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Transportation Committee

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FY 2016/17 Caltrans Discretionary Planning Grants

Issue: Caltrans and SACOG have released guidance for the FY 2016/17 round of Caltrans Discretionary Planning Grants.

Recommendation: None, this is for information only.

Discussion: On August 17, Caltrans issued its call for proposals for the FY 2016-17 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program. Applications are due on October 30, 2015. Attachment A provides highlights of the two available programs. Caltrans' guidance and application materials may be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

SACOG has developed the following guidance for agencies asking SACOG to submit on their behalf a Caltrans grant application for the Strategic Partnerships Program. This guidance has been shared with SACOG's Regional Planning Partnership, Planners Committee, Transit Coordinating Committee, and Transportation Demand Management Task Force. To ensure staff is able to develop an application list in time for Board approval and timely submissions to Caltrans, **SACOG requires that potential applicants:**

- Submit an initial Strategic Partnerships project concept to SACOG **no later than September 15, 2015**, including a brief project description; draft scope of work including partners; and requested amount.
- Review the concept with SACOG staff **by/before September 22**, to insure the proposed project is a fit with the Caltrans grant program, and for any feedback/comments. The final application list for submission will be brought to the Transportation Committee and full Board in October for approval.
- Submit a complete draft application, including all required sections of the Caltrans application form for the Strategic Partnerships Program, **by October 21, 2015** for review by SACOG staff. SACOG will provide feedback on the application **by October 23, 2015**, to provide applicants time to incorporate suggestions.
- Submit the completed application sections and any letters of support to SACOG **by October 28, 2015**.

SACOG will check for all necessary materials, format completed applications for online submission, and submit them to Caltrans by the deadline of **October 30, 2015**. To submit project concepts or for any questions on the application process, agencies should contact Sharon Sprowls, Senior Program Specialist, at 916-340-6235 or ssprowls@sacog.org.

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Attachment

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Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Partnerships</p>	<p>Federal Highway Administration— State Planning and Research, Part 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Federal funds \$1,500,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min \$100,000 Grant Max \$500,000</p>	<p>Funds transportation planning studies of interregional and statewide significance, in partnership with Caltrans.</p>	<p>The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies <p>The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Other Public Entities** 	<p>20% minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 20% local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution. Additional local funds above the minimum local match are desired.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Federal Transit Administration, Section 5304 & State Highway Account</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Budget Federal/State funds \$8,300,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min \$50,000 Grant Max \$500,000</p>	<p>Funds studies of multimodal transportation issues having statewide, interregional, regional or local significance to assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.</p>	<p>The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Transit Agencies; Cities and Counties; Native American Tribal Governments <p>The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies • Transit Agencies • Universities and Community Colleges • Native American Tribal Governments • Cities and Counties • Community-Based Organizations • Non-Profit Organizations (501.C.3) • Other Public Entities** 	<p>11.47% minimum (in cash or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47% local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution.</p>

* For in-kind contribution requirements, refer to Page 11 of this Guide.

** Public entities include state agencies, the Regents of the University of California, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the State (Government Code Section 811.2).