

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2030 Call for Projects

The [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\)](#) Improvement Program is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. The [Carbon Reduction Program \(CRP\)](#) is aimed to improve air quality by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources. The CMAQ and CRP funds are programmed by the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP Project Selection [Committee](#) and administered by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) staff.

CMAQ and CRP support a multimodal transportation system, promotes efficiency, ensures accessibility, and strengthens sustainability, while supporting [ON TO 2050](#) emissions reduction goals.

Call for Projects (CFP) Timeline



Eligible project types

Projects applying for either fund source will receive funding consideration for both programs. Eligible projects include:

- Transit improvements related to service, equipment, facilities, or access
- Traffic flow improvements related to intersections, signals, and bottlenecks eliminations
- Improvements that directly reduce emissions
- Bicycle or pedestrian facilities
- Intelligent Transportation Systems

Eligibility requirements

Eligible sponsors or partners include any state agency or unit of government that can levy taxes (e.g., municipality, county, township, park district, forest preserve district, or transit agency).

All awarded CMAQ and CRP funding requires a 20% local* match.**

Phase I engineering is ineligible for funding, exceptions.**

*Motor fuel tax, Rebuild Illinois bond funds, state and private funds can be used for local match.

**Local match and preliminary engineering eligibility requirements could be waived for [Cohort 4 communities](#).

Project scoring criteria



Cost benefit of emission reduction



Transportation impact criteria



Equity

Individual scoring criteria are based on the project type. See the CMAQ and CRP application workbook on the call for projects webpage for details.

For more information, visit the Call for Projects webpage: cmap.is/2024callforprojects.

Please contact your [Planning Liaison](#) for project-specific questions or transportation@cmap.illinois.gov for general inquiries.



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