



**River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization
Solicitation of Project Applications for Transportation Alternatives Program Funding**

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Program: The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) authorized under Section 1122 of the federal "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21) as codified in 23 U.S.C. 213.

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (R2CTPO) is accepting project applications for funding with TPO's allocation of federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds for the urbanized area (TALU funds). This is a competitive program. Funds will be available annually beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2015/16. Eligible projects include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety-related projects and programs. Projects must be within the R2CTPO's Planning Area which is comprised of all of Volusia County and much of Flagler County (including Beverly Beach, Flagler Beach, and parts of Bunnell and Palm Coast). The R2CTPO will distribute these funds in accordance with the mission of this program and consistent with the eligibility requirements of this program.

R2CTPO policy limits the amount of TALU funds that may be awarded for any project in a single application cycle to \$500,000. Waivers/exceptions to this limit may be granted by the R2CTPO Board.

Project sponsors are required to match the TALU funds programmed on the project with local funds at the ratio of 80/20 (TALU /local). Any project sponsor that provides more than the minimum required match will be awarded additional points.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include local governments; regional transportation authorities; transit agencies; natural resource or public land agencies; school districts, local education agencies, or schools; tribal governments; and any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a state agency).

The Transportation Alternatives program is a part of the Federal-aid Highway Program. Although it is a "grant" program, funds are available only on a reimbursement basis. Only after a project has been approved by the Florida Department of Transportation, R2CTPO and the FHWA division office, can costs become eligible for reimbursement. This means project sponsors must incur the cost of the project prior to being repaid. Costs incurred prior to FHWA division office project approval are ineligible for reimbursement.

Full instructions, application forms and additional resources for submitting applications may be downloaded from:

<http://www.r2ctpo.org/newsroom/2015-river-to-sea-tpo-call-for-projects/>

Deadline for Submission: 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, April 3, 2015.

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