

**Volusia 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 Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) is accepting project applications for funding with federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. This is a competitive program. Funds will be available annually beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2014/15. Eligible projects include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety-related projects and programs. Projects must be within the VTPO's Planning Area which includes Volusia County and parts of Flagler County. The VTPO will distribute these funds in accordance with the mission of this program and consistent with the eligibility requirements of this program.

VTPO policy limits the amount of TAP 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 VTPO Board.

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, VTPO 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.

Link and Instructions for Submitting Applications. Full instructions, application forms and additional resources for submitting applications may be downloaded from:

<http://www.volusiatpo.org/newsroom/volusia-tpos-2013-annual-call-for-projects/>

Deadline for Submission: 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, April 12, 2013.

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