



# Transportation Collaboration

# DOT&PF + AML = Strengthening Local Projects

- The goals of this collaborative effort are to better identify local project priorities and enhance their potential success in response to federal infrastructure investments.
- Strategic effort to map needs and leverage State-local cooperation
- Offer support for competitive grant applications
- Increase equitable distribution of project support and funding – augment capacity in such a way that there can be more applicants and better applications

# Alaska Transportation Funding Opportunity Hub



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## Welcome

The Transportation Grants Clearinghouse provides public access to state programs and federal grants that are available to Alaska communities to support transportation improvement across the state. The clearinghouse additionally provides a dashboard of projects that have been submitted for various funding programs. These opportunities include state regulated funding programs such as TAP and CTP, as well as federal NOFOs. The goal is to corral all of the opportunities into one place and help you identify those that are a best fit for your projects.



### Submit a Project

Alaska DOT&PF and Alaska Municipal League have partnered to help you pair your project with the program and grant opportunities that will best suit your project goals.

Once you submit a project intake survey, the information you provide will be used to match the project with opportunities your project is likely to be competitive for. If a match can be found, Alaska DOT&PF or AML will reach out to you to gather more information and help you submit a successful application.

The survey is comprehensive in order to help identify the best opportunity match, any information you don't know can be determined at a later date.



### Discover State Programs

The Transportation Clearinghouse currently provides information and support for the TAP and CTP programs. From the program page you can view the program application schedule, review evaluation criteria and submit a notice of intent to apply.

Not sure which to apply for, or want your project to be considered for all available opportunities? Submit a project intake survey and it will also act as the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for state programs.



### Discover Federal Grants

Review the list of currently available federal NOFOs. From the Federal Grants page you can view the grant application schedule, review evaluation criteria and submit a project intake survey. AML and DOT&PF will help pair your project with the best federal opportunities.

Not sure if you should apply for state programs or federal grants? Submit a project intake survey and it will be considered for both.



### View Project Map



# Project Map

As projects are submitted through intake form, they'll appear on the Hub's map

This will enable potential collaboration between project proponents, including bundled project applications or implementation



# Intake Survey

## Project Intake Survey

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All communities in Alaska, including cities, boroughs, municipalities, and tribes, are encouraged to complete this project intake survey if they would like assistance from DOT&PF and/or Alaska Municipal League (AML) with project development and identifying funding opportunities. Communities do not need to be AML members to benefit from this assistance. The project intake survey will help access funding opportunities for surface transportation projects and assist in developing strong project proposals for both state programs and competitive federal grant opportunities.

#### State of Alaska DOT&PF CTP & TAP Notice of Intent to Apply

From September 1 through October 31, 2022, completing this Project Intake Survey will also function as the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for DOT&PF's **Community Transportation Program (CTP) & Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**. The CTP & TAP are state run competitive programs that offer funding for surface transportation projects. Communities wanting to apply for CTP or TAP awards must complete the NOIA to be eligible to apply for these programs. DOT&PF planners will contact all communities who submit an NOIA. More information can be found at: [CTP](#) & [TAP](#).

If a community would like assistance with this process or are unable to complete this online survey, please contact:

- Carole Triem with AML at [carole@akml.org](mailto:carole@akml.org) or; 907-586-1325
- DOT&PF regional planners. Contact information by region can be found [here](#).

Project Summary

Project name\*

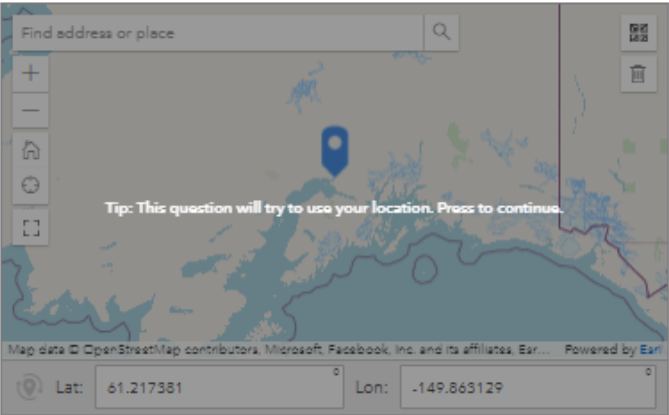
Project name will serve as a short, recognizable, and descriptive reference for the project itself.

Project description\*

The project description should be a concise overview of the project. The description could also include project history and place project into broader context of other infrastructure investments.

Project location\*

Drop a point on the map indicating the general project location or enter the project address at the top of the map.



Project justification\*

The project justification should describe the purpose and need for the project. This should clearly describe the problem that currently exists (the need) and how the proposed project will address the problem and its positive impacts (the purpose).

State Program Eligible Projects

Community Transportation Program Project\*

Check yes if your project could be considered a community transportation project based on one or more of the below criteria:

- Projects that maintain or improve existing surface transportation facilities
- Projects that maintain, improve, or make new transportation facilities that connect to important resources or connect communities
- Intermodal projects that connect different types of transportation, such as transit and trails or roads
- Projects to enhance travel and tourism
- Projects that will reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, that includes wildlife crossings

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

Transportation Alternative Program Project\*

Check yes if your project could be considered as a Transportation Alternative project because it meets one or more of the below types of project:

- Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)
- Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Wildlife mortality mitigation activities to decrease the negative impacts of roads on the natural environment

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

All Other Federally Eligible Projects

Community population\*

Tribal land\*

Is any part of this project on Tribal land? For the purposes of this question, a Tribe is any federally recognized Tribal government.  
[List of federally recognized Tribal governments](#)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

Does the project provide or improve connections to existing trails or sidewalks?\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

Does the project consist of new roads, widening, pavement rehabilitation, bridge replacement, etc.?\*

New roads, widening, pavement rehabilitation, bridge replacement, etc.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Does the project include sidewalks, shared use paths, turnouts, historic preservation, etc.?\*

Sidewalks, shared use paths, turnouts, historic preservation, etc.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is the project a planning project (including feasibility studies, equity plans, etc.)?\*

Feasibility studies, equity plans, preliminary design.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is the project a non-physical infrastructure project, such as ITS, information systems, etc.?\*

ITS, information systems, etc.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is the project some other type of transportation project not listed here?\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements acknowledgement\*

The ADA requires that no qualified individual with a disability shall, because a public entity's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by individuals with disabilities, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity (28 CFR 25.1(d)).  
[More info about ADA](#)

I certify that the project will adhere to ADA standards.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

NEPA requirements acknowledgement\*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will apply to all projects that successfully receive funding through this process. NEPA requires that a project's anticipated environmental and related impacts, such as impacts to cultural or historical sites be assessed, addressed, and documented prior to construction.  
I certify that the project will adhere to NEPA standards.

☐ Yes

☐ No



## Project Status

Project status will be used to help determine eligibility and competitiveness for particular funding opportunities and programs. Use Not Applicable if the project does not result in ground disturbance or construction.

### Professional engineering and design

DOT&PF or other professional engineer has started working on the project design.

-Please select-

### Existing program participation

This project is already included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or another federally recognized capital improvement program.

-Please select-

### Right of way secured

Right of way (ROW) is necessary for transportation projects. Sometimes projects can be completed within the current ROW, other times the project requires the acquisition of expanded or extended ROW.

-Please select-

### Environmental approval

This is in reference to necessary local, state, and federal environmental approvals and related permits necessary for the projects.

-Please select-

### Documented community support

Documented community support can come in the form of approved community plans (such as a CIP or Comprehensive Plan), transportation plans (including the STIP), or local or tribal government resolutions.

-Please select-

## Project Cost and Schedule

### Estimated total cost range\*

Although the exact costs may be unknown at this time, estimates will be used to help determine eligibility and competitiveness for particular funding opportunities and programs. Matching requirements could range from 7.00-20% depending on the project type and grant awarded.

-Please select-

### Project costs: planning

Planning costs are for the creation of feasibility studies and analysis documents; efforts in support of a planning grant activities; transportation safety plan; climate action plan; or preliminary planning for a capital project including technical design, budget, project schedule, and outreach plan.

Round costs to nearest \$100,000.

-Please select-

### Project costs: design and engineering

Design and engineering costs are for the development of all required construction documents and drawings, including NERD documents and other required permits and authorizations.

Round costs to nearest \$100,000.

-Please select-

### Project costs: construction

Construction costs include the cost of labor, materials, contractors, equipment, installation, and other costs for the project.

Round costs to nearest \$100,000.

-Please select-

### Project costs: indirect

Indirect costs are costs that do not directly relate to the functions or operations of the project (i.e., expenses that cover the costs of administrative processes and salaries for staff involved in the project).

Round costs to nearest \$100,000.

-Please select-

### Target schedule

Target schedule information will be used to help determine eligibility and competitiveness for particular funding opportunities and programs.

-Please select-

### Is the community prepared to take full management and/or maintenance responsibility of the project upon completion?

Management responsibility requirements will vary by the type of funding, ownership, and other factors. Making a selection here will not preclude you from funding opportunities or application assistance.

-Please select-

# Submit for Review

## Next Steps

### I would like my project evaluated for federal opportunities\*

By choosing yes, your project will be evaluated by Alaska Municipal League to identify the federal funding opportunities that your project may be eligible for. If it is determined that your project is eligible and competitive for federal grants you will be contacted by the Alaska Municipal League staff to discuss the opportunity and your project in more detail.

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Yes

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No

### I would like my project evaluated for state opportunities\*

By choosing yes, your project will be evaluated by AK DOT&PF staff to identify all the state program funding opportunities that your project is eligible for. If it is determined that your project is eligible for state program funding you will be contacted by DOT&PF staff.

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Yes

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No

### I would like to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply for a State program\*

Completing these questions is considered a formal Notice of Intent to Apply. You will be contacted by a DOT&PF planner to begin the process of providing application assistance.

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Yes

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No



# Next Steps

- Alaska DOT&PF – review for CTP and TAP, other State programs
- Federal – AML review for eligibility re: all federal opportunities
  - Interview process to determine project readiness and potential competitiveness
  - Potential for State prioritization and support of application process
  - AML to work with project proponent to strengthen application or otherwise support local effort
- Separately, AML tracking match needs to advocate for available funding

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