

## Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP)

STEP is a new pilot that takes a community-based approach to overcoming barriers to clean transportation and mobility. STEP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase access to key destinations, and address community residents’ transportation needs by funding planning, clean transportation, and land use projects.

Grant Types	Planning & Capacity Building Grants	Implementation Block Grants
<b>Goals</b>	Identify community residents’ transportation needs and prepare to implement clean transportation and land use projects	Increase community residents’ access to key destinations so they can get where they need to go without the use of a personal vehicle
<b>Funding</b>	\$2 million for multiple grantees	\$20 million for approximately one to three grantees
<b>Eligible Project Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community transportation needs assessments</li> <li>- Community engagement</li> <li>- Feasibility studies</li> <li>- Land use and mobility plans</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set of clean transportation and land use projects</li> <li>- Infrastructure and capital projects</li> <li>- Operations, planning, policy-making, and outreach projects (optional)</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Cities, counties, community-based organizations, or tribes as lead applicants (representing a broader coalition of community, public agency, and private partners as co-applicants)	Cities, counties, community-based organizations, or tribes as lead applicants (representing a broader coalition of community, public agency, and private partners as co-applicants)
<b>Priority Populations</b>	Disadvantaged or low-income communities	Disadvantaged communities
<b>Measures of Success</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reported increased understanding of residents’ transportation needs and prioritization of projects accordingly</li> <li>- Level of engagement with community residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduction in vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>- Increased integration of transportation options</li> <li>- Increase in clean transportation choices</li> <li>- Increased accessibility to destinations</li> <li>- Mode shift (away from single-occupancy vehicles)</li> <li>- Improved public health (e.g., reduction in transportation-related injuries, reduced exposure to air pollution, increased physical activity)</li> </ul>

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