

Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization / Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Notice of Funding Opportunity:

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

The FHWA's Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) provides funding for a range of transportation projects focused primarily on reducing vehicle trips and reducing carbon emissions. Cost-reimbursable funds are awarded across two categories (Urban and Rural), depending on the project location.

Issue Date: February 2, 2023

Application Due Date: March 30, 2023 before 4 PM; note that late applications will not be accepted

Eligible Applicants:

All WWVMPO/SRTPO members in Washington State are encouraged to apply.

Eligible Activities:

CRP funds cover many different types of activities that address vehicle trip and carbon emission reduction. For a full list of eligible activities, please consult the FHWA STBG guidance here: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sustainability/energy/policy/crp_guidance.pdf

Available Funding (through FFY 2026):

Urban - \$385,120

Rural - \$137,360

Funding may be combined with another MPO-administered grant program by submitting an additional application for the other program or programs.

How to apply:

The application form is available on the WWVMPO's website (<u>https://wwvmpo.org/plans--</u> <u>programs.html</u>), or a printed copy can be picked up at our office by request. The Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRTPO is committed to making this call for projects open to all eligible applicants. The following services are available to all eligible applicants by request:

- Application process and information assistance
- Project and applicant eligibility determinations
- Printed application forms and other documents
- Community or council presentations (webinar or in-person)

In addition to the application form, please include the following documents or information:

<u>Required</u>:

- Project location map, final design (if applicable), or a typical roadway cross-section (if applicable)
- Documentation of project in an approved or adopted plan, ordinance, and/or policy (please limit to the relevant pages)

<u>Optional</u>:

- Photographs of existing infrastructure conditions
- Design sketches or conceptual layout drawings of the proposed project
- Documentation of the project's public outreach process (e.g., meeting minutes, press releases, surveys and results, etc.)
- Crash reports and/or related data
- Letters of support or endorsement, or petitions

Application Submittal:

Please submit a completed and signed application form, along with any required or optional attachments via email to Timothy J. Barrett (<u>tbarrett@wwvmpo.org</u>), or by mailing or hand-delivering your application materials to our office.

WWVMPO/SRTPO 2023 CRP Funding Application

Project Information

Lead Agency:	Contact Name:
Email Address:	Phone Number:
Cosponsor Agency (if applicable):	Contact Name:
Email Address:	Phone Number:
Project Name (include STIP ID number if applicable):	
Project Description (please limit response to 200 words):	

Project Location: ______

Federal Functional Classification (if applicable):

Beginning and Ending Termini: ______

Project Contribution Towards WWVMPO Performance Goals

Which of the following performance goals apply to this project? (Check all that apply)

- □ Safety Reduction in the number of serious injury and/or fatal collisions
- □ System Reliability Increase in travel predictability and reduced delay and/or support for travel modes other than single-occupancy vehicles (SOVs)

Program Eligibility

Using the "G.3. Eligible Activities" section of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Guidance document found here (<u>https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sustainability/energy/policy/crp_guidance.pdf</u>), please list or describe the eligible activities that this project will include:

Project Funding

Funds Requested (Check all that apply):
Urban
Rural

Project Phase Details

Phase	Preferred Obligation Year	Total Phase Cost	STBG-TA Funds Requested	Sponsor Match	Sponsor Match %
PE or Planning					
Study					
Right-of-Way					
Construction					
Total Project Cost					

Will these funds be combined with another MPO grant application (STBG, STBG-TA)?
Yes No

Project Evaluation

Overmatch and Prior Investments

Previously invested local funding (planning, design, etc.): $\Box < 5\%$ (3) $\Box 5-10\%$ (6) $\Box > 10\%$ (9)

Local overmatch beyond 13.5% requirement: □ <10% (2) □ 10-20% (4) □ >20% (8)

Is the project in the final phase of a multi-phase project? \Box Yes (8) \Box No (0)

Project Readiness

How far along is the project? (Check only one response)

□ At least 30% design completed (10)

□ Construction-ready (design, environment, and right-of-way completed) (20)

Safety

Describe the safety issues at or along the project location (pedestrian or cyclist crashes; common or prevalent crash types, environmental characteristics, contributing factors, maintenance): **(up to 10)**

How will this project address the safety issues described above? (lighting, signage, crossing improvements, striping, traffic calming, maintenance, etc.) **(up to 10)**

Would this project improve a priority location identified in a Local Road Safety Plan or safety audit?

□ Yes (10) □ No (0)

Modal Shift

Describe how this project will reduce Single-Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) trips (improve transit access, active transportation network, rideshare and/or carpool programs, etc.): **(up to 50)**

Environmental Sustainability

Describe how this project will decrease transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (EV charging infrastructure, alternative fuel vehicles and/or fueling infrastructure, diesel retrofits, etc.): **(up to 40)**

Will this project reduce freight vehicle idling, and/or will it promote intermodal facilities that shift freight to modes that create fewer GHG emissions (rail, barge)? \Box Yes **(6)** \Box No **(0)**

Accessibility & Equity

Does this project remove a priority ADA barrier, as identified in an adopted ADA Transition Plan or similar plan? \Box Yes **(15)** \Box No **(0)**

Is the project located in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC), as identified by the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) (<u>https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/</u>), Washington State Department of Health's Health Disparities Map (<u>https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtnibl/WTNIBL/</u>), or other available demographic data?
Yes (up to 15)
No (0)

If yes, please briefly describe the method used and the resulting data:

Assurances and Acknowledgements

Certification of Matching Funds

By signing below, the Project Sponsor assures that sufficient funds are available to pay the non-federal share of the expenditures for this application's project, and that completion of this project is not contingent upon additional grants (sources of matching funds may be changed after STBG-TA funding has been awarded, in accordance with all established TIP amendment guidelines).

Local Match Amount: _____

Name and Title (print): ______

Signature and Date: _____

Applicant Acknowledgements

By signing below, the Project Sponsor ensures that they have read and understood the appropriate federal guidance and agree to follow all applicable federal regulations and requirements from the acceptance of CRP funds, should this project receive an award. In addition, the Project Sponsor agrees to follow the WWVMPO's established M/RTIP Policies and acknowledges the potential loss of CRP funds if they are not obligated by the date specified on the award letter.

Name and Title (print): ______ Signature and Date: _____