

Carbon Reduction Program – North Carolina Call for Projects

Due March 17, 2023

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act established a new funding opportunity for projects to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources. The program includes \$6.4 billion in formula funding for Fiscal Years 2022-2026. The legislation specifies that a portion of the funds must be obligated by population as follows:

- 35% of funds may be obligated to any area of the State
- 65% of funds apportioned to a State for CRP obligated by populations
 - Urbanized areas over 200,000
 - Urbanized areas from 50,000 to 200,000
 - Urbanized areas from 5,000 to 49,999**
 - Other areas less than 5,000**

NCDOT's Transportation Planning Division is administering the funds for the rural areas of the state. TPD is combining FY22 and FY23 allocations for the first call for projects:

- \$4.1 Million** currently available for the 5,000 to 49,999 area (\$2 Million per year)
- \$15 Million** currently available for below 5,000 area (\$7.5 Million per year)

Each RPO can submit up to 12 projects to TPD for scoring and selection:

- 8 projects** in areas of 5,000 or less in population
- 4 projects** in areas with between 5,000 and 49,999 in population

The RPO will develop criteria to determine priority rankings. Municipalities, county governments, tribal governments, and public transit agencies are eligible to apply.

The **minimum project cost is \$100,000**. An additional 10% must be added for NCDOT oversight, and a **20% non-federal local match** is calculated from that total. This is a **reimbursement program** – the local entity will pay for project costs upfront and invoice NCDOT for 80% reimbursement.

RPO staff and TPD will pre-screen all applications to ensure project eligibility. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Construction of new sidewalks
- Transit expansion
- New Transit Operations
- Park and Ride lots, vanpool
- Transit electrification
- Alternative fuel conversions
- Improve traffic flow, reduce idling
- Electric Vehicle Charging
- Upgrade streetlights with energy efficient bulbs

For additional information: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp_fact_sheet.cfm