

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Local Funding Priorities

The Federal CMAQ Program was created to provide a link between transportation legislation and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA). The primary purpose of the CMAQ program is to fund projects and programs in non-attainment areas that reduce transportation related emissions and contribute to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Individual projects must show emission reductions in order to be eligible for CMAQ Program funds. CMAQ Program funds may not be used as replacement funding for transportation activities that would normally be undertaken.

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) is given authority by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to allocate the local portion of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds. FY 2020 CMAQ projects have already been programmed in the TIP. For FYs 2021 through 2023, the funding is estimated to be approximately \$782,748 per year. Funding will be awarded (until funds run out) to projects that provide the greatest amount of pollution reduction in each of the four categories below. For example, Category 1 projects will compete only with each other, Category 2 projects will compete only with each other, etc.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2023 CMAQ Funding Priorities

- Projects must be from eligible local road agencies, transit agencies, and planning agencies for the FY 2021-2023 CMAQ Program
- Projects must meet all existing criteria for eligibility determination
- Small variations on the targets (+/- 5%) may be needed to balance out the total CMAQ funds for the entire non-attainment area
- Lapeer County and MDOT funds are chosen separately from this process. This process applies to Genesee County local projects only

Category 1--Intersection Improvements

- Corridor improvements can be funded at up to 100% federal funds; 0% local match. Single intersection projects will be funded at 80% federal funds, 20% local match.
- Roundabouts are funded at 100% federal funds; 0% local match.
- Intersection improvements can account for up to 37.6% of the total project funding available for local Genesee County CMAQ projects when combined with all four years of funding or as one individual year's worth of projects
- Estimated funding for FYs 2021-2023 is \$294,409 per year
- If the corridor involves signal timing of MDOT intersections, it is recommended to request a partnership project with MDOT participation from the MDOT available CMAQ funds
- Priority will also be given to corridors that have not received CMAQ funding in the past or need additional funding in order to complete a previously awarded CMAQ project

Category 2--Transit Projects

- Funded at 80% federal funds; 20% local match
- Transit projects can account for up to 37.6% of the total project funding available for local Genesee County CMAQ projects when combined with all four years of funding or as one individual year's worth of projects
- Estimated funding for FYs 2021-2023 is \$294,409 per year
- Projects for low emission vehicles and diesel retrofits will be given priority

Category 3--Non-Motorized Transportation Projects

- Funded at 80% federal funds; 20% local match
- Non-motorized transportation projects can account for up to 12% of the total project funding available for local Genesee County CMAQ projects when combined with all four years of funding or as one individual year's worth of projects
- Estimated funding for FYs 2021-2023 is \$93,930 per year
- Projects that do not require right-of-way acquisition will be given priority, as will projects being constructed in conjunction with a road project, and projects connecting to an existing non-motorized facility
- Project can include bike lanes and 10-foot non-motorized paths
- Project must provide a transportation benefit, not for recreational purposes only
- Scoring Criteria (100 points total)
 - A. 80 points - VOC ranking – best air quality benefit project receives most points
(Top VOC ranking receives 80 points, second project receives 75 points, third VOC ranking project, receives 70 points, and so on in 5 point intervals)
 - B. 10 points - constructed in conjunction with a road project
 - C. 10 points - projects connecting to an existing non-motorized facility
 - D. Projects that require right-of-way acquisition will automatically move to the bottom of the prioritized list.

Category 4--Ridesharing, Vanpooling and Carpooling Programs

- Funded at 100% federal funds; 0% local match
- Ridesharing, vanpooling, and carpooling programs can account for up to 12.8% of the total project funding available for local Genesee County CMAQ projects when combined with all four years of funding or as one individual year's worth of projects
- Estimated funding for FYs 2021-2023 is \$100,000 per year
- Must be an area-wide program

Category	Percentage of Funding	Estimated Funding Per Year for FYs 2021-2023
Intersection Improvements	37.6%	\$294,409
Transit	37.6%	\$294,409
Non-Motorized	12.0%	\$93,930
Rideshare, Vanpooling, Carpooling	12.8%	\$100,000
	100%	\$782,748