



Michigan Department of Transportation

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program

The following document provides a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program. Please contact your [TE Grant Coordinator](#) if you are unable to find the answer to your question on this page. For help with an on-line application, please contact the TE Help Line, at 517-241-1317.

- What is the TE program?
 - The TE program funds non-traditional road projects (outside the traditional curb and gutter) such as streetscapes, non-motorized paths and historical restoration of transportation facilities.
- Who is eligible to apply for the TE program?
 - ACT 51 agencies (Cities, Villages, Counties), MDOT, MDNR, Native American Tribes and other Federal Agencies. Townships are not eligible to apply for TE funds, although we encourage them to work with their local County Road Commission or MDOT Transportation Service Center for project development.
- How do I apply for the TE program?
 - To apply for the TE program, simply go to www.michigan.gov/mdot/tea and fill out an on-line application. A help guide for the on-line application is available on the same website.
- Is there a deadline for submitting a TE application?
 - No, the TE program accepts applications year-round. The program holds Selection Advisory Committee meetings four to eight times per year to determine which applications will be recommended for selection.
- When should I start working with my TE program coordinator?
 - You should call or email your TE program coordinator before you start your application to discuss your project/application and get it on our radar screen.
- Does the TE program allow soft match?
 - No, the TE program only allows hard match (cash) or real estate donated to the project, such as the Right of Way (ROW) for a nonmotorized path.
- What is the required match for my project?
 - The TE program requires a 20% match for all applications. While 20% is the minimum, over-match is encouraged and is a factor in determining which applications will be selected for funding. Average match is 32%.
- Why do nonmotorized paths have to meet AASHTO (American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials) standards?
 - MDOT has adopted AASHTO as the standard for all projects it funds. The AASHTO standard of 10' path with 2' shoulders on each side is considered a safety standard.
- Does the TE Program pay to bury utilities?
 - No. An exception would be burying wires associated with new streetlights for a streetscape. Please discuss this with your TE Grant Coordinator.
- Does the TE Program fund removal and replacement of (standard) sidewalks?
 - No. Replacing standard sidewalk is considered basic infrastructure, not an enhancement.