

Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Grant Programs

MDOT administers several grant assistance programs to promote transportation alternatives that facilitate access to everyday needs, support local economies, and enhance quality of life.



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PagelD=144

- Funding: Federal TAP allocation administered by MDOT SHA (State Highway Administration) in coordination with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).
- Objective: Enhancing the cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental aspects of the intermodal transportation system.
- Eligible applicants: Local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts and local education agencies, tribal governments, and other local and governmental entities with oversight of transportation or recreational trails.
- Requirements: 20% cash match, project must meet one of the nine TAP categories, comply with all applicable state and federal regulations and service a transportation purpose.

Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PagelD=735

- Funding: Federal TAP allocation administered by MDOT SHA.
- Objective: Supporting infrastructure and non-infrastructure activities that enable and encourage children to safely walk, bicycle or roll to school.
- Requirements: 20% cash match, must benefit elementary and middle school children in grades K-8, and must be located within a 2 mile radius of a school.

Recreational Trails Program

www.sha.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PagelD=98

- Funding: Federal TAP allocation administered

by MDOT SHA

- Objective: Developing community-based, motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects.
- Preferred projects: Connect communities with natural/cultural areas or tourism areas, have broad-based community support, link or complete existing trails, mitigate impacts on the natural environment, and involve youth conservation corps or service groups.

Transportation/Land Use Connections (TLC) Program

www.mwcog.org/transportation/planning-areas/land-use-coordination/tlc-program

- Funding: Administered by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG).
- Objective: Providing technical assistance for local jurisdictions in planning matters relating to coordination of transportation and land use.



Highway Safety Grants Program

www.mva.maryland.gov/safety/mhso/grants-management.htm

- Funding: Federal allocation administered by MDOT MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration).
- Objective: Reducing the number of motor vehicle-related crashes, deaths, and injuries on Maryland highways.
- Requirements: Match one of the top safety priorities and implement the strategies identified in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Bikeways Program

www.mdot.maryland.gov/Bikeways



- Funding: State transportation funds administered by MDOT TSO (The Secretary's Office).
- Objective: Promote biking as a fun, healthy, and environmentally-friendly transportation alternative.
- Eligible projects: Enhance bicycle access within 3 miles of a rail transit station or major bus transit hub, address bicycle network gaps, identified as a priority in County's most recent Annual Priority Letter, or enhance access within a Sustainable Community or designated Maryland Main Street.