



# CORPO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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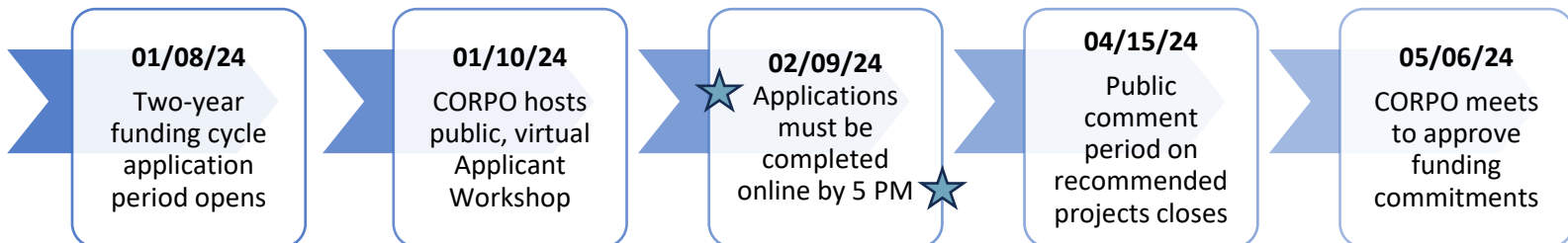
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CORPO addresses the unique transportation planning needs of each member county and facilitates regional coordination. This newsletter outlines products, services, news, and events that CORPO provides its member counties.

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## SECOND ROUND OF CORPO DEDICATED FUNDS SY 2024-20245

Approximately \$1,000,000 in funding is still available in the SY 2024-2025 CORPO Dedicated Funds program for member-selected, eligible projects within CORPO member counties. The CORPO committee re-adopted the Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds in November 2023. The updated policy document establishes an application and selection process. See the timeline for the funding below.



**Applications** for funding will open on **Monday, January 8, 2024**, and are due **Friday, February 9, 2024**. An online application form will be available on the [CORPO webpage](#). A **virtual workshop** on the application and selection process will be held on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**. The link to join the virtual workshop will be available on the [CORPO webpage](#). A recording of the workshop and the presentation slides will be available on the webpage following the workshop.

## CORPO SAFETY ACTION PLAN

CORPO received a USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to develop a Safety Action Plan with the assistance of MORPC. As part of this effort, CORPO has been seeking stakeholder input regarding local road safety issues to help identify key priorities for the plan. The planning process will include review of crash data and conditions for all roadway users including motorists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. If you have any questions about the plan progress, please contact Mary Turner or Lauren Cardoni at [lcardon@morpc.org](mailto:lcardon@morpc.org).

## CORPO 2023-2050 TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) ADOPTED

The CORPO Committee adopted the CTP in November. Chapters are viewable on the [CORPO webpage](#).

<https://www.morpc.org/committees/central-ohio-rural-planning-organization-corpo/>  
*Fairfield, Knox, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, & Union Counties*



## IMPORTANT EVENTS

- ❖ [Multi-Modal Design Guide Training](#) will be held on **Friday, February 2, 2024**. This training will provide background and application guidance for the ODOT Multimodal Design Guide.
- ❖ [Data Day](#) will be held in partnership between MORPC and Ohio University as part of the Regional Data Agenda with RDAC on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**.
- ❖ [2024 State of the Region](#) will be **Friday, March 15, 2024**. This year's theme is *Connecting Communities: Building the Future of Housing and Transportation*.
- ❖ **CORPO County Subcommittee Meetings** will be held in March at each of the CORPO counties.
- ❖ The next **CORPO Committee** meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 6, 2024**, at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in-person at MORPC.

## FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

*CORPO Staff are available to assist with funding applications and technical assistance.*

- ❖ [Grade Crossing Elimination Program, ORDC-](#) This program provides a \$100 million for FY 2024 and 2025 to assist Ohio communities in competing for grade crossing elimination grant funding. Any projects that eliminate existing public, at-grade railroad-highway crossings are eligible. Communities are encouraged to apply to the program regardless of the project's status. There is no current deadline, but communities are encouraged to **apply as early as possible**.
- ❖ [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\), USDOT-](#) This program invests in planning or constructing surface transportation facilities that will have significant local or regional impact. Projects should support the USDOT's strategic goals to improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability. The minimum award amount in rural areas for capital grants is \$1 million. There is no minimum award for planning grants. Final applications are due **February 28, 2024**.
- ❖ [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\), USDOT-](#) BIP is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. This program solicits grant applications for Bridge Project grants (up to \$100 million in total eligible costs) and Planning grants. Applications will be accepted any time during FY 2023-2026, but Planning applications received prior to **February 19, 2024**, and Bridge Project applications received prior to **March 19, 2024**, will be considered for grant awards in FY 2023 and 2024.
- ❖ [SFY 2025 Statewide Planning & Research \(SPR\) Part A, ODOT-](#) This program provides a unique opportunity to fund creative and innovative transportation planning projects across the state. Applications are due **January 31, 2024**.
- ❖ [Highway Safety Improvement Program \(HSIP\) Abbreviated Safety Application, ODOT-](#) This program is intended to fund potentially less complex safety improvements quickly. Eligible projects need to be simple (under \$500,000 and must be constructed within 2 years), utilize proven safety countermeasures, and be in a location with 3 crashes per year. Applications are due for review 4 times per year and the next window closes **March 31, 2024**.
- ❖ [HSIP Formal Safety Application, ODOT-](#) The formal HSIP application process is for more complex safety improvements and is meant to address locations with a history of fatal or injury crashes. Funding priority is given to locations with state or regional safety priority or a completed local road safety plan. A minimum of 3 crashes per year and 30% injury crashes are required to apply. Applications are due for review 2 times per year. The next window closes **March 31, 2024**.
- ❖ [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\), ODOT-](#) TAP provides funding for projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; and safe routes to school projects. Applicants who submitted an LOI and were invited to apply need to apply by **January 31, 2024**.