Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)

STEP is a new pilot that takes a community-based approach to overcoming barriers to clean transportation and mobility options. STEP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase access to clean transportation, and address community resident’s transportation needs by funding planning, clean transportation, and land use projects.

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<td><strong>Goals</strong></td>
<td>Identify community resident’s transportation needs and prepare to implement clean transportation and land use projects</td>
<td>Increase community resident’s access to and use of their transportation system so they can get where they need to go without the use of a personal vehicle</td>
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<td>$2 million for multiple grantees</td>
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| **Eligible Project Types** | - Community transportation needs assessments  
- Community engagement  
- Feasibility studies  
- Land use and mobility plans  
- Other | - Set of clean transportation and land use projects  
- Infrastructure and capital projects  
- Operations, planning, policy-making, and outreach projects (optional) |
| **Eligible Applicants** | Cities, counties, community-based organizations, or tribes as lead applicants  
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| **Priority Populations** | Disadvantaged or low-income communities                                                             | Disadvantaged communities                                                                   |
| **Measures of Success** | - Reported increased understanding of residents’ transportation needs and prioritization of projects accordingly  
- Level of engagement with community residents | - Reduction in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions  
- Increased integration of transportation options  
- Increase in clean transportation choices  
- Increased accessibility to destinations  
- Mode shift (away from single-occupancy vehicles)  
- Improved public health (e.g., reduction in transportation-related injuries, reduced exposure to air pollution, increased physical activity) |

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