

# Rural Planning Initiative (RuPI)

**Purpose :** *This program is intended to help rural communities identify needs and promote solutions that lead to an interconnected community with efficient modes of transportation. This initial year 2020, will be a pilot to determine if this program will benefit rural communities and to further develop the process.*

## Goals

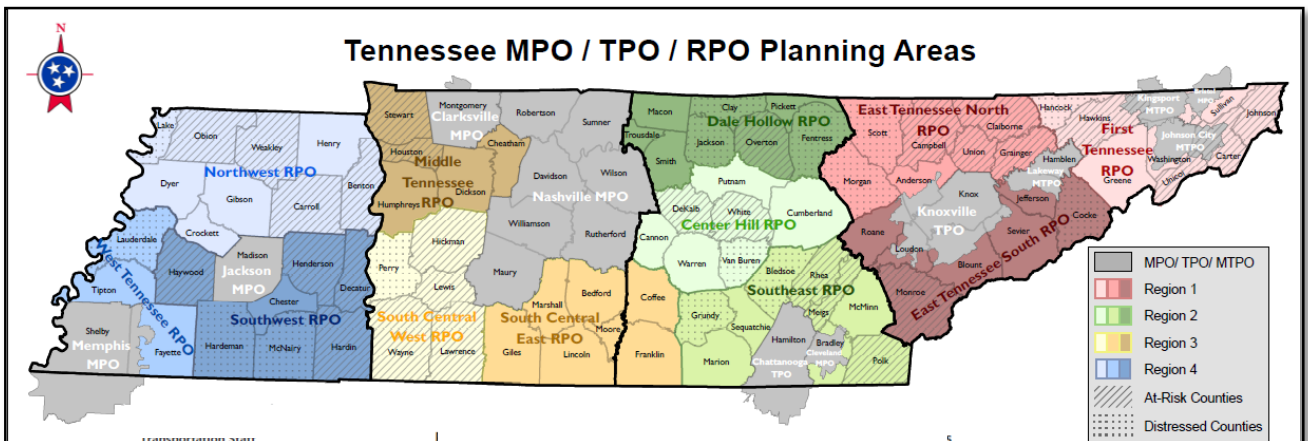
- Assist rural municipalities to identify solutions, within their communities, that promote the efficiency of a multimodal transportation system that aids in achieving the statewide transportation goals.
- Guide rural municipalities in determining the strategies that will support improvements in traffic flow, safety, and overall efficiency of the transportation system.
- Provide rural city governments with planning resources to achieve community visions as related to transportation and land use needs that promote future economic growth

## Key Facts

- \$25,000 maximum amount for planning services
- 100% of consultant services will be funded by TDOT for communities classified as Distressed or At-Risk (based upon the eligibility requirements).
- Project will be administered by the Rural Planning Organization

## Eligible Applicants

Must be a Tennessee Distressed or At-Risk County or a municipality within a Distressed or At-Risk County, located outside an MPO planning boundary. Eligibility is based on the 2020 Appalachian Regional Council Economic Status List : <https://www.tn.gov/transparenttn/open-ecd/openecd/tnecd-performance-metrics/openecd-long-term-objectives-quick-stats/distressed-counties.html>



## Requirements

- Establish a dedicated “Steering Committee” of community leaders who will participate for the length of the study. This will involve allocating time for meetings and facilitating community input.
- Illustrate interest and support from local government, chambers of commerce, merchant organizations, business and property owner’s within project area who recognize the importance of corridor improvements or connectivity to their community
- Adopt a resolution by participating jurisdictions to implement, to the best of their abilities, recommendations from the study.

## Eligible Planning Activities

- Access Management studies
- Corridor Studies
- Road Diet Analysis
- Resurfacing and Striping plans for Local Roads
- Transportation Facility Inventories
- Transportation Feasibility Studies
- All CTPG eligible planning documents (Complete Streets, Bike/Ped Plans, Transportation Systems Management & Operations.



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## 2020 Application

Must be submitted to [smerrrell@swtdd.org](mailto:smerrrell@swtdd.org) no later than 4pm on Wednesday June 10, 2020

1) Please select the plan type for which your community is seeking funding. Your RPO Coordinator can help determine which type of plan most closely describes your proposed goals.

- Access Management Study
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Corridor Study
- Road Diet Analysis
- Resurfacing and/or Striping plan for local roads
- Transportation Facility Inventory
- Transportation Feasibility Study
- Transportation Systems Management & Operations (Signal Retiming Plan, etc.)
- Other Transportation Related Planning Study (must be approved prior to the closing date)

2) Please attach a summary of the plan for which you are seeking funding, highlighting key goals it would seek to accomplish. Please describe any community support for the project and include documentation of support, public meetings, or community surveys. Please describe how the community will implement the project.

3) Please attach a map of the area the grant seeks to study. This map should highlight significant roadways and other important features.

4) Is this Municipality/County listed as Distressed or At-Risk on the Fiscal year 2020 County Economic Status?

Distressed \_\_\_\_\_ At-Risk \_\_\_\_\_

5) Will your government adopt a resolution stating its intent to implement the plan document, following completion of the grant?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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