

Timeline

Winter 2004

Training sessions on the use of the PLACE³S model.

April 16, 2004 5 p.m.

Project applications due.

June 17, 2004

Board of Directors approves grant recipients.

October 2004

(approximate)

Grant funds will be available.

2005

Program evaluation.

Questions?

Funding Guidelines, Overview with Project Application Information, and Capital Project Application Information are available at www.sacog.org. For further information, please contact Nancy Kays, Senior Planner, at 916-340-6223, or nkays@sacog.org.

Photos appearing on the cover of this brochure are of developments/projects in the Sacramento Region that represent smart growth principles. You can view these and other examples in our brochure called Better Ways to Grow available in PDF format at www.sacog.org.



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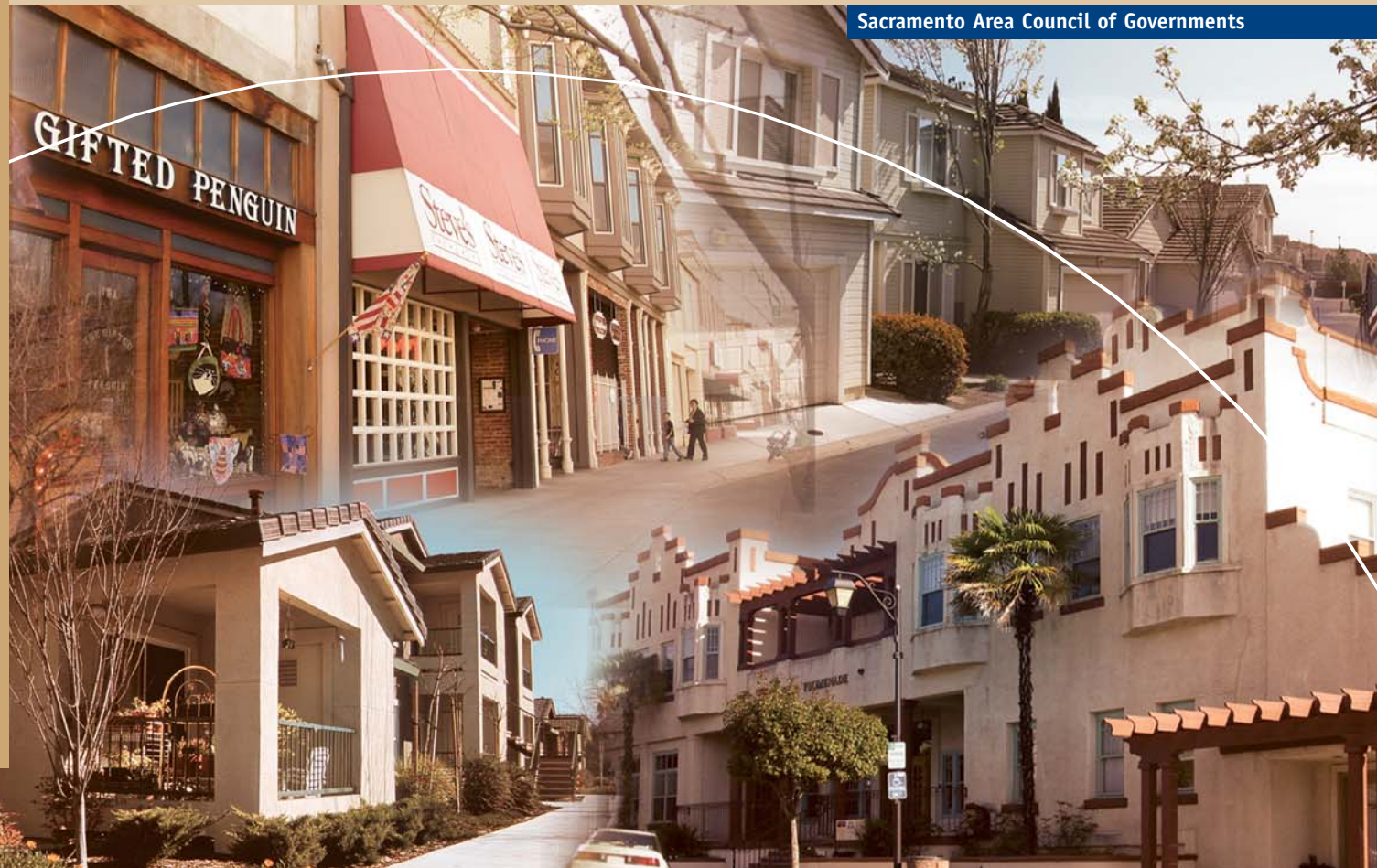
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Community Design

A PROGRAM
TO SUPPORT
SMART GROWTH IN
THE SACRAMENTO
REGION



Sacramento Area Council of Governments





The Community Design Funding Program

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Community Design Program provides support for “smart growth” in the Sacramento Region, with financial incentives for land uses that conform to the following smart growth principles—transportation choices, compact development, mixed land uses, use of existing assets, housing diversity, quality design, and natural resources conservation—as effective ways to reduce congestion and air pollution. A total of \$12 million is available in the first two years of the program.

Public agencies, alone or in partnership with developers or community groups, are eligible to apply to SACOG for these grants.

Program objectives

Objectives include supporting:

- 1— transportation infrastructure for **specific land development projects or areas with plans or policies** that conform to smart growth principles;
- 2— transportation infrastructure for developed areas that conform to the principles but lack the transportation infrastructure;
- 3— planning assistance to modify plans, other guidance, or specific projects; and
- 4— prototypes of the principles throughout the region.

Funding categories

Capital Grants: \$9 million or more. Included in this category: bicycle/pedestrian paths, tunnels, bridges, bike lanes, plazas, street crossings, streetscaping, traffic calming, transit stops and amenities, shared parking, electric vehicle infrastructure, intelligent transportation systems and neighborhood outreach about proposed projects. Other infrastructure projects that are eligible for federal funds and meet the program objectives can be considered.

Planning Grants: \$1 million to *cities and counties* to incorporate smart growth principles into their general plans, specific plans, other kinds of plans, zoning ordinances, or other guidance documents. Interested applicants must contact SACOG as soon as possible to discuss their proposal.

Quick Response Planning Grants: \$500,000 to *cities and counties* for planning assistance to help bring specific development projects more in line with the principles.

Capital Grants Linked to the Quick Response Planning Grants: Up to \$1.5 million.

Additional flexibility may be available if transportation funds can be exchanged for other fund types.

Project applications

Project applications can be evaluated using these methods, neither of which is prescriptive.

Method 1: Demonstrate how the project’s projected results meet performance-based standards for reduction of per capita vehicle-miles-traveled while promoting transit, biking and walking, using the PLACE³S model.

Method 2: Demonstrate how the project or plan compares with examples of desired land development profiles.

SACOG will also consider such factors as the potential of the project to: stimulate economic development; contribute to affordable housing goals; foster regional collaboration; or encourage the use of pollution-free vehicles. The strength of the linkage between the transportation investment and smart growth land use outcomes and the applicant’s commitment to smart growth principles will also be considered.

Conditions of Receipt

Recipients must meet all federal funding requirements and processes, negotiate a coordinated phasing plan with SACOG, and be subject to SACOG’s “use it or lose it” policy.