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Pima Association of Governments seeks applicants for federal transportation enhancement project funding by March 1

Pre-applications to seek federal funding for regional transportation enhancement projects must be submitted by March 1 to Pima Association of Governments, which administers the review process for the Arizona Department of Transportation.

The Round 19 pre-applications will be screened in March by PAG's Transportation Enhancement Task Force for eligibility. Applicants may request a maximum of \$750,000 in federal funds per application. The federal funds require a 5.7 percent match. Although any government, group or individual may apply for the funding, all applications must have a jurisdiction sponsor the project.

Transportation Enhancement projects, such as Tucson's Rattlesnake Bridge, focus on creatively integrating transportation facilities into surrounding communities and the natural environment, preserving existing environmental and cultural resources impacted by transportation, enhancing new and existing transportation facilities, or encouraging the use and enjoyment of multiple transportation modes.

Eligible applicants will need to work with the sponsor to finalize the application for submittal to ADOT. Project applications will be reviewed in late May by the Transportation Enhancement Task Force and final applications will be due to PAG on July 5 for submittal to ADOT.

Funding recipients will be announced in late 2012.

Pre-application forms are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Pima Association of Governments, 177 N. Church Ave., Suite 405, Tucson, AZ 85701.

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