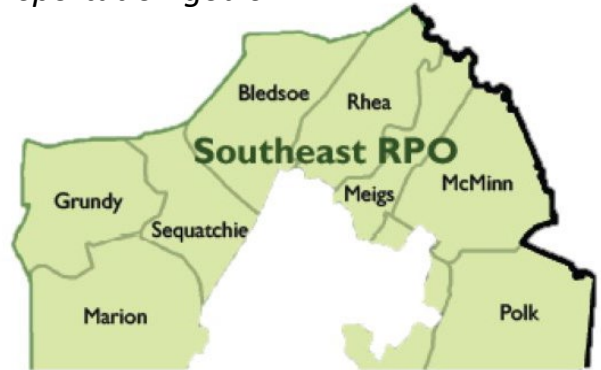


Rural Planning Grants

Purpose: This program is intended to help rural communities identify needs and promote solutions that lead to an interconnected community with efficient modes of transportation. 2020 was the beginning of the pilot program and proved to be a success for rural communities in facilitating their transportation goals.

Eligible Planning Activities

- Access Management studies
- Corridor Studies
- Road Diet Analysis
- Resurfacing and Striping plans for Local Roads
- Transportation Facility Inventories
- Transportation Feasibility Studies
- All CTPG eligible planning documents (Complete Streets, Bike/Ped Plans, Transportation Systems Management & Operations).



Goals

- Assist rural municipalities to identify solutions, within their communities, that promote the efficiency of a multimodal transportation system that aids in achieving the statewide transportation goals.
- Guide rural municipalities in determining the strategies that will support improvements in traffic flow, safety, and overall efficiency of the transportation system.
- Provide rural city governments with planning resources to achieve community visions as related to transportation and land use needs that promote future economic growth.

Key Facts

- \$25,000 maximum award for planning services. Any cost overruns will be at the expense of the local government.
- 100% of consultant services **up to \$25,000** will be funded by the Southeast RPO. Any cost overruns will be at the expense of the local government.
- Project will be administered by the Rural Planning Organization.
- 12-month timeline from award to completion

Requirements

- Illustrate interest and support from local government, chambers of commerce, merchant organizations, business and property owners within project area who recognize the importance of corridor improvements or connectivity to their community .
- Establish a dedicated "Steering Committee" of community leaders who will participate for the length of the study. This will involve allocating time for meetings and facilitating community input.
- Adopt a resolution by participating jurisdictions to implement, to the best of their abilities, recommendations from the study; and adopt a resolution that any cost overruns over \$25,000 will be at the expense of the local government and will not be covered by the RPO.

Rural Planning Grants

2025 Application

Must be submitted to Emmalyn Porter at eporter@sedev.org,
no later than **5pm Eastern on April 1, 2025**

1) Please select the plan type for which your community is seeking funding. Your RPO Coordinator can help determine which type of plan most closely describes your proposed goals.

- Access Management Study
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Corridor Study
- Road Diet Analysis
- Resurfacing and/or Striping plan for local roads
- Transportation Facility Inventory
- Transportation Feasibility Study
- Transportation Systems Management & Operations (Signal Retiming Plan, etc.)
- Other Transportation Related Planning Study (must be approved prior to the closing date)

2) Please attach a summary of the plan for which you are seeking funding, highlighting key goals it would seek to accomplish. Please describe any community support for the project and include documentation of support, public meetings, or community surveys. Please describe how the community will implement the project.

3) Please attach a map of the area the grant seeks to study. This map should highlight significant roadways and other important features.

4) Will your government adopt a resolution stating its intent to implement the plan document, following completion of the grant?

YES _____ NO _____

5) Will your government adopt a resolution to fund cost overruns, if any, incurred during the implementation of the grant? (Max award funded by the RPO is \$25,000, and any cost overruns must be covered by the local government. Cost will not be determined until after a consultant is selected.)

YES _____ NO _____

Name (print)

Signature

Date

Title

County/City/Town