

Key Points

CTEP (*Community Transportation Enhancement Program*)

Intro: CTEP funds come to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), through the Federal Transportation Enhancement program. MDT sub-allocates enhancement funds to local governments, based on population figures. Each local public agency then selects and prioritizes local CTEP projects and submits to MDT for approval.

➤ **Programs funded**

Transportation Enhancement Program funds are available on a reimbursable basis, must conform to Federal requirements, and are limited to:

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
4. Scenic or historic highways programs (including provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
6. Historic preservation
7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities
8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)
9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising
10. Archaeological planning and research
11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
12. Establishment of transportation museums

➤ **Eligibility**

Local governments; for example, City of Billings, City of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Crow Reservation, Northern Cheyenne Reservation

➤ **Application Process**

In Billings and Yellowstone County, the City-County Planning Department administers the funds and the selection process, accepting CTEP proposals in late summer each year to be considered by the local Technical Advisory Committee and forwarded to MDT for approval. Contact person is Scott Walker, Transportation Planner (4th floor Parmly Library Building, phone 247-8661). Persons outside Yellowstone County should inquire of local government or tribal officials to learn about the selection process in their communities.

➤ **Deadlines**

MDT requires that all local CTEP administrators submit project proposals in the Fall. Local entities set various deadlines, allowing time to prioritize projects and submit to MDT.

➤ **Resources for more information**

For more information about Montana's enhancement program (CTEP), contact Ross Tervo, (406) 444-9209, or email rtervo@mt.gov.

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