Grant Opportunity Notice

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Applications Due Monday, December 7, 2026 (TAP-L) or Wednesday, December 18 (STP and CMAQ)

Grant Title: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Improvement Program **(CMAP - TIP) FFY 2028-2032**

Sponsoring Agency: Federally funded, with administration by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Council of Mayors.

Type of Program: The Transportation Improvement Program is divided into three programs: the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program **(CMAQ)**, for projects that reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality; the Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund **(STP Shared Fund)**, for projects support transit, vehicular, bike and pedestrian travel; and the locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program **(TAP-L)**, for projects that support non-motorized transportation**.**

Eligible Applicants: **CMAQ** and **STP** are open to state or **local governments** or agencies with taxing authority. **STP** projects must be included in a local or regional plan (e.g. a comprehensive plan, bicycle and pedestrian plan, or transportation plan) and have a total project cost of at least $5 million OR be a partnership of three or more municipalities. Municipalities must participate in the STP Local Program through their designated subregional council.

TAP is open to **local governments** and agencies with oversight of transportation or recreational trails.

Types of Activities/Projects:
Examples of eligible **CMAQ** projects include:

- **Roadway improvements** that reduce traffic
- Bike infrastructure

Examples of eligible **STP** projects include:

- Addressing physical barriers to bicycle and pedestrian movement (e.g. waterways, highways, or railroads)
- Bridge rehabilitation/reconstruction
- Bus speed and reliability improvements
- Corridor-level or small area safety improvements
- Highway/rail grade crossing improvements
- Road expansion, extension, or **reconstruction**
- Transit station, yard, or terminal improvements, including increasing cyclist and pedestrian access to stations

Examples of eligible **TAP-L** projects include:

- Bicycle facility projects with a transportation purpose (not just for recreation)

Ineligible Activities: Phase I engineering is not eligible for funding, with some exceptions. Please review the TIP website for additional details.

Funding Available: **$450,000,000** across all three programs.

Matching Fund Requirements: **20%** local match; **high-need communities may have lower match requirements**.

Grant Schedule:

- **Monday, December 7, 2026: local applications (TAP-L) due online**
- **Wednesday, December 18 at 5PM CT: All applications due online**
- Summer 2027: award announcements
- Ongoing: drop-in office hours available on Zoom

Links:

- Transportation Improvement Program Web Page
- Instructions for online application
- Contact for general TIP inquiries: transportation@cmap.illinois.gov
- For project-specific inquiries, reach out to your local planning liaison

*Note: **Bolded** text highlights information applicable to municipalities.*