

Questions Log – Call for Transportation Projects webinar – January 15, 2019

Q: Is there a minimum project cost WITH partners?

A: No, if there are three or more financial partners, the minimum cost is waived. *[Applies to STP-Shared Fund]*

Q: Can a project apply for funds under both STP and CMAQ?

A: Yes, there is a single application for all fund sources. You will have the option to select one, or all fund sources to be considered for.

A: There are two scenarios for applying for multiple fund sources. The first is to request evaluation under more than one program. The second would be to request portions of projects to be funded with a specific fund source, based on eligible project types.

Q: Would a bike sharing pilot program qualify as bicycle facilities?

A: Bike sharing pilots are eligible, but we recommend discussing with Doug Ferguson prior to submitting an application.

Q: What is a Soft Match? Example of Soft match?

A: Soft match could be a ROW donation, or in-kind staff time. As Doug noted, use of soft match on these federal programs is discouraged.

Q: What does PDR stand for again?

A: PDR is Project Development Report

Q: Would Metra be considered as a partner in multijurisdictional projects?

A: Metra is an eligible partner for multijurisdictional projects.

Q: Will a pdf of this presentation be available? [Matt Mann]

A: A PDF and a recording of the webinar will be posted to the Call for Projects webpage on CMAP's website.

Q: When is the CMAQ call 2019 or 2020?

A: The call for projects is open today 1/15/19 through 3/15/19.

Q: Did the presenter mention that Phase I must be complete to be eligible for STP application?

A: Phase 1 Engineering completion is required for all programs: CMAQ, TAP, and STP.

Q: what about applying for Phase I engineering?

A: Project sponsors who want to apply for Phase 1 engineering should contact Doug Ferguson.

A: Note also, that only those communities in Cohort 4 are eligible to apply for Phase 1 Engineering.

Q: Are construction phase grant dollars reimbursable? Past CMAQ and STP construction costs were paid first by IDOT, then invoiced to the village for their share.

A: Like all federal funds, STP, CMAQ, and TAP are reimbursement programs. Construction phases that are let through the state will be paid by the state and the local agency will be billed for the match. Locally let phases are paid by the local agency, with reimbursement from FHWA (via IDOT).

Q: From pg. 13 of the STP application booklet, would you please clarify how truck routes will be evaluated for the 20 points under the transportation impact: improvements?

A: Truck routes are evaluated on roadway condition, mobility, reliability, safety, and the length weighted average of truck volumes. The improvement score is the difference before and after the project of these factors, divided by the total project cost.

Q: Will all of these questions and answers be available after the presentation?

A: Yes

Q: Note that the CMAQ application has several cells that are locked/password protected. Please unprotect the sheets so that the check boxes, for instance, are able to be checked.

A: Staff will review the Excel file to ensure the correct cells can be filled in.

Q: Is there a specific format for the detailed cost estimate that is required to be submitted?]

A: A Word form has been provided, but applicants may also provide an Excel spreadsheet or other report showing detailed unit costs.

Q: Can we apply for a portion of the project to cover the shortage in Phase I and Phase II?

A: Partial funding can be requested, however Phase I is not eligible, except for hardship communities

Q: What are the estimated dollars available for TAP funding?

A: \$8 million

Q: Will the information on STP Transportation Impact links be more active to determine points?

A: Static maps/information has been provided to give sponsors an idea of scores, however the improvement scores are all related to total project cost and will be indexed to a 0-20 scale relative to all other applications submitted.

Q: Is there a preferred way to submit for multiple funding sources? Specifically, would it behoove us to break out individually the eligible items as they relate to each source, or to submit the project as a whole?

A: This will be covered in Thursday's webinar.

Q: Is a municipality allowed more than one application in any one program?

A: Yes, but sponsors should ensure that they are able to provide match for all selected projects.

Q: Is there a minimum project cost for cmaq, tap or stp?

A: The STP Shared Fund has a minimum total cost of \$5 million. There is no minimum for CMAQ or TAP

Q: Is there a maximum project cost for each of those funding available?

A: There are no specific maximums, however programming cannot exceed the funds available in any federal fiscal year, so essentially the limit is one year's programming allotment.

Q: Is there a maximum project cost for CMAQ or TAP or recommended threshold?

A: No

Q: Can you tell me the link for the calculator for pollution reduction?

A: The link is provided in the CMAQ and TAP application booklet