



Arkansas Tri-Region E-Bike Incentive Program Launches

*\$7 million voucher initiative to expand access to more than 5,800
electric bicycles statewide*

Springdale, Ark. (June 15, 2026) — The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), in partnership with Central Arkansas’ Metroplan and the City of Fort Smith, announced the **Arkansas Tri-Region E-Bike Incentive Program**, a new voucher initiative that will help more than 5,800 residents across the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Little Rock- North Little Rock-Conway, and Fort Smith regions purchase electric bicycles.

Funded through an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, with administrative support from APTIM, the program will offer vouchers ranging from \$700 to \$1,200.

“This program represents an important investment in transportation access and regional collaboration,” said Tim Conklin, AICP, executive director of NWARPC. “By working together across Arkansas, we’re helping more residents access affordable transportation options while strengthening connections between communities and expanding mobility choices for everyday trips.”

How the Program Works

The program will provide vouchers to applicants in Northwest Arkansas, Central Arkansas and the Fort Smith region through a randomized selection process. Selected applicants can redeem their vouchers at participating bike shops at the time of purchase.

Residents of Benton, Crawford, Faulkner, Franklin, Grant, Lonoke, Madison, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, and Washington counties in Arkansas, and Le Flore and Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma are eligible to participate.

The application portal opens July 6, 2026, at 9 a.m. CDT and will remain open for the duration of the program. During the initial registration applicants will not need to provide documents to prove eligibility. The first selection will take place on July 21, 2026. Applicants who are selected will be contacted by email with a link to complete the full application, which will include submitting documented proof of residency, income qualifications, and other details.

Additional randomized selections will be announced at a later date, with the program continuing into next year. To learn more and see if you qualify, visit <https://www.nwarpc.org/>.

Through a partnership between NWARPC, Metroplan and the City of Fort Smith, the Arkansas Tri-Region E-Bike Incentive Program will help residents access affordable transportation options while advancing regional mobility goals across Northwest Arkansas, Central Arkansas and the Fort Smith region.

About the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is a governmental organization formed through a cooperative agreement in 1966. It has since grown to include 39 units of government and other public agency partners across Benton, Madison and Washington counties in Arkansas, as well as a portion of McDonald County in Missouri. NWARPC serves as a forum for cooperative decision-making, develops federally mandated transportation plans, convenes stakeholders to address shared planning challenges, and provides information and staff resources to our member agencies and the public. Designated the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in 1983, NWARPC oversees the 3C transportation planning process, ensuring comprehensive, cooperative and continuous planning necessary for regions to qualify for federal transportation funding.

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