

VDOT & DRPT Program Updates

[OIPI Growth & Accessibility Planning \(GAP\) Technical Assistance \(TA\)](#)

OIPI is accepting applications for Planning Technical Assistance until November 1, 2024. Use the [GAP-TA Application webpage](#) to apply for technical assistance. Two informational webinars are being offered:

Webinar #1: September 18, 2024 at 2 PM [Register here](#)

Webinar #2: October 2, 2024 at 10 AM [Register here](#)

[Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program](#)

Reminder: Smart Portal is open for funding applications until 5 PM on *October 31, 2024*

[Ready, Set, Go! Transportation Alternatives Grant Program](#)

VDOT's Ready, Set, Go! is a grant program that supports our local partners with smaller populations in refining projects for future Transportation Alternatives (TA) applications. This program is 100% funded and requires no local match from selected applicants. VDOT will contract and designate a consultant team to assist selected localities in developing content for a single future TA application, including a sketch, cost estimate, and other relevant information. Participating in the Ready, Set, Go! program alone will not result in readiness to submit a complete TA application, but localities that participate will receive guidance about other application requirements.

[The Transportation Alternatives program](#) provides 80% federal funding for non-motorized improvements in various eligible categories. All applicants must provide a minimum 20% local match for funded projects. The next cycle for submitting applications starts in 2025.

[FRA's Rail Crossing Elimination Grant Program](#)

Applications are accepted until September 23, 2024. If you have any railroad crossing concerns in your locality or District, please reach out to let us know if you need assistance with an application. Eligible projects include:

- Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof;
- Track relocation;
- Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other;
- Measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project;
- Other means to improve safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings (including technological solutions);
- The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

FY23-24 Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program NOFO Webinar

[Webinar Recording](#)

[Presentation File](#)

Federal Programs

Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program

[Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) program. This is a competitive grant process, focusing on improving access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration, and providing technical assistance to further these goals. Applications due *September 30, 2024*.

Request Support

Reconnecting Communities Institute (RCI) provides no-cost capacity-building support to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program grantees and potential grantees. Support is offered to communities through all phases of community reconnection projects, from pre-planning to construction. [Expression of Interest](#) forms are being accepted until *November 30, 2025*.

- **Grant Writing Clinics:** September 13, 2024 (12:00-5:00 p.m. ET - [register here](#)).
- **Office Hours:** September 16, 2024 (11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET - [register here](#)).