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■ **GRANT ROUND NOTICE - AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT (ARLE) - PENNDOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2021**

PennDOT is **accepting applications through July 1st** for the 2021 round of the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancement Grants Program. Potential applicants are encouraged to complete a project scoping form and coordinate with their PennDOT municipal services specialist and PennDOT District traffic unit.

This grant program funds a wide variety of road safety and mobility projects (traffic signal upgrades, traffic signs, pavement markings, guiderail, pedestrian improvements, rumble strips, removal of roadside fixed objects, etc.) using revenue generated by automated red light enforcement violations. ARLE utilizes invoicing and reimbursement with no initial money up front. Eligible project sponsors include counties, municipalities, and other local boards or bodies having authority to enact laws relating to traffic.

The Online application is available at:

<https://www.esa.dced.state.pa.us/Login.aspx>

Additional guidance and information can be found at:

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Portal%20Information/Traffic%20Signal%20Portal/FUNDARLE.html>

Applications should focus on the expected safety and mobility benefits of the solution in addition to describing the problem. Sponsors may submit multiple applications for different projects within their jurisdiction. Projects improving multiple transportation modes are encouraged.

The total amount of grant funding available in FY 2021-2022 is anticipated to be approximately \$12 million. There is no match requirement and no minimum or maximum grant request requirements. However, it is the intent of the ARLE Funding Program to fund worthwhile projects that can be completed at a relatively low cost.

Questions related to the Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Enhancement Grants Program may be directed to Stephen Gault, PennDOT Bureau of Maintenance and Operations, 400 North Street, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-6988,

ARLE@pa.gov.

▪ **FUNDING ROUND NOTICE - TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA SET-ASIDE) - PENNDOT WILL OPEN THE APPLICATION SITE ON JUNE 28, 2021**

PennDOT will open the application site for the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside of the Surface Block Grant Program (TA Set-Aside) on **June 28, 2021**.

Eligible project sponsors must **submit a PRE-APPLICATION by August 16, 2021 at 4:00pm and a FINAL APPLICATION must be submitted by October 15, 2021 at 4:00pm**. The TA Set-Aside provides funding for projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, preserve historic transportation structures, provide environmental mitigation, create trails that serve a transportation purpose, and promote safety and mobility.

Please refer to the following website for eligible project types and sponsors, and other application requirements:

<https://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Pages/Transportation%20Alternatives%20Set-Aside%20-%20Surface%20Trans.%20Block%20Grant%20Program.aspx>

An **informational webinar will be held on June 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.** Webinar details can be found in the TASA Guidance by clicking on this link: [TA Set-Aside guidance document](#).

All participating large MPO selections and all District and Planning Partner application review comments will be due January 7, 2022. The statewide project selection committee will meet in January 2022 to recommend projects for receipt of statewide TA Set-Aside funds. Approximately \$18 million in statewide funds will be made available. If the current transportation bill is extended beyond this federal fiscal year, another ~\$18 million may be made available and additional projects will be selected from this round of applications.

Questions about the TA Set-Aside program can be directed to RA-pdTASA@pa.gov or 717.775.3276 or Jackie Koons-Felion of my staff at 717.787.6388.

▪ **LTAP VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: UPCOMING CLASSES**

07/12/21 – Roadside Vegetation Control, Day One of Two - 8 am to 11 am

07/13/21 - Roadside Vegetation Control, Day Two of Two - 8 am to 11 am

To register you must log in; select My Tools - [Register for Class](#). If you need assistance with registration, please contact LTAP at LTAP@pa.gov or call 1-800-FOR-LTAP or 717-787-5243.

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