

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM (CMAQ)

Federal Transportation
Funding Facts



The CMAQ Program is continued in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide a flexible funding source to State and local governments for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas). The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) sub-allocates the CMAQ funds to the 8 largest Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) through a Statewide CMAQ Program. In the MVRPC area, CMAQ funds will provide up to 80% (federal) of the project cost, and the applicant provides a minimum of 20% (non-federal) as matching funds.

Eligible Items

- Transportation control measures including telecommuting programs
- Pedestrian/bicycles off-road or on-road facilities including modification of existing public walkways to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Public education and outreach activities
- Rideshare programs
- Transit vehicle replacement
- Fare/fee subsidy programs
- Alternative fuels (including clean fuel fleet programs and conversions, and refueling infrastructure)
- Traffic management/monitoring/congestion relief strategies
- Truck stop electrification systems
- Facilities serving electric or natural gas-fueled vehicles
- Intermodal freight facilities

Application Process

Under the Statewide CMAQ Program, MVRPC will continue to administer the CMAQ application process. The solicitation cycle normally starts and ends in the fall of each year. All project applications must be consistent with the Regional Complete Streets Policy. Upon approval by the MVRPC Board of Directors, staff will complete the Statewide CMAQ application process that includes an allowance for regional priority. This priority is based on the ranking of projects as approved by the MVRPC Board of Directors. A final funded list from the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Review Committee will typically be approved before the end of the following calendar year and staff will notify sponsors of the results.

For a complete list of CMAQ project funding provisions, please visit the following link to review MVRPC's Program Policies and Procedures:

mvrpc.org/mvrpc-suballocated-funding

Funding

Historically ODOT sub-allocated approximately \$8 million per year to MVRPC. The new Statewide CMAQ Program provides approximately \$79 million per year to the 8 large MPOs in Ohio.



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