins Julia@wfrc.org
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	Housing/Community/Economic Development Activities	Mandatory How to Apply Workshop – November 16, 2016 at 3:30 pm	January 12, 2017	2017	\$1,000,000	Competitive	Sam Klemm sam@wfrc.org
Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)	Local and Regional Economic Development Activities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Competitive Grants through U.S. EDA	LaNiece Davenport ldavenport@wfrc.org

Surface Transportation Program (STP)



Program Description

Provides funding that may be used for projects on federal-aid highways and bridges, transit capital projects, and intracity 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, or submit a letter in cooperation with one of these entities.

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 provided for in federal legislation. Major highway and transit capacity improvements must be identified in the first phase of the 2015-2040 RTP.

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 so applicants currently will be competing for funds available in the federal fiscal year 2023.

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 27, 2016 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 19, 2017**. 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, except 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, or submit a letter in cooperation with one of these entities.

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/ 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 so applicants currently will be competing for funds available in the federal fiscal year 2023.

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 27, 2016 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,” “Cost Estimation Form,” and “Emissions Analysis Form” for each project by **January 19, 2017**. 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, or submit a letter in cooperation with one of these entities.

Eligible Activities

Funds may be used for 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 2019.

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 27, 2016 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 19, 2017**. 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 Trans Com for recommendation to the Regional Council. The Transportation Alternatives Program 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 \(TLC\)](#) supports communities looking to integrate their land use and regional transportation plans and implement elements of the shared, voluntary regional vision: Wasatch Choice for 2040. This locally-driven approach allows communities to address challenging planning concerns in a way that works best for them by providing them with the technical resources necessary to accommodate future growth. It provides support to local communities by means of technical assistance through staff time, consulting and training for planning, implementation, and visioning efforts that proactively address anticipated growth. Salt Lake County is a joint sponsor of this program for projects within the county boundaries.

Program Eligibility

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

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Activities that help to implement previously-adopted plans, such as revisions to ordinances or other land use regulations
- Studies or specific plans related to important local issues, such as housing, market studies, or expanding transportation choices
- Using the [Wasatch Choice 2040 resources](#), like Envision Tomorrow Plus (ET+) to generate land use scenarios for planning purposes
- Transportation or land use projects that involve multijurisdictional coordination
- Assistance with public participation related to developing or implementing local plans.
- Site assessments to determine feasibility of transportation projects like transit oriented development or first last mile projects
- Studies or specific plans related to important local issues, such as housing, market studies, or expanding transportation choices
- Developing local “visions” or plans like active transportation master plans

Funding

The Wasatch Front Regional Council is able to provide \$300,000 to serve the Ogden- Layton Urbanized Area. For the Salt Lake/ West Valley Urbanized Area a total of \$600,000 is available (jointly provided by Salt Lake County and WFRC).

Application Process

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 to determine program eligibility. **Letters of Intent are due October 27, 2016 electronically by 5:00 pm to Julia@wfr.org.** This letter should be signed by the Mayor or Commissioner of the sponsoring agency(ies). Sponsors of eligible projects will be notified and required to submit a new application for each project by **January 19, 2017**. The Transportation and Land Use Connection encourages applications from two or more jurisdictions working together.

For more information

More details can be found on the program website [available here](#). If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the program or project eligibility, please contact Julia Collins, Julia@wfr.org.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)



Program Description

CDBG is funded under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Governor elects to administer the program and delegates the administration to the Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division. 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 (excluding entitlement cities).

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 receives approximately \$1 million dollars of CDBG funds each year. 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 November 16, 2016 at 3:30 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, rates and ranks projects, and makes funding recommendations to the Utah Housing and Community Development Division.

Important Dates

Mandatory How to Apply Workshop	November 16, 2016, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, WFRC office
Capital Improvement Project List	January 4, 2017
Application Deadline (to WFRC)	January 12, 2017
Application Deadline (to State of Utah)	January 31, 2017
CDBG Grant Award Notification	April 2017

For more information

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Wasatch Front Economic Development District



Description

The Wasatch Front Economic Development District undertakes a regional approach to economic development with support of our member counties including Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber. The District operates under the auspice of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The District received designation as the region's Economic Development District (EDD) from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) August 2014. The Wasatch Front Economic Development District is one of seven federally recognized economic development districts in Utah - every county in the State of Utah is now represented by a Regional Economic Development District.

Mission and Focus

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 that include 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, or import-impacted U.S. firms.

Investment Programs

The District assists entities in coordinating and developing competitive grant applications for Economic Development Administration's investment programs. EDA is the only federal government agency focused exclusively on economic development. The EDD in partnership with EDA can play a critical role in fostering local and regional economic development efforts across the Wasatch Front region by supporting strategic investments that foster job creation and attract private investment particularly in economically distressed areas. 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, November) for inclusion into the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

For more information

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