Thriving Communities Program Disaster Recovery and Resilience Planning Program

Web-based Intake Form

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced **$2 million from the Thriving Communities Program (TCP)** for direct technical assistance to communities impacted by natural disasters, including Hurricanes Helene and Milton, that occurred between August 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025. TCP is a technical assistance and capacity building program that enables communities to advance a pipeline of transformative infrastructure projects to increase mobility, reduce pollution, and expand affordable transportation options—connecting communities to the essential opportunities and resources that will help them thrive.

Eligible applicants include:
- Local, state, or Tribal governments, including pueblos or villages
- United States territories
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Transit agencies
- Other political subdivisions of state or local government

This direct technical assistance will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants. The submission form will be open from [DATES], 2025. However, eligible applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis and support may be exhausted prior to the [DATE] deadline. At least 25% of the 12 communities selected for support (i.e., at least 3 communities) must be rural and/or Tribal applicants. TCP can provide technical assistance and capacity building support related to disaster recovery and resilience planning efforts for up to 9 months, until [DATE].

Communities encouraged to apply are those that have faced disaster-related impacts to transportation infrastructure, including but not limited to, severe flooding, road damage, wastewater and pipeline damage, and access barriers to essential services. The disaster must have occurred between August 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025.

Technical assistance and capacity building support includes, but is not limited to:
- Identifying and curating federal resources to address disaster recovery needs
- Hosting grant writing workshops and trainings related to disaster recovery and planning
- Conducting disaster resilience project scoping or planning
- Supplementing local staffing for disaster resilience and recovery needs
- Supporting comprehensive disaster recovery and resilience planning
- Implementing innovative public engagement in alignment with disaster recovery and resilience

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If you are interested in receiving TCP technical assistance to address the impacts of a natural disaster occurring on or after August 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, simply submit the **expression of interest form below for consideration**.

If selected to receive support, a TCP Team member will contact you for a virtual meeting or phone call to gather more information.

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Expression of Interest
Fill out the required fields to apply to receive TCP technical assistance to address disaster recovery and resilience planning efforts.

		WEBFORM FIELD TYPE
Community	Identify the name of the City, Town, or Tribal Government	[open text field; required]
State/Territory		[drop-down menu of states & territories; required]
Type of Applicant (Select one)	☐ Local government ☐ Tribal government ☐ State government ☐ United States territory ☐ Metropolitan Planning Organization ☐ Transit agency ☐ Other political subdivision of state or local government (please describe)	[select only one; required] [short answer option for "other political subdivision"]

Applicant's Primary Staff Contact (Name)		[open text field; all required]
Applicant's Primary Staff Contact Role (Title)		[open text field; required]
Applicant's Primary Staff Contact Organization (Name of Organization)		[open text field; required]
Applicant's Primary Staff Contact Email Address (Email address)		[open text field; required]
Applicant's Primary Staff Contact Phone Number (Phone number)		[open text field; required]
Describe the geographic area that will receive the TCP support (see section E.2 of the Call for Intake Forms)		[open text field; required]
List the 2020 census tract(s) that the described geographic area falls into.		[open text field; required]
Is the community of focus of TCP technical assistance support located in an Area of Persistent Poverty or Opportunity Zone? (see Appendix A of the Call for Intake Forms Document for definitions).	☐ Area of Persistent Poverty ☐ Opportunity Zone ☐ No, the community of focus is not in an Area of Persistent Poverty nor an Opportunity Zone ☐ My community is a territory or possession of the United States.	[Select all that apply; required]
Is the community or focus of TCP technical assistance support located in a rural area? (see Appendix A of the Call for Intake Forms Document for the rural definition). A list of urban areas with corresponding populations for the 2020 Census is available in the [Federal Register]().	☐ Yes - The community is **not** located in a 2020 Census Bureau designated urban area. ☐ Yes - The community is located in a 2020 Census Bureau designated urban area but has a population of 50,000 or less. ☐ No, the community is not rural.	[select only one; required]
Please identify the natural disaster(s) that occurred in the identified community between August 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025. To the extent possible, please include date(s) of the disaster occurrence.		[open text field; required]

Short Answers [all open text fields]

Respond to each of the following questions within the word limits:

Impacts of Disaster

- In 200 words or less, please describe the impact of the disaster on your community's transportation infrastructure (disaster must have occurred between August 1, 2024, and February 28, 2025), including any specific federally funded projects that were affected. Impacts may include but are not limited to severe flooding, road damage, wastewater and pipeline damage, and destroyed housing. Impacts described should have a clear connection to the transportation system.

[open text field – capped at a generous estimate of 200 words in characters; required]

- In 200 words or less, describe the transportation-related impacts from disaster on the community, including but not limited to, limited access to essential services, decreased quality of life, water quality decline, etc.

[open text field – capped at a generous estimate of 200 words in characters; required]

Scope of Proposed Disaster Recovery and Planning

- In 200 words or less, please describe the proposed disaster recovery and resilience planning focus areas and goals your community wants to achieve within the program timeframe (up to 9 months, ending on [DATE], 2025).

[open text field – capped at a generous estimate of 200 words in characters; required]

- In 200 words or less, please describe the extent to which TCP support would complement or enhance the support being provided by FEMA (or other federal agencies) related to disaster planning and recovery in your community. Please also describe how TCP support would help build organizational core competencies to support broader and longer-term community goals.

[open text field – capped at a generous estimate of 200 words in characters; required]

Long-Term Planning and Alignment with DOT Priorities

- In 200 words or less, please describe how your proposed focus of work will encourage long-term disaster resilience and future disaster mitigation planning for your community. In your response, please include information on how your work will lead to increased access to jobs, healthcare facilities, or recreational or commercial activities; help alleviate poverty; enhance safety; or benefit families and communities by improving the quality of

their lives, raising their standard of living, or enabling them to participate more fully in the economy.

[open text field – capped at a generous estimate of 200 words in characters; required]