



## Maryland Bikeways Program FAQs

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How much money is available?

- *\$10 million is available between 2012 and 2014.*
- *Approximately \$3.5 million is available for the fiscal year 2013 application period, closing May 4, 2012.*

Who may apply for bikeways funding?

- *Maryland local governments, alone or in partnership with other jurisdictions or private organizations*
- *Maryland state government agencies*
- *Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)*
- *Transit entities operating in Maryland*
- *Federal public lands agencies*

Are there limitations on projects that may be eligible for funding?

*Yes. To be eligible for funding through the Bikeways program, a project must be:*

- *Located substantially within the Priority Funding Area (PFA), and/or*
- *Located within ½ mile of a rail transit station, and/or*
- *Addressing a gap identified in the MDOT Trails Plan, and/or*
- *Identified as a transportation priority in a County's most recent annual priority letter submitted to MDOT.*

Is public outreach required?

- *Yes. All applicants must document a public outreach process.*

Is right of way acquisition eligible for funding through the Bikeways program?

- *No*

Are operations and maintenance eligible for funding through the Bikeways program?

- *No*

When will applications be accepted?

- *Applications will be accepted until May 4, 2012. Applications may be submitted electronically or in hardcopy.*

How often will the program accept applications?

- *Program applications will be accepted annually.*

Can I re-apply if my project is not selected?

- *Yes*

What types of projects are eligible for funding through the Bikeways program?

- *There are four categories of eligible Bikeways projects: Minor retrofits, feasibility assessments, design and construction. The table below provides key information about each category.*

**Bikeways Program Category Overview**

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Overview</b>	<b>Approximate Funding Available</b>	<b>Required Matching Funds</b>	<b>Period of Performance</b>
Minor Retrofit	Accelerate implementation of low-cost treatments to create safe, visible bicycle routes between many destinations, especially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to transit and business districts,</li> <li>- Connections to trails, and</li> <li>- Wayfinding and safety enhancements</li> </ul>	\$1.1 million	Priority Investment Area: encouraged, but not required Other Area: 50% *Project requests may not exceed \$100,000	12 months
Feasibility Assessment	Investigate routing and facility type alternatives and develop feasible, cost-effective concepts for bikeway connections that fill missing links and connect many destinations.	\$300,000	Priority Investment Area: 20% Other Area: 50%	18 months
Design	Support design of mid to large scale bikeway projects that are key to a connected state bikeway system, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Missing links in the statewide trail system.</li> <li>- Links where on-road bicycle facilities cannot provide an adequate alternative.</li> </ul>	\$1 million	Priority Investment Area: 20% Other Area: 50%	24 months
Construction	Expedite delivery of key bikeway projects with demonstrated local commitment and regional or statewide significance such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Missing links in the statewide trail system.</li> <li>- Links where on-road bicycle facilities cannot provide an adequate alternative.</li> <li>- Links to business districts and priority investment areas.</li> </ul>	\$1.1 million	Priority Investment Area: 70% Other Area: 80%	24 months
TOTAL		\$3.5 million		

What is a priority investment area?

- *Priority investment areas are a compilation of several types of places that represent priorities for MDOT investment in bicycle facilities. The required funding match rates are reduced for projects located in a priority investment area, as shown in the table above. Priority investment areas for the Bikeways program include:*
  - *Rail transit station areas (within ½ mile)*
  - *Missing links in MDOT Trails Plan*
  - *Sustainable Community and Community Legacy Areas*
  - *Maryland Main Streets*
  - *Central business districts (not an official designation, but evidenced by land uses) and major institutions (e.g. universities, major hospitals)*
  - *Census tract(s) at or below 60% of Area Median Income*

Is there someone I can contact to discuss opportunities to utilize the bikeway program?

- *Contact the Kate Sylvester in the MDOT Office of Planning and Capital Programming 410-865-1277 or MDBikeways@mdot.maryland.gov.*