



January 30th, 2025

**Subject: Notice of Funding Opportunity
Dubuque County Rural County Transportation Program**

The Fiscal Year 2026 Dubuque County Rural County Transportation Program (RCTP) is now open. The RCTP is a county-led grant program that helps small cities in Dubuque County implement non-federal aid transportation projects.

Dubuque County has approved \$70,000 for the Fiscal Year 2026 RCTP program. The maximum annual RCTP award to a city is \$25,000. The RCTP will fund a maximum of 80% of the total project cost. The city must secure funding for a minimum of 20% of the total project cost.

Regional Planning Affiliation 8 (RPA 8) staff will assist cities with the RCTP application process and write city RCTP applications. To apply for an RCTP grant, cities should complete the Online Questionnaire and submit all required application materials by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20th, 2025**.

The Online Questionnaire, application guidelines and other materials are available at the link below. Cities should submit all required application documents and photos through the Online Questionnaire. https://eciatrans.org/grants_rfps/rctp.php.

To apply, cities must complete the following before the Application Deadline:

- Complete the Online Questionnaire
- Submit the signed Authorization to Apply Resolution
- Submit the signed Priority Project Resolution
- Submit a project cost estimate
- Submit photos showing the existing condition of the project site

The RCTP Guidelines document, which can be accessed by using the link above, contains details on the application process, information required for the application, and instructions on how to apply. The Guidelines have been updated to include a list of RCTP funding awarded in past RCTP application cycles, as well as instructions for how to use the online questionnaire. We have updated the scoring criteria for this round of funding. Please review the application guidelines for further information.

Please feel free to contact Dan Fox (dfox@ecia.org), Jack Studier (jstudier@ecia.org), or Dylan Michels (dmichels@ecia.org) if you have any questions. Information is available by telephone during normal business hours at (563) 556-4166.