



Active Transportation Programs Federal Fiscal Year 2020+ Call for Projects Report

Introduction

This report covers the recent statewide call for projects for three federally funded active transportation programs: the Transportation Alternatives (TAP), Recreational Trails (RTP) and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ). Managed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Statewide Planning Bureau, these programs fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, construction and maintenance of recreational trails, and planning and infrastructure projects that reduce congestion and improve air quality around the state. Please see the [Statewide Planning Bureau](#)¹ website for more information on each program’s eligibilities and requirements.

	FFY2020	FFY2021	FFY2022	FFY2023*
CMAQ-Flex	\$4,571,480	\$4,571,480	\$9,605,164	\$9,605,164
RTP	\$1,356,910	\$1,356,910	\$1,356,910	NA
TAP	\$4,728,678	\$4,728,678	\$4,728,678	NA
Total	\$10,357,068	\$10,357,068	\$15,690,752	\$9,605,164

***Only CMAQ funds were programmed into FFY2023**

NMDOT makes programming decisions based on estimated annual funding targets. See *Table 1* for each program’s Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) funding targets. All amounts listed are estimates based on prior years’ funding levels. An

award is not a guarantee of funding². This report does not include Large Urban TAP funds, or CMAQ-Mandatory funds, which are directly allocated to applicable Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) for programming.

	June – December	Call for Projects Open
2	June – August	Project Feasibility Meetings
0	August – October	Applications Due to MPOs/RTPOs
1	November	MPOs + RTPOs screen applications
8	November 30, 2018	TAP/RTP Application Due to NMDOT
	December 31, 2018	CMAQ Applications Due to NMDOT
	December – March	NMDOT Review of Applications
2	Feb. 28, 2019	RTP Scoring Committee Meeting
0	March 19, 2019	TAP Scoring Committee Meeting
1	March 26 – April 5, 2019	T/LPA Program Trainings Statewide
9	April 3, 2019	CMAQ Scoring Committee Meeting
	April	Programming Awards
	April 25, 2019	TAP + RTP Awards Announced
	May 3, 2019	CMAQ Awards Announced

Timeline

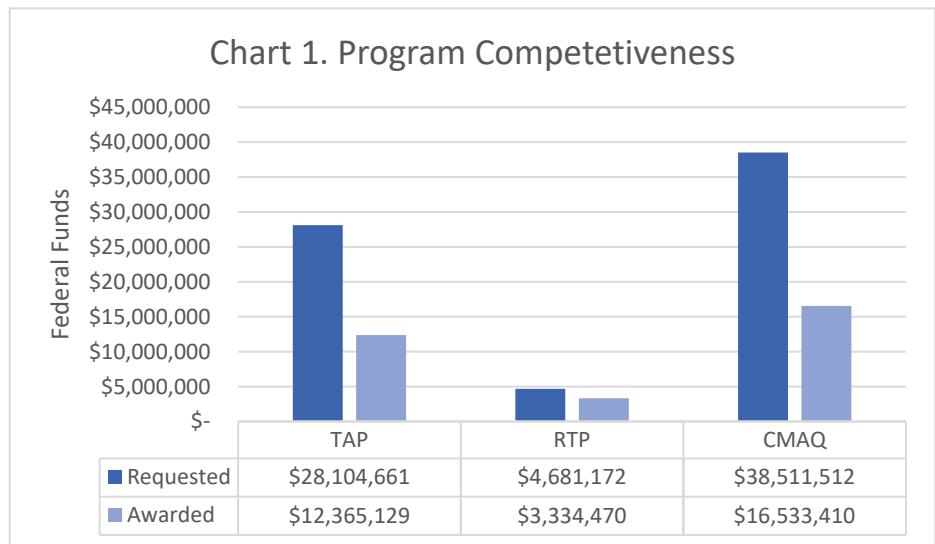
NMDOT announced the call for projects in the summer of 2018 for projects beginning as early as FFY2020. Once the call opened, Tribal and Local Public Agencies (T/LPA) coordinated with their MPO or Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) and NMDOT District representatives on determining project feasibility. If deemed feasible, the T/LPA

¹ <http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/Planning.html>

² Refer to NMDOT T/LPA Handbook for requirements and eligibilities of the federal-aid process.

responsible charge completed the application and submitted it to their MPO or RTPO for review. See *Table 2* for more detail.

The MPOs and RTPOs were responsible for submitting all eligible and complete applications to NMDOT; NMDOT did not accept late and/or incomplete applications. By the stated deadlines, NMDOT received thirty-eight (38) TAP applications, fifteen (15) RTP applications and seventeen (17) CMAQ applications, requesting over \$71 million in federal funds in total. See *Chart 1*.



After a rigorous review, a multidisciplinary team of NMDOT staff deemed nine (9) TAP, three (3) CMAQ, and three (3) RTP applications ineligible. All remaining eligible applications were rated and ranked by their respective scoring committees (see below) on potential economic impacts, safety improvements, increased accessibility and environmental enhancements, among other scoring factors detailed in each program Guide.³

CMAQ Scoring Committee	Recreational Trails Advisory Board	TAP Scoring Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gabrielle Chavez, NMDOT •Jessica Griffin, NMDOT •Luke Smith, NMDOT •Greg Heitmann, FHWA (non-voting) •Rebecca Maes, NMDOT (non-voting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eldon Reyer, Equestrian •Kevin Balciar, Motorized •Mark Werkmeister, Non-Motorized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Andrew Wray, Mesilla Valley MPO •Eric Ghahate, Northern Pueblos RTPO •Jessica Hunter, NMDOT •Joseph Moriarty, NMDOT •Luke Smith, NMDOT

In the spring of 2019, NMDOT awarded thirty-seven (37) projects, representing twenty-five (25) unique T/LPAs and NMDOT districts. See *Table 3* for a project award summary and *Table 4* for a complete list of all awards. NMDOT programmed the awarded projects over the next two to four years (FFY2020-2023) to meet annual funding targets and to facilitate the successful completion of multi-phased projects.

³ TAP and RTP Program Guide: http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/planning/ActiveProg/NMDOT_TAP-RTP_Guide.pdf
 CMAQ Program Guide: http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/planning/NMDOT_CMAQ_Program_Guide.pdf

Next Steps

In the coming years, award recipients will coordinate with the appropriate NMDOT staff and follow the federal-aid project development process described in the recently updated [NMDOT T/LPA Handbook⁴ to design and construct their awarded projects.](#)

Program	# of Awards	Federal Award Amount
TAP	20	\$12,365,129
RTP	10	\$3,334,470
CMAQ	7	\$16,533,410
Total	37	\$32,233,009

While this report describes awarded projects, recipients may cancel projects or request changes (amendments to the project contracts) for scope, budget or timeline. All project amendments are reviewed by the NMDOT Program Coordinator and/or T/LPA Region Coordinator and approved or

denied in accordance with the [STIP Procedures Manual⁵](#), the [NMDOT T/LPA Handbook](#) and federal program guidance.

Depending on the availability of funds, the next call for projects may occur as early as 2021 for projects beginning in FFY2023.

Resources

The following resources are available for prospective and current recipients of federal funds offered through the NMDOT Statewide Planning Bureau.

- [NMDOT Project Oversight Division](#): Comprehensive list of documents, guides and forms related to federally funded T/LPA projects. http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/POD_Pubs.html
- [NMDOT Construction – Civil Rights Bureau \(CCRB\)](#): CCRB oversees compliance with the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI, and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) among other federal programs and requirements that apply to all recipients of federal funds. <http://dot.state.nm.us/content/nmdot/en/OEOP.html>
- [NMDOT T/LPA Handbook 2019](#): NMDOT’s recently updated guide for all federally-funded T/LPA projects. http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/TLPA/TLPA_Handbook_Final_Version_3-4-2019.pdf
- [New Mexico Local Technical Assistance Program \(LTAP\)](#): The NM LTAP center provides technical assistance and trainings to local governments and municipalities across New Mexico. <http://ltap.unm.edu/>
- [National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program](#): Facilitation and planning assistance for community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

⁴ http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/TLPA/TLPA_Handbook_Final_Version_3-4-2019.pdf

⁵ http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/STIP/Official_STIP_Procedures_Manual_with_FHWA-FTA_Concurrence.pdf

Table 4. Project Award Details

County(s)	Recipient	Project Name	Federal funds	Total project	Program
Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval, Santa Fe	Rio Metro Regional Transit District	New Mexico Rail Runner Express Operating Assistance Project	\$4,000,000	\$8,681,648	CMAQ
Bernalillo	NMDOT District 3	Tramway Trail Overpass	\$1,409,760	\$1,650,000	CMAQ
Bernalillo	Cibola National Forest	Sandia Trail Improvements	\$189,247	\$221,497	RTP
Catron	Gila National Forest	Upper Catwalk Trail Reconstruction	\$192,240	\$225,000	RTP
Chavez	City of Roswell	Hondo River Trail Improvements	\$110,218	\$129,000	TAP
Chavez	City of Roswell	Spring River Trail Rehabilitation	\$127,306	\$149,000	RTP
Cibola	Laguna Pueblo	NM 124 Bike and Pedestrian Improvements	\$982,560	\$1,150,000	TAP
Doña Ana	City of Las Cruces	Bicycle + Pedestrian Improvements	\$999,649	\$1,170,000	TAP
Doña Ana	City of Las Cruces	Las Cruces Multi-use Trail	\$505,873	\$592,080	RTP
Doña Ana	Las Cruces Public Schools	Safe Routes to School Program	\$92,042	\$107,727	TAP
Doña Ana	Doña Ana County	Elks Drive Connectivity Project	\$842,181	\$985,699	TAP
Lea	City of Lovington	Multi-Use Trail	\$884,967	\$1,035,776	RTP
Lea	City of Lovington	Washington Streetscape	\$334,070	\$391,000	TAP
Lincoln	Ruidoso Municipal Schools	Warrior Drive Trail	\$807,408	\$945,000	TAP
Lincoln	Village of Ruidoso	Moon Mountain Trails	\$256,320	\$300,000	RTP
Lincoln	Village of Ruidoso	Links Trail Rehabilitation	\$512,640	\$600,000	RTP
Los Alamos	Los Alamos County	Urban Trail Phase 1	\$598,080	\$700,000	TAP
Los Alamos	Los Alamos County	School Flasher Speed Signs	\$68,352	\$80,000	TAP
Los Alamos	Los Alamos County	Urban Trail Phase 2	\$3,080,112	\$3,605,000	CMAQ
Luna	City of Deming	Cedar Street Phase 2	\$345,054	\$403,855	TAP
McKinley	McKinley County	McKenzie Ridge Trail Connector	\$154,134	\$180,400	RTP
Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Taos	North Central Regional Transit District	Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Implementation	\$768,960	\$900,000	TAP
San Juan	City of Farmington	Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase 2	\$300,047	\$351,179	TAP
San Juan	San Juan County	Kirtland Schools Path Extension	\$679,248	\$795,000	TAP
San Juan	San Juan County	Glade Run Recreation Area Trails	\$427,200	\$500,000	RTP
Sandoval	Pueblo of Santo Domingo	Multi-Use Trail Segment 2	\$1,172,326	\$1,372,104	TAP
Sandoval	Pueblo of Jemez	NM Highway 4 Multi-use Trail	\$4,696,561	\$5,496,912	CMAQ
Santa Fe	City of Santa Fe	Canada Rincon Trail	\$768,960	\$900,000	TAP
Santa Fe	City of Santa Fe	Acequia Trail	\$256,320	\$300,000	TAP
Santa Fe	City of Santa Fe	Safe Routes to School Program	\$293,406	\$343,406	TAP
Santa Fe	Town of Edgewood	Edgewood 7 Trail	\$83,304	\$97,500	TAP
Santa Fe	Town of Edgewood	ECHO Ridge Park Trailhead	\$84,543	\$98,950	RTP
Santa Fe	Santa Fe County	Arroyo Hondo Trail - Segment 2	\$1,227,812	\$1,437,046	CMAQ
Santa Fe	Santa Fe County	Arroyo Hondo Trail - Segment 3	\$1,471,165	\$1,721,869	CMAQ
Santa Fe, San Juan, Doña Ana, Valencia	NMDOT- Transit Bureau	General Public Vanpool and Rideshare Matching Service	\$648,000	\$648,000	CMAQ
Valencia	Village of Los Lunas	North NM314 Bike and Pedestrian	\$2,000,000	\$2,340,824	TAP
Valencia	Village of Los Lunas	Sun Ranch + Jubilee MUT	\$862,944	\$1,010,000	TAP
		Totals	\$32,233,009	\$41,615,472	