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cleaner transportation for all communities



Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)

STEP is a new pilot that takes a community-based approach to overcoming barriers to clean transportation. STEP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase access to key destinations, and address community residents' transportation needs by funding planning, clean transportation, and supporting projects.

Grant Types	Planning & Capacity Building Grants	Implementation Grants
Goals	Identify community residents' transportation needs and prepare to implement clean transportation projects	Increase community residents' access to key destinations without a personal vehicle
Funding	Up to \$2 million for multiple grantees	Up to \$20 million for approximately one to three grantees
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community transportation needs assessments • Community engagement activities • Land use and mobility plans • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set of clean transportation and supporting projects • May include infrastructure, capital, operations, planning, policy-making, and outreach projects
Eligible Applicants	Community-based organizations, federally-recognized tribes, and local governments as lead applicants (representing a broader coalition of community, public agency, and private partners as sub-applicants)	Community-based organizations, federally-recognized tribes, and local governments as lead applicants (representing a broader coalition of community, public agency, and private partners as sub-applicants)
Priority Populations	Disadvantaged or low-income communities	Disadvantaged communities
Example Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant identifies that a specific community was not well represented when conducting community engagement for a recent Transportation Plan. • Applicant applies for STEP funds to conduct a community transportation needs assessment and prioritize projects in identified under-represented community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant identifies (through a community engagement process) seven projects for STEP funding. • These projects could include (but are not limited to) a new bus-rapid transit service, a new vanpool service, bike and pedestrian infrastructure, transit passes, a land use and mobility plan, a parking pricing program, and an outreach and education campaign to encourage active transportation.

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