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# **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP)**

**SC Livable Streets Academy**

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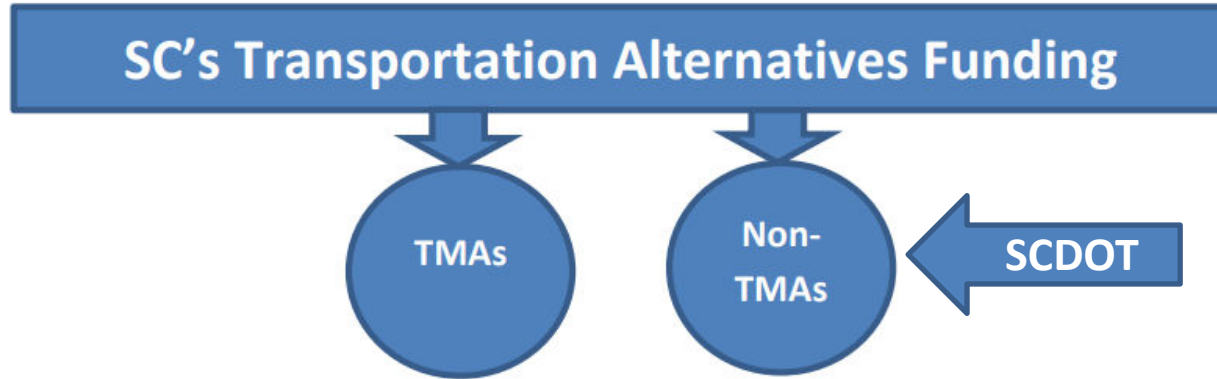
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## What are *transportation alternatives*?

Think walking, biking...to get from one point to another



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Transportation Management Area (TMA)	TMA Description	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
ARTS	Augusta Regional Transportation Study	Augusta Planning & Development Department
CHATS	Charleston Area Transportation Study	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
COATS	Columbia Area Transportation Study	Central Midlands Council of Governments
GPATS	Greenville – Pickens Transportation Study	Greenville County Planning Department
GSATS	Grand Strand Area Transportation Study	Waccamaw Regional Planning & Development Council
RFATS	Rock Hill – Fort Mill Area Transportation Study	Rock Hill - Fort Mill Transportation Study

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## SCDOT's Rural and Small Urban TA Program

Rural

Population less than 5,000

Small  
Urban

Population 5,000 – 49,999

Population 50,000 – 200,000

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## FFY 2023/24 Available TAP Funds by Sub-allocation

Area	Population	2024 TA Allocation Estimates
Rural	Less than 5,000	\$10,000,000
Small Urban	5,000 to 49,999	\$1,400,000
Small Urban	50,000 to 200,000	\$5,900,000

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## Eligible TAP Applicants

- Local governments
- Schools/school districts
- Eligible entities within a TMA's boundaries\*

\*MUST FIRST apply to the TMA for TAP funds





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## Examples of Eligible TAP Activities

- Sidewalks/Multi-use Paths/Trails
- Bike Lanes
- Bike/Pedestrian crossing improvements





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## Examples of Non-Eligible Activities

- Recreational Multi-use Paths/Trails
  - *Purely recreational projects will be referred to SCPRT's Recreational Trails Program (RTP)*
- Routine maintenance and operations
- Property acquisition for parking lots



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- TAP is a federal **reimbursement** grant program
  - 80% Federal
  - 20% Local Match\*
    - Local Transportation Sales Tax, CTC, Property Taxes
    - Cash only - **No** in-kind matches
    - Must have match funds in hand before project can start

\*Exemptions may apply



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- IJJA requires **prioritization of project location and impact in high-need areas**

SCDOT addresses this by using SC Department of Revenue's County Tiers...

TIER IV	TIER III	TIER II	TIER I
Allendale	Abbeville	Anderson	Aiken
Bamberg	Chesterfield	Calhoun	Beaufort
Barnwell	Clarendon	Dorchester	Berkeley
Cherokee	Colleton	Edgefield	Charleston
Chester	Darlington	Florence	Greenville
Dillon	Fairfield	Georgetown	Kershaw
Lee	Greenwood	Hampton	Lexington
Marion	Horry	Lancaster	Newberry
Marlboro	Jasper	Pickens	Oconee
Orangeburg	Laurens	Saluda	Richland
Union	McCormick	Spartanburg	York
Williamsburg	Sumter		

...and by awarding higher points to projects in Tiers III and IV counties, **and** potentially providing state match.

Project Location and Impact in High-Need Areas	The project is located in a Tier IV community. (12 points)	The project is located in a Tier III community (9 points).	The project is located in a Tier I or Tier II community. The project will provide economic and community benefits, including, access to	The project is located in a Tier I or Tier II community and does not provide beneficial community impacts. (0 points)
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- **Phased Awards to Prevent Lapse**
  - Ex: \$1M for design, ROW acquisition, construction
  - Phase I: \$200k for design and ROW; Phase II: \$800k construction
- **Minimum Project \$500,000**  
(\$400,000 TAP + \$100,000 match)
- **No Project Cap**  
(But limited by TAP fund availability)



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<b>TENTATIVE FFY2023/24 Round Two TAP Schedule</b>	
Issue Call for Letters of Intent	September
Deadline for Letters of Intent	October
Internal Project Scope Review	November
TAP Applications Sent to Qualified Applicants	December
TAP Applications Due	January
Internal / External Application Reviews	February
TAP Award Recommendations / Approvals	March
Issue of TAP Award Letters	March
Executed Financial Participation Agreements	June

- **Letters of Intent due in April and October**
- **Only 1 LOI per applicant per round**



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## SCDOT's TAP Website

<https://www.scdot.org/projects/community-transportation-alternatives.aspx>

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