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TCP FY 2022 Selected Recipients

On April 7, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced $21.15 million in cooperative agreements with four Capacity Builders through the first round of funding for the Thriving Communities Program. The awarded Capacity Builders will support a total of 64 communities in 42 states, including 6 Tribal Nations, and Puerto Rico.

This planning, technical assistance, and capacity building support will enable disadvantaged and under-resourced communities to advance a pipeline of transportation infrastructure projects that will increase mobility, reduce pollution, and expand affordable transportation options, connecting communities to the essential opportunities and resources that will help them thrive.

DOT hosted a Thriving Communities Program Convening on November 30 - December 1, 2023 for the FY 2022 communities and their Capacity Builders. Read more about the Convening here.

Main Streets — 20 communities

Complete Neighborhoods — 29 communities

Networked Communities — 15 communities

Capacity Builders will provide support to communities in three Communities of Practice: Main Streets, Complete Neighborhoods, and Networked Communities. Communities in each of these groups have similar goals and challenges and will have the opportunity to engage with each other to share knowledge and learning.

You can learn more about all of the selected communities, their partners, and projects, in the Thriving Communities Program FY 2022 Selected Communities Fact Sheet. You can learn more about the selected Capacity Builder teams in the Thriving Communities Program FY 2022 Selected Capacity Builders Fact Sheet.

To find information about other communities that applied, visit the Thriving Communities Program FY 2022 Runners Up page.

Community Spotlights

City of Saint Paul, Alaska (Networked Communities)

Since 1995, Saint Paul Island has been one of the primary crab processing locations in the Bering Sea, helping to annually generate hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of profits for the crab fishing industry, and corresponding sales and fish tax revenues for the State of Alaska and the Nation. However, the island is currently undergoing an economic crisis caused by a severe decline in the Bering Sea crab stocks.

The community will use TCP technical assistance to implement the Saint Paul Island Harbor Improvement and Feasibility Study, completed in 2021, with upgrades to increase community resiliency and diversify the island's economy. Saint Paul is part of a designated Energy Community.

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa (Minnesota) (Main Streets)

Bois Forte has a need to provide and expand public safety for the tribal community on its public roads, walkways, and trails. However, the Band faces capacity challenges since it does not have an engineer or the capacity to apply to funding opportunities when they become available.

The Tribal Government has identified several projects including a one-mile walking path from the Nett Lake community to nearby ball fields and food shelf and another walking path and a road expansion in the Indian Point community that would enhance safety by providing a second existing route in the event of a major disaster in Nett Lake. TCP support will help to advance these projects and build local capacity to also coordinate these transportation projects with parallel housing production efforts.

City of Providence, Rhode Island (Complete Neighborhoods)

Providence's Smith Hill is a diverse urban community that faces legacies of disinvestment, highway development projects, and redlining that have contributed to its current condition as an economically disadvantaged neighborhood that is challenged by a lack of affordable housing, poor health outcomes, and safety and quality of life concerns. The neighborhood is bisected by the busy arterial Smith Street (R44) and located near four major highways. It is also susceptible to impacts of climate change, particularly heat island effect and flooding, given the prevalence of impervious paved lots, limited tree canopy and green infrastructure, and existing brownfield sites.

With support from TCP, the City will help the neighborhood implement its Smith Street Revitalization Plan for safer streets, affordable housing, and greater economic activity along its commercial corridors with community involvement and resilience at the center of these infrastructure improvements.

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22% of selected lead applicants have never applied for a USDOT grant

39% of selected lead applicants have been unsuccessful in obtaining a USDOT grant

50% of eligible Tribal applicants selected for participation

42% of selected communities are in a rural area

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