Technical Planning Assistance Program

Program Mission
Provide technical assistance to communities that are experiencing rapid growth or lack the resources to do planning.

Program Goals
1. Integrate land use and transportation planning.
3. Increase travel options to optimize mobility.
4. Create communities with opportunities to live, work, and play.

Eligible Applicants
Assistance is available to municipalities, counties, townships, and multi-jurisdictional groups of local governments within the State of Utah.

Eligible Projects
Plans, studies or analyses related to land use and/or transportation will be eligible for funding, including but not limited to:

- Community Visioning Projects
- Transportation Master Plans
- Active Transportation/Multimodal Plans
- Corridor Plans/Solutions Development Processes
- General Plans
- Zoning Code Updates
- Small Area Land Use/Transportation Plans

Non Eligible
Project phases such as land acquisition, engineering, or capital investment, are not intended to be pursued through the Technical Planning Assistance Program.

Application Process
Step 1: Project Application
Project sponsors are MPOs, where appropriate, or UDOT region planners. Either will submit a one page electronic application describing a project for consideration. Region Planners are encouraged to work with local governments in their areas to identify potential studies whose goals are consistent with those of the program. Applications will be submitted to a committee whose membership includes UDOT leadership, the UDOT Planning Director and the State Planning Coordinator or representatives thereof.

Application information includes the study location, cost, objectives and how it meets the goals of the program.

Step 2: Project Selection
Selection will be based on how well the proposed study aligns with the program goals. Criteria for selection will include:
- The ability of the study to promote improved mobility, particularly incorporating multi-modal transportation
- The level to which the study will assess the transportation impacts of land use scenarios including affordable housing
- How well the objectives of the study align with a relevant regional plan and the UVision framework
- If the study will work to address challenges presented by growth in the area and how to address that growth through integrated transportation and land use
- Supports local, regional and state economic development goals

Planning Division staff will notify those projects that were awarded with funding and will work with the local government to identify an appropriate consultant and contracting method, making use of the UDOT General Engineering Pool for the Planning Discipline.

**Matching Funds**
A minimum local match of 6.77% (consistent with the Wasatch Front Regional Council’s Transportation Land Use Connection grant program) will be required. If a community can demonstrate a hardship that prevents them from providing the required match, the match requirement may be waived in whole or in part.

**Project Management**
One or more members of the UDOT Planning/MPO/Municipal staff may manage contracts and consultants, but the project direction will be driven largely by the local government receiving funds. Consultant procurement will be through UDOT’s general engineering services pool and will be either a Small Purchase Contracts mechanism or a Request for Pool Letters of Qualification (RPLOQ) process. Final deliverables will be defined project by project.

**Timeline**
- Applications must be submitted by Monday, October 7, 2019
- Selections will be made by November 1, 2019
- Funds must be obligated by June 30, 2020

Application
The application can be found at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBn1CTvJ-HCLb7DQW58caND_oYuH344vkptC42yyItWgT8xg/viewform

It is to be submitted by the MPO or outside of MPOs by the UDOT region.