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Federal and state agencies provide funding for local bikeway and trail projects. Descriptions follow for programs that seem suited to infrastructure projects in Virginia Beach. Other sources are available for the programs and activities suggested in the E chapters on Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation.

Most of these programs require a local match — usually a cash participation, but sometimes in-kind work, volunteer labor and donations can serve as the match. When the City pursues a grant for a project with a required match, staff will have to work with Council to appropriate the proper funds.

Transportation Enhancements Program

The Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) was included first in 1991's Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), and it proved popular enough that it has been renewed in each of the subsequent federal transportation bills since then, including the current "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU). TEP funds a variety of transportation-related projects including sidewalks, bike lanes and the conversion of abandoned railroad corridors into trails. VDOT acts as the "pass-thru" agency from FHWA.

Funding TypeTransportation Enhancements
Eligible ApplicantsLocal Governments, non-profits, federal agencies, Planning District Commissions and state agencies
Eligible ProjectsShared use paths, bike lanes, paved shoulders, bike-ped safety/ educational activities, rail-trail conversions, and 10 other categories
Local Match20%
Due DateDecember 1
ContactVDOT Local Assistance Division, 804.371.0847
Website<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/prehancegrants.asp>

Recreational Trails Program

Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation administers the federally funded Virginia Recreation Trails Fund for providing and maintaining recreational trails and trail-related facilities. Statewide, projects must total 30% motorized, 30% non-motorized, and 40% multiple-use.

Funding TypeAnnual competitive; matching reimbursement
Eligible ApplicantsRegistered nonprofit organizations, local governments, or other government entities
Eligible ProjectsCreation and maintenance of trails and trail facilities with primarily recreational rather than utilitarian transportation value
Maximum Funding\$100,000
Local Match20%
Due DatePreliminary applications: early January
ContactVirginia Department of Conservation and Recreation: 804.786. 4379
Websitewww.dcr.state.va.us

Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

Safe Routes to School assists localities and schools in the development of plans, activities, and infrastructure improvements to make bicycling and walking to school a safe and appealing transportation option for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program requires the development

of a school travel plan to outline the school’s particular needs and how those needs should be met.

Funding TypeAnnual competitive grant
 Eligible ApplicantsSchools and localities
 Eligible ProjectsInfrastructure and programs
 Local MatchNone
 ContactVDOT Transportation and Mobility Planning Division, 804.371.4868
 Websitehttp://www.virginiadot.org/programs/ted_Rt2_school_pro.asp

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

CMAQ is a federal program which provides funding for transportation projects and programs that help improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion for areas not meeting the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Hampton Roads has been designated as a “maintenance area” for ozone, meaning that it currently meets the standards but previously did not. HRTPO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with the responsibility and authority of project selection and fund allocation for CMAQ in Hampton Roads.

Funding TypeCompetitive within an MPO
 Eligible ApplicantsLocalities, transit authorities, VDOT and Virginia Port Authority within “non-attainment” or “maintenance for attainment” areas
 Eligible ProjectsProjects aimed at reducing congestion and improving air quality, including bikeway/ pedestrian facilities
 Due DateVaries
 ContactHRTPO, 757.420.8300
 Websitehttp://www.hrtpo.org/TPO_CMAQRSTP_Selection.asp

Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP)

The federal HSIP provides funding to improve areas with an abnormally high incidence of crashes, including railroad crossings and bike-ped safety. Potential projects are analyzed on an economic benefit/cost ratio. A minimum of 10% of Virginia’s \$33 million for FY2011-12 will be set aside for bike-ped safety improvements.

Funding TypeAnnual competitive; reimbursable funds
 Eligible ApplicantsLocal governments & planning district commissions
 Eligible ProjectsTurn lanes; traffic signals, signs, various bicycling hazards, improving sight distances or roadway geometry
 Maximum Funding\$1,000,000
 Local Match10%
 Due DateJanuary 31
 ContactVDOT Traffic Engineering Division: (804) 786-9094
 Websitehttp://www.virginiadot.org/business/ted_app_pro.asp

Recreational Access Program

The Recreational Access Program was developed to provide adequate access to public recreational facilities or historic sites operated by a state agency, a locality or a local authority. “Access” can either be provided by an access road or a bicycle facility.

Funding TypeYear-round competitive; reimbursable funds
 Eligible ApplicantsLocal government in which the road or facility is located
 Eligible ProjectsConstruction, reconstruction, maintenance, and improvement of roads and bikeways to local and state-run recreational or historic facilities
 Non-eligible projectsRight-of-way acquisition or utility
 Maximum funding.....\$60,000 with an additional \$15,000 available if matched from other than highway sources

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Local Match None except as mentioned above
Contact VDOT Local Assistance Division, 804. 786.2746
Website http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/local_assistance/RecreationalAccessProgramGuide_2009.pdf

Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program

The Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program provides federal funding for improvements to public roads that serve federal property, e.g., national forests, national parks, nontaxable Indian lands, military installations, or other federal reservations. In Virginia Beach, federal lands include four naval installations and Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, plus a small portion of Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Established in 1930, the Public Lands Highways Program is intended to improve access to and within the nation's federal lands. Any type of transportation project, including pedestrians and bicyclists, is eligible as long as it provides or improves access to federal lands that are also served by a public lands highway ("a forest road under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel or any highway through unappropriated or unreserved public lands, nontaxable Indian lands, or other Federal reservations under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel").

Funding Type Annual competitive; reimbursable funds
Eligible Applicants Local Governments & Planning District Commissions
Maximum Funding \$500,000; multiple improvements within a corridor may qualify as one project
Local Match None
Due Date Mid June
Contact VDOT Local Assistance Division: 804.786.7399
Website www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary

Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program

This program provides funding for alternative transportation systems, such as shuttle buses, rail connections and even bicycle trails, to reduce vehicle congestion in and around federal lands.

Funding Type Competitive; reimbursable funds
Eligible Applicants federal land management agencies and local governments with land near an eligible area
Maximum Funding 25% of the total available
Local Match None
Due Date Varies
Contact Federal Transit Administration, Office of Program Management: 202.366.2053
Website http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_6106.html

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) administers LWCF in Virginia for the National Park Service. LWCF is a reimbursement program for acquiring and/or developing public outdoor recreation areas. Funding comes largely from Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. Virginia received \$839,556 for FY 2010, and the nationwide FY 2011 request is for a 25%± increase.

Funding Type Reimbursement program

Eligible ApplicantsLocalities, park & recreation authorities, tribal governments, and state agencies
 Maximum Funding\$125,000
 Local Match50%
 Due DateLate March
 ContactDepartment of Conservation and Recreation, Land & Water Conservation Program, Planning and Recreation Resources, 804.786.4379
 Websitehttp://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/lwcf.shtml

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program (UPARR)

Through UPARR, U. S. Department of the Interior has provided \$272 million since 1978 in matching grants and technical assistance to economically distressed cities for rehabilitation of critically needed recreation facilities. The funds from this federal grant program were used to revitalize park and recreation facilities, providing inner city youth and adults with recreation opportunities. UPARR has not been funded since 2002.

Transit Enhancement Program

Federally funded through TEA-21, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation provides money for enhancement to transit systems including the accommodation of bicycles, bicycle access, and multi-modal connections. Typical projects include the installation of equipment for transporting bicycles on mass transit vehicles.

Funding TypeAnnual competitive; reimbursable funds
 Local Match5%
 Due DateJanuary 31 to DRPT
 ContactVirginia Dept of Rail & Public Transportation: (804) 786-8135
 Website.....www.drpt.state.va.us

State Aid Transit Grants

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation administers approximately \$100 million in state grant money each year for transit systems including bicycle accommodation. A local match is required.

Funding TypeAnnual competitive; reimbursable funds
 Local MatchVaries
 Due DateMarch 1 to DRPT
 ContactVirginia Dept of Rail & Public Transportation: (804) 786-8135
 Website.....www.drpt.state.va.us/business/grants/stateaid/stateaid.htm

402 Highway Safety Program

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles provides money for projects or programs designed to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on our highways. A wide range of transportation safety related activities is eligible to receive funding through this program including bicycle safety. Approximately \$4 million in grants is available. It is distributed through two different types of grant programs – Annual Grants and Mini Grants.

Annual Grants

Each proposal must identify a specified safety issue such as bicycle safety and present a plan to address that issue. Proposals may address efforts to start a new program or expand an existing one.

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Eligible Applicants Non-profits, local governments and state agencies
Local Match None
Due Date April 14 to DMV District
Contact..... Portsmouth District: (757) 416-1742
Website www.DMVNOW.com

Mini Grants

Funds are available throughout the year for a variety of safety programs including bicycle safety and education. Maximum allowable amount of \$1,500.

Funding Type Year-round; reimbursable funds
Eligible Applicants Non-profits, local governments and state agencies
Local Match None
Due Date None
Contact..... Portsmouth District: (757) 416-1742
Website www.DMVNOW.com