

## Florida Department of Transportation

# DISTRICT THREE TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) and TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) SET-ASIDE

FY 2026 - 2030 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

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District Three is pleased to notify you of the upcoming <u>Transportation Regional Incentive</u> <u>Program (TRIP)</u> and <u>Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program</u> application cycle for FY 2026–2030 Tentative Work Program.

#### **TRIP General Information:**

The purpose of the <u>Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)</u> is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners.

<u>Eligible Partners</u> are those that have two or more contiguous Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); One or more MPOs and one or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO; a multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law, two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO; or MPOs comprised of three or more counties. (see TRIP Factsheet)

**Eligible Projects** must be identified in a regional transportation plan (RTP) and prioritized for submittal to the Department. TRIP funds are used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs. In kind matches such as right of way donations and private funds made available to the regional partners are also allowed for the local agency match. (see TRIP Factsheet)

#### **TA General Information:**

The <u>Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside</u> program provides funding for programs and projects defined as: On- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation and projects for planning, designing or

constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways.

Eligible Partners All counties and municipalities in District 3 are eligible to apply. (see page 7 of <u>TA set-Aside Program Guidance and Procedures</u>)

Eligible Projects - Must be prioritized for submittal to the Department. Each entity is required to prioritize project(s) and submit directly to the Department. All priority projects can be submitted, if you choose; however, the Department will only be reviewing the **top three** (3) priorities from each Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) entity and the **top five** (5) from the Regional Rural Transportation Program (RRTP) area. Applicants located in a TPO and RRTP area must submit project(s) to the proper TPO/RRTP to collectively prioritize for submittal to the Department. The Department will federally fund up to 80%, depending on funding availability, and the remaining funds/percentage may be local funds and/or state (soft match) funds. In-kind matches such as design phases, right-of-way donations and local funds are also allowed for the local agency match. (see page 8 of TA set-Aside Program Guidance and Procedures

### **Application Information:**

Applications and forms can be found on the Florida Grant Application Program (GAP) at <a href="www.flgap.com">www.flgap.com</a>. If you need access, you may request credentials by clicking the link at the bottom of the webpage that says, "Request User Access" or contact Tanya Branton, District TA/TRIP Coordinator at (850) 330-1550 or via email at <a href="mailto:tanya.branton@dot.state.fl.us">tanya.branton@dot.state.fl.us</a>. If you need additional information, you may visit <a href="www.fdot.gov/nwflroads/planning-resources">www.fdot.gov/nwflroads/planning-resources</a>.

The TA application has been updated from the previous years' application. Additional information can be found in the <u>TA Set-Aside Resource Guide</u> to help guide you through the new application and answer questions and is located <u>here</u>

#### **Application Deadline:**

Applications are due to FDOT in <u>GAP</u> no later than 10 p.m. CST <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 19</u>, <u>2025</u>. We will **NOT** accept **ANY** emailed or hard copies of application packages. We will **NOT** be allowed to accept any application packages after the deadline date. Please submit all materials in the GAP system before the due date.