


**SCDOT's Transportation
Alternatives
Set-Aside Program
(TAP)**
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What are *transportation alternatives*?
Think walking, biking...for transportation purposes.

Examples of SCDOT's Eligible TAP Activities

- Sidewalks
 - New, close gaps in connectivity, lighting
- Bike Lanes
 - On-street widened outside lanes or roadway shoulders, pavement markings
- Bike / Ped crossing improvements
 - Pavement markings, median refuges, ped countdown signals, flashing beacons, lighting




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Examples of SCDOT's Eligible TAP Applicants

- Local governments
 - Cities, towns, counties
- Schools/school districts
- Eligible COGs / MPOs
 - Less than 200k population
- Eligible entities within a TMA's boundaries that were not funded by the TMA
 - Entities within a TMA boundary MUST FIRST apply via the TMA for TAP funds.



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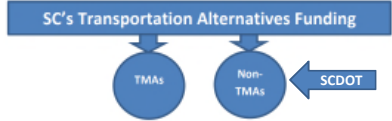
- TAP is a federal reimbursement grant program
 - 80% Federal
 - 20% Local Match*
 - Local Transportation Sales Tax, CTC, Property Taxes
 - No In-Kind Matches
 - Must have match in hand before project can start
- *Exemptions may apply.



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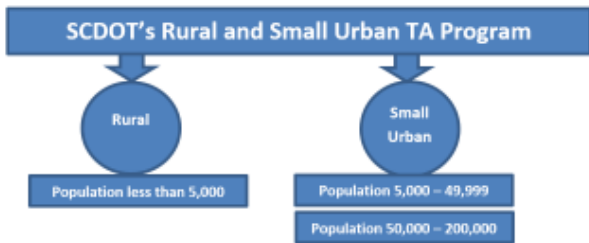


Transportation Management Area (TMA)	TMA Description	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
ARTS	Augusta Regional Transportation Study	Augusta Planning & Development Department
CHATS	Charleston Area Transportation Study	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments
CDATS	Columbia Area Transportation 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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TENTATIVE FFY2023/24 Round Two TAP Schedule	
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

- 2 Funding Rounds per Fiscal Year
- Letters of Intent due in April and October

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FFY 2023/24 Round One TAP Funding Availability 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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- IJA 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
Albemarle Barnwell Cherokee Chowan Dillon Lenoir Macon Marion Orangeburg Union Wilkes	Albemarle Cherokee Catawba Caldwell Dillon Fairfield Gaston Horry Iredell Lenoir Macon Marion Stanly	Anderson Catawba Coker Edgefield Forsyth Greenville Hartsville Lancaster Pickens Saluda Spartanburg	Aiken Beaufort Charleston Georgetown Kershaw Lexington Newberry Oconee Richland York

...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 will provide economic and community benefits, including...	The project is located in a Tier III community. (9 points) The project will provide economic and community benefits, including...	The project is located in a Tier II or Tier I community. The project will provide economic and community benefits, including, but not limited to, 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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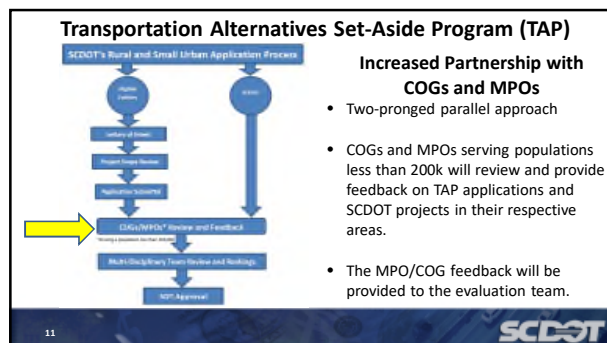
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FACTOR	EXCELLENT 18-20 Points	ABOVE AVERAGE 11-16 Points	AVERAGE 6-10 Points	UNSATISFACTORY 0-5 Points
Safety	The project is the TRF, STP, or is an SCDET. Incorporated safety issues (25 points) The applicant clearly and specifically requests SCDET's Complete Streets Policy, STP or Plan, and/or an additional Safety Action Plan (SAP) and/or is safe routes to schools job creation project	The project is in the TRF, STP, or SCDET safety issue. However, the applicant is able to provide qualitative and quantitative documentation related to the project's safety-related benefits.	The project may potentially address safety issues, but the project's primary purpose is not safety-related. Applicant did not provide quantifiable safety-related data.	The project does not demonstrate a safety benefit. The project may contribute to a safety benefit.
Feasibility	The project is in the TRF or STP, (20 points) The applicant has clearly demonstrated that the project can be	The project is in the TRF, STP, (15 points) The applicant has demonstrated that the project can be	The applicant may be able to complete the project on time and within budget, but there is no performance guarantee.	The applicant does not appear capable of completing the project on time and within budget. Match requirements (5)

- Scoring Matrix aligns funding with SCDET's priorities.
- Safety is #1.
- The matrix provides higher points to projects that are in SCDET's 10-Year Plan and other planning documents.



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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
- No award maximum** other than what's available for that funding round!
 - Previously, there was a \$400k max award cap
 - Project minimum = \$500k




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SCDOT's TAP Website
<https://www.scdot.org/projects/community-transportation-alternatives.aspx>

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