Requesting Assistance through TCTA: What Local Governments Need to Know

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Webbinar overview

- What is Thriving Communities Technical Assistance (TCTA)?
- Who is eligible for TCTA?
- How does a local government request TCTA?
- What kind of assistance will be provided through TCTA?
- How can a local government learn more about TCTA?

What is Thriving Communities Technical Assistance (TCTA)?

HUD's Thriving Communities TA

- $5 million from HUD's overall technical assistance funding
- Coordinate housing and transportation investments

"A thriving community is **intentional about building and preserving affordable housing near public transportation** and leveraging infrastructure investments to support its housing goals,"

- Secretary Marcia L. Fudge

How does HUD's TCTA relate to other Thriving Communities programs?

Agency	Initiative	Description	Funding
HUD	Thriving Communities TA	Help jurisdictions integrate housing and transportation planning to support disadvantaged communities as local governments design and implement infrastructure plans.	$5m over 3 years
DOT	Thriving Communities TA	Main Streets: rural and tribal community revitalization Complete Neighborhoods: urban & suburban connectivity, ETOD Networked Communities: intermodal neighborhoods	$25m over 2 years
EPA	Environmental Justice Thriving Communities TA Centers	Work with communities on writing grant proposals, navigating grants.gov, effectively managing grant funding	$100m over 5 years

Interagency Thriving Communities Network

The **Thriving Communities Network** is an interagency initiative between **HUD** and the **Departments of Transportation, Energy, Commerce,** and **Agriculture**, as well as the **General Services Administration** and the **Environmental Protection Agency**.

Its purpose is to coordinate strategy, collaborate across initiatives, and target deployment of a range of Federal place-based technical assistance and capacity-building resources to urban, rural, and Tribal communities experiencing a history of economic distress and systemic disinvestment.

What is TCTA?

Technical assistance helps local governments with planning or project implementation by providing program guidance, skill development, and capacity building.

TCTA is **not a grant program**. No funding will be provided to jurisdictions for projects, hiring staff, or other needs.

Who is eligible for TCTA?

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TCTA is open to units of general local government (UGLGs) that meet the following criteria:

- Received federal transportation funds, directly or through state pass through grants. Preference given to jurisdictions that received competitive transportation funds.

- Will address housing needs in relation to the transportation project

- Project will support equitable development and local economic development ecosystems in Disadvantaged Communities

- Requested TA falls into one or more of the TA Focus Areas

TA recipient must be unit of general local government (UGLG)

Ex: village, town, city, county, or other small municipality; tribe

- Open to urban, suburban, rural, tribal
- Priority given to jurisdictions < 250,000 population

TCTA may support a local government's work with regional organizations, nonprofits, philanthropy, the local public housing authority, and other cross-sector entities on its housing activity supporting disadvantaged communities.

UGLG must receive DOT funding

The local government must be receiving transportation funding, directly or through a state pass-through

Ex: RAISE, TOD pilot, Reconnecting Communities, TIFIA

Priority given to those receiving competitive funds

Infrastructure project meets criteria

Address housing needs in relation to the transportation project

- Project connected to at least one federally-funded transportation project. The housing opportunity may arise as a result of several projects, for example adding Bus Rapid Transit and creating safe bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Support equitable development and local economic development ecosystems in Disadvantaged Communities

- Project must benefit residents and businesses in one or more disadvantaged communities – providing housing, employment, economic opportunities, access to resources

Defining "Disadvantaged Community"

Based on DOT definition:

1. Any Tribal land or any territory or possession of the United States.

2. Census tracts:

   - experiencing disproportionate effects (as defined by Executive Order 12898);
   - that contain areas of persistent poverty as defined in 49 U.S.C. section 6702(a)(1);
   - that are historically disadvantaged as defined by DOT's mapping tool for Historically Disadvantaged Communities; or
   - other federally designated community development zones.

The request form asks your jurisdiction to describe geography and demographics of the disadvantaged community, not apply specific tools

Request for TA:
Underutilized land & Preservation

Identifying and using vacant, abandoned, or underutilized land located on or near transportation project, and suitable for housing development (including land owned by governmental entities as well as private sector) in order to create location-efficient housing.

Preserving affordable housing and protecting residents and businesses from displacement as new infrastructure is deployed.

Request for TA:
Regulatory reform & Coordination

Identifying and implementing regulatory and procedural reforms to reduce unnecessary barriers to location-efficient housing that impede housing production and increase development costs.

Improving coordination among public entities and between public entities and state recipients of infrastructure funding; transit authorities and other quasi-public entities; the private sector; and locally based organizations, to support a holistic and regional approach to housing and transportation.

How does a local government request TCTA?

How does my jurisdiction request TCTA?

Review request [form](#)

Complete request [form](#)

Wait to be contacted by HUD
- Rolling basis. Requests can be submitted now, begin reviewing March 15th

Selection considerations
- Eligible jurisdiction
- Project meets criteria
- TA provider capacity
- Current mix of focus area and TA activity
- Geographic distribution

What kind of assistance will be provided through TCTA?

What kind of TA will be provided?

TA will help local governments address housing needs while deploying transportation funds. TCTA does not provide any direct funding to UGLGs.

TA may include:

- A needs assessment, through which a TA provider gathers data and other information to customize TA to the specific needs of the jurisdiction;

- One-on-one, in-depth support from a TA provider;

- Participation in a peer cohort to share best practices and lessons learned with other local governments engaged in similar housing activities; and

- Access to training, tools, and other resources that will help support a local government as it aligns housing and transportation investments.

How will TCTA benefit my jurisdiction?

- Help with planning and managing complex infrastructure projects
- Building stronger communities by ensuring housing and transportation investments are aligned
- Learn from other jurisdictions doing similar projects through peer cohorts
- Develop better relationships with other public sector agencies

How can my jurisdiction benefit from TCTA if we aren't eligible or aren't selected?

If not selected, may be on "waiting list" for when TA providers have capacity.

If not receiving TCTA directly, will benefit from tools produced, lessons learned.

How can a local government learn more about

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Resources:

HUD [TCTA site](#) for information from HUD
HUD [TCTA site](#) for information and tools
DOT [Thriving Communities](#) program
Interagency [Thriving Communities](#) network

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Questions