



Moving the Community Forward

FY 2018 Planning Grant

Planning Grant Summary

Eastgate's Fiscal Year 2018 Planning Grant has made \$30,000 available from our Consolidated Planning Grant Funds to the Communities in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties to assist with planning efforts that:

- Define the transportation cohesiveness between multimodal transportation systems and local land use objectives that achieve the regional transportation goals
- Aid municipalities with the creation of planning documents that support improvements in traffic flow, safety, and overall efficiency of the transportation system
- Provide city governments with planning resources to achieve community visions as related to transportation and land use needs that promote future economic growth

The Planning Grant should further the following principals:

- Increase alternative transportation options to connect people and places
- Promote Complete Street principles to create vibrant and safe places for all users
- Leverage transportation projects to develop places which support alternative transportation and complete streets through land use and design
- Preserve existing infrastructure (Capital Improvement Plan)
- Support economic development
- Enhance quality of life in the Mahoning Valley

Full Applications Received (Projects in **BOLD** are recommended for funding)

- **Boardman Township – Connecting Boardman (\$9,000)**: an active transportation plan that assesses the access that Boardman Township roads provide for all users and creates strategies to address issues of safety while creating a network through the township that is not exclusive to vehicular traffic.
- **City of Canfield – US 224- Canfield Access Management Plan, Phase 1 (\$11,946)**: The City of Canfield intends to prepare an access management plan for the US 224 corridor within the City limits to improve the operation and safety of the corridor and preserve the future capacity. As part of this planning grant, Phase One of the plan will consider US 224 from State Route 11 to Hillside Drive. This stretch of roadway serves commercial areas, restaurants, banks, medical offices, and mixed-use areas while providing pedestrian and vehicular access to the surrounding residential neighborhoods. The proposed study will collect traffic count and crash data and evaluate traffic operations, roadway geometrics, access locations, transit facilities, and pedestrian and bicycle pathways within the study area. The study will evaluate both short and long-term access management options and evaluate opportunities to improve pedestrian and transit facilities and assess the potential

for bike lanes. The study will account for future development and growth along the corridor.

- City of Warren – Downtown Warren Complete Streets (\$24,999): Warren City, with technical assistance provided by Warren Redevelopment and Planning, is seeking a consultant to study the downtown and develop a complete streets plan. We anticipate the consultant to consider the following: recommendations to increase alternative transportation options to connect people and places and to promote complete street principles to create safe and vibrant places for all users.
- Howland Township – Niles Cortland Road Complete Street Project (\$14,999): To formulate a planning document to improve a 2.40-mile section of Niles Cortland Road (SR46), from North River Road (northern terminus) to State Route 82 (southern terminus) with pedestrian and bicycle facilities. These improvements will allow for convenient and safe travel for all users of our public roadways. If funded, the plan will lay out a course of action, including the feasibility for the construction of facilities, project phasing and scheduling, inter-agency coordination and partnering opportunities, and resource allocation and leveraging. The plan will propose the best options to connect existing sidewalks on North River Road to State Route 82 and the planned interchange reconstruction project. The plan will also incorporate bicycle facilities along Niles Cortland Road within the study area.
- Trumbull County Transit Board – Trumbull County Comprehensive Transportation Study (\$30,000): The Transit Board is requesting funds so that they can complete a comprehensive planning study as recommended by the 2017 HHS-Public Transit Coordinated Plan. The goal of the study would modify the existing services of the Trumbull County Transit System to maximize system performance.
- City of Youngstown & YSU REDI – Youngstown Bike Share System (\$9,999): The City of Youngstown will enhance its transportation network by introducing a Bike Share as a part of the SMAR2T Network TIGER Application. The Business Plan for the Bike Share system will allow for project partners to: Identify revenue streams for long-term sustainable operations and maintenance of the bike share Assess demand of system area Purchase the correct bike share equipment/technology Set up the optimal operation structure Establish user fees Create a pre-launch marketing & PR Plan Create an implementation plan and timeline. The introduction of the bike share will offer additional mobility choices for active and healthy transit. The Business Plan will clarify all logistical details for the Bike Share to provide assurance to potential funders that their investment will be efficiently leveraged into sustainable programming that will benefit all users of the SMAR2T Network, making it more likely that the project will get funded for implementation.