



SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) CALL FOR PROJECTS

I. OVERVIEW

The Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) was created under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and aims to reduce transportation carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from on-road sources. Approximately \$6.4 billion dollars will be allocated by formula to state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations between 2022 through 2026. As the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Shasta County region, SRTA is required to administer the Local CRP funds for Shasta County through a competitive process. Further information regarding the CRP program for California is available online here: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/esta/carbon-reduction>.

On June 22, 2023, the SRTA Board of Directors approved and adopted a policy for the administration and management of CRP funds for the Shasta Region (see attachment A). Eligible applicants should refer to those policies as they prepare their applications.

II. AVAILABLE FUNDING, MATCH REQUIREMENTS, AND EXPENDITURE DEADLINES

SRTA has estimated that CRP funding apportionments will total \$995,265 for fiscal years (FY) 2024, 2025, and 2026. This call for projects makes the funding for these three years available to eligible applicants once the funds are released. ***Please note that the actual amounts may vary from these estimates and final project funding provided will be subject to final federal allocations.*** A local match of 11.47% in non-federal funds is required. Additionally, each year of funds has different expenditure requirements. Please review the table below for funding details:

Carbon Reduction Funds and Expenditures Deadlines

Federal Fiscal Year	2024	2025	2026
Regional Allocation	\$331,755	\$331,755	\$331,755
Obligation (E76) Deadline*	9/30/2027	9/30/2028	9/30/2029
Expenditure Deadline*	9/30/2032	9/30/2033	9/30/2033
* https://dot.ca.gov/programs/esta/carbon-reduction/local-crp			

Applicants must indicate which year of CRP funds they are requesting in their application. Local CRP funds are federal funds and therefore projects funded with Local CRP funds are subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

If an applicant is eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, they may request to have the CRP funds flexed to FTA. However, this is subject to approval by Caltrans and FHWA, and would make FTA local match rules apply.

As CRP is a reimbursement program, recipients must have the capacity to cover project costs initially and submit reimbursement requests along with supporting documentation to receive the eligible expenses.

III. FUNDING PARAMETERS

Eligible applicants for CRP funds can apply for projects that cover eligible activities listed in FHWA program guidance, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, rail and transit initiatives, and zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure, as outlined by Caltrans.

Eligible applicants for CRP funds include:

- Cities
- Counties
- Tribal governments
- Transportation agencies
- Metropolitan planning organizations / regional transportation planning agencies
- Non-profit organizations within the Shasta region

For-profit organizations are not eligible to directly apply for CRP funds. However, they have the opportunity to collaborate with eligible entities to jointly apply for and manage federal aid transportation projects.

IV. APPROACH AND SCHEDULE

Consistent with SRTA's CRP policy, the following schedule has been developed to guide the application process:

Call for projects	July 25, 2024
Applications due	5:00 p.m. PDT, August 23, 2024
Application scoring and eligibility review	August 26 – September 27, 2024
SRTA Board of Directors approval	October 31, 2024
FHWA and Caltrans Eligibility review	Up to two weeks after the board recommendation (estimated)
TIP amendments	Next available CTC meeting after eligibility review confirmation

V. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible entities must submit the following documents as part of their application request:

1. Project details worksheet (see attachment B)
2. A map of the project location.
3. Project alignment confirmation (see attachment C)
4. Additional project support documents, which can be preliminary project estimates from agency staff, consultants, or from prior plans or studies may also be attached.

SRTA invites project ideas to be submitted by August 23, 2023. Please submit all required files via email to srta@srta.ca.gov:

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All requested proposal content files must be submitted and the required format for the name of the files is as follows:

1. [Name of Agency/Organization]_[project name]_ Project details worksheet
2. [Name of Agency/Organization]_[project name]_ Project location
3. [Name of Agency/Organization]_[project name]_ Project alignment confirmation

VI. EVALUATIONS

Due to the limited funding available, in the event partner agency requests exceed available funding the project requests will be evaluated by a review panel and scores will be determined by consensus, based on the following initial evaluation criteria:

Initial Evaluation Criteria	Points ¹
Being among eligible activities ²	No= 0, Yes= 10
Support one (or more) of the three pillars of the State's CRS plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure• Rail and transit initiatives• Zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure	10
Support the State's priorities ³	10
Being related to the RTP and regional priorities ⁴	10
Region-wide benefits ⁵	10
Benefit Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities	5
Maximum Available Points	55

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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VIII. ATTACHMENTS

A: https://www.srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8983/15_CRP

B: <https://srta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9521/Project-details-worksheet->

C: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/crp/2023/crp-alignment-confirmation-20230406-a11y.pdf>

¹ A zero (0) in any of the first two categories will result in applications being determined to be non-responsive and ineligible for consideration. Points for the second evaluation criteria are determined by how well the proposed project supports the three pillars. For example, supporting one pillar well earns full points, while inadequate support for two pillars may result in fewer points.

² https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sustainability/energy/policy/crp_guidance.pdf

³ <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/local-assistance/documents/crp/2023/crp-eligible-projects.pdf>

⁴ The typical regional priorities that are considered in the Shasta RTP include Highway and Road Improvements, Active Transportation, Public Transit, Sustainable Transportation, Freight and Goods Movement, Safety Enhancements, Environmental Stewardship, and Equity and Accessibility. Use the following link to get more information about RTP and regional priorities:
<https://srta.ca.gov/142/Regional-Transportation-Plan>

⁵ Region-wide benefits refer to the positive outcomes and advantages that are experienced by an entire region or area, rather than being limited to specific individuals or communities.