

2024 Rural Community Innovations: Transportation Planning Grant

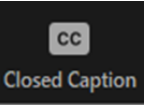
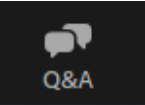
Applicant Webinar

May 9, 2024



Photo Credit: North Central NM Economic
Development District, Santa Fe, NM

Instructions for Zoom Webinar Participation

- All participants are muted.
- The session is being recorded. All materials including the recording will be put on the [NADTC website](#).
- Closed captioning is available. You can turn captioning/subtitles on or off by clicking on the Closed Captions icon. 
- Please click the Q & A icon to submit your questions. 

Agenda

- Introduction to the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)
- Review Grant Eligibility, Requirements, Deliverables
- Introduce the Application Portal and Application Requirements
- Answer Your Questions!

MISSION: To promote the availability of accessible transportation options that serve the needs of **Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Caregivers and Communities.**

MAJOR OBJECTIVES:

- Person-centered technical assistance and information
- Training
- Communications and Outreach
- Coordination and partnership
- Investment in community solutions

USAging



Photo Credit: Metrolina Association for the Blind, Charlotte, NC

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What Does the Grant Look Like?

Grant Purpose: To offer funding for communities to develop a transportation plan that addresses accessibility and equity.



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Eligibility

- Nonprofit or government organizations
- Targeted to rural and tribal areas – project must serve a rural area
 - Population of less than 50,000
- Prior NADTC grantees can apply **except** recipients of the 2021-2022 Grants
- Recipients of 5310 funding are encouraged to apply or to participate as a partner

Grant Requirements

- Inclusive planning efforts
- Data collection and analyzation (outputs & outcomes)
- Multi-sector collaboration
- Coordination with the existing plans and planning efforts
- Development of a plan of action
- Travel to Washington DC for training

Grant Deliverables

1. Roster of advisory committee
2. Summary of the findings from the engagement showing the needs and assets of the community
3. Written plan of action:
 - Solutions identified
 - Framework for implementation
 - Strategies for building support

Inclusive Planning Practices

Engage with riders, potential riders, community members:

- Focus groups
- Surveys
- Advisory bodies
- Community forums
- Other efforts to encourage involvement

Narrative Question 3

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Application Requirements



Photo Credit: Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Athens County, OH

Application Portal

- Submission must occur through the [SM Apply application portal](#) by Friday, June 7, 2024.
- Must register first. [Instructions for SM Apply](#) registration and submission are on the NADTC website.
- Any questions about this process can be directed to nadtcgrant@nadtc.org or 866-983-3222.

Narrative Questions

1. Project Summary
2. Community Need
3. Planning Process
4. Anticipated Outcomes
5. Demonstration of Capacity

Workplan

Download form, develop workplan, upload into SM Apply

- Look at grant requirements to see what needs to be included in workplan
- See [Workplan Tips](#) document
- If selected, the workplan will be revised and finalized with the help of grant manager

Budget

- Cannot change or add budget categories
- Do not need to use every category
- Narrative explanation is required for each category used – see [Sample budget](#)
- No match is required, but match can be added
- Everything on the budget form will need back up
- Use workplan to help develop your budget
- Do not underestimate staff time

Letters of Commitment

- Required to have 3 letters
- Save each separately, then upload to SM Apply
- Letters of **commitment**, not just support
- In Question 5 - further explain your committed partners

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Details about Dates, Review Process and Selection Criteria



Photo Credit: HIRTA, Perry, IA

Due Date and Review Process

Applications due June 7

Review Process

1. Internal eligibility confirmation
2. Panel of independent reviewers
3. Approval from FTA

Review process and approval can take time!

Application Scoring

Highly Recommended, Recommended, Not Recommended in the following areas:

- Community Need
- Planning Process
- Demonstration of Capacity
- Anticipated Outcomes
- Workplan

Completed by
Independent Review
Panel

Additional Considerations for Selection

Among all chosen grant projects, looking for:

- Geographic diversity
- Mix of organizations
- Diversity in type of project – challenge addressed and proposed approach
- Possibility of being a model solution in future

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Project Launch & Questions



Photo credit: Colonie Senior Services Center, Inc.
Colonie, NY

Project Launch

- All applicants will be notified after FTA approval
- Awarded grantees will then begin contracting process
- All contracts must be finalized before grant work begins
- Duration of the grant is approximately 9 months

Funding Distribution

- Grants operate on a **reimbursement basis**
- Grantees spend money per approved budget and submit a monthly report to request reimbursement
- Backup documentation needed for all spending
- NADTC grant managers work closely with grantees on all reporting requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are posted on our website and updated regularly
- Contact us at nadtcgrant@nadtc.org or 866-983-3222 with questions

Questions?

- To submit a written question: Click on the Q&A icon, type your question in the box and submit.
- To ask a verbal question: Raise your hand and you will be called on to unmute your microphone and ask your question.