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In an effort to create a more modally balanced and environmentally friendly transportation system, the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act of 1991 created the Transportation Enhancements program. This program requires states to set aside 10% of their federal Surface Transportation Program funds for projects that enhance local transportation systems. These projects include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, acquisition of scenic or historic sites, landscaping and scenic beautification, conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails, control and removal of outdoor advertising, mitigation of pollution due to highway runoff and preservation of habitat connectivity.

In 1998, the program was reenacted in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) where the funding levels were increased to about \$620 million per year through 2003. From 1991 through 2000, states had programmed \$3.8 billion in TE funds for 13,000 projects all around the country. These projects have helped to enhance mobility and access in many local areas.

BY NOW YOU MAY BE THINKING HOW THIS FUNDING AFFECTS YOUR STATE PROGRAM, OR HOW YOU MIGHT GET FUNDS FOR A PROJECT IN YOUR COMMUNITY. DO YOU WONDER WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE, OR WANT TIPS TO MAKE PROJECTS QUICKER AND EASIER TO COMPLETE?

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The National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse, or NTEC, is the best place to go for an answer to your questions about the Transportation Enhancements program. As an information and resource center, funded by the Federal Highway Administration, NTEC provides free services to policy makers, agencies, the media and citizens. NTEC exists to increase knowledge of the Transportation Enhancements program by:

- Distributing at no charge a variety of documents on all aspects of the Transportation Enhancements program
- Connecting you to a variety of experts in the TE field who can tell you about their experiences with various aspects of the Transportation Enhancements program
- Directing your questions related to policy to the appropriate FHWA and State TE staff.

RESOURCES

A few of the most popular NTEC products are listed below.

- *TE Program Profiles* of project nomination, selection and funding criteria for each state
- *Annual Nationwide Updates* that detail each state's TE program and spending
- *Connections*, a free quarterly newsletter on the policies, administration, planning and benefits of TE
- A Web site with project examples, contact information for TE professionals in your state, and downloadable documents
- TE related guidebooks, reports, and manuals

EXPERTISE

In addition to products, NTEC gathers information on Transportation Enhancements policies and projects on a state-by-state basis. NTEC staff can provide:

- information on the application and implementation process in your state
- answers to your research question based on a detailed database of over 13,000 projects
- referrals to other experts on best practices in project management and policy guidance

PARTNERSHIP

The National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse is a project of the Federal Highway Administration. Since 1996 more than 10,000 individuals have benefited from its information and resources. For more information contact NTEC today.

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