



Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Meeting Date: 2/15/2018
Agenda Item No.: 2018-February-6.

SACOG Board of Directors

Subject: Approve FY 2018/19 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

Consent

Prepared by: Sharon Sprowls

Approved by: James Corless

Attachments: Yes

1. Issue:

Should the Board authorize SACOG to submit applications to Caltrans for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program?

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board: (1) approve a resolution (Attachment C) to be submitted to Caltrans with SACOG applications for discretionary funding; and (2) authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute funding agreements associated with these grant applications if awarded funding by Caltrans.

3. Background/Analysis:

Over many years Caltrans has administered a discretionary transportation planning grant program. In January 2018, Caltrans issued guidelines for the next round of Sustainable Transportation Planning grants. Applications are due February 23, 2018. The FY 2018/19 program consists of a Sustainable Communities competitive grant program and Sustainable Communities Formula Funding grant program for MPOs, using state SB 1 funds; and two Strategic Partnership grant programs using federal funds – one for planning studies that address the needs of the State highway system, and one for multimodal planning studies with a focus on transit. Attachment A provides a summary of the four programs.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

As has been our custom, SACOG staff sent notifications to member agency planners and public works staff, and SACOG's Regional Planning Partnership, Transit Coordinating Committee, and Transportation Demand Management Task Force, informing them of the FY 2018/19 guidelines. Each year, SACOG staff offers technical assistance on applications to agencies who seek it. This year, applications for Strategic Partnership grants may only be submitted by a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA). Staff therefore provided guidance and deadlines for agencies

wishing to submit an application through SACOG.

SACOG has also discussed with various agency partners submitting joint grant applications for the FY 2018/19 grant programs. Attachment B provides a list of two grant applications that SACOG plans to submit for the Sustainable Communities program, and a proposal that Sacramento Regional Transit District has asked SACOG to submit on its behalf to the Strategic Partnerships-Transit program. We will provide an update if there are any revisions to the list by/before the February 18 Board meeting.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact to SACOG at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Attachment A - Summary

Attachment B - Proposed Apps

Attachment C - Resolution

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
<p style="text-align: center;">Sustainable Communities Competitive</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget RMRA and SHA State funds Approx. \$17 million</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min. \$50,000 for Disadvantaged Communities; \$100,000 for All Others</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Max. \$1,000,000</p>	<p>Funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP SCS (where applicable), contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and also assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives (See Page 4).</p>	<p>The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPOs with sub-applicants • RTPAs • Transit Agencies; • Cities and Counties; • Native American Tribal Governments • Other Public Transportation Planning Entities <p>The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPOs/RTPAs • 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 style="text-align: center;">11.47 percent minimum (in cash or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47 percent local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution. Staff time from the primary applicant counts as cash match.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sustainable Communities Formula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget RMRA State funds \$12.5 million</p>	<p>Funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP SCS (where applicable), contribute to the State's GHG reduction targets, and also assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives (See Page 4).</p>	<p>The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPOs 	<p style="text-align: center;">11.47 percent minimum (in cash or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47 percent local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution. Staff time from the primary applicant counts as cash match.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Partnerships</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget FHWA SPR, Part I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal funds \$1.5 million</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min. \$100,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Max. \$500,000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Funds transportation planning studies in partnership with Caltrans that address the regional, interregional and statewide needs of the State highway system, and also assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives (See Page 4).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPOs • RTPAs <p style="text-align: center;">The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPOs/RTPAs • 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 style="text-align: center;">20 percent minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 20 percent local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution. Staff time from the primary applicant counts as cash match.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Partnerships – Transit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget FTA Section 5304</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Federal funds \$2.8 million</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min. \$100,000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Max. \$500,000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Funds multimodal planning studies with a focus on transit, in partnership with Caltrans, of regional, interregional and statewide significance, and also assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives (See Page 4).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The following are eligible to apply as a sub-applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPOs/RTPAs • 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 style="text-align: center;">11.47 percent minimum (in non-federal funds or an in-kind* contribution). The entire minimum 11.47 percent local match may be in the form of an eligible in-kind contribution. Staff time from the primary applicant counts as cash match.</p>

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Grant Program	Project	Focus	Partners/Potential Partners
Sustainable Communities	Planning Technical Assistance for Rural Communities	Building on positive experience with technical assistance program provided by Portland State University (PSU) through Strategic Growth Council grant funding, seek funds to continue technical assistance by PSU and LGC for rural downtown/main street improvements that support mobility, active transportation, trip reduction, and economic development/prosperity.	Portland State University, Local Government Commission, interested rural communities in region
Sustainable Communities	Regional Trails and Park/Trail Connections Plan	Building on work across the region to develop trails, including Dry Creek Trail, Epic Trail, etc., work with jurisdictions to identify and prioritize segments to create a connected regional trail system, considering economic value for region, agritourism, rural economic development, benefits/costs, etc., and connectivity improvements to reach regional trails and parks, especially from disadvantaged communities.	PCTPA, EDCTC, individual jurisdictions
Strategic Partnerships - Transit	High Capacity Transit Study to Serve Citrus Heights and Elk Grove	Pass-through grant for Sacramento Regional Transit District to work with the City of Citrus Heights to identify potential high capacity corridors, increased level of service on those corridors, and potential modes of transit, including right of way, fleet, and infrastructure needs; and with the City of Elk Grove to review and update previous plans to connect residents to light rail, and determine a preferred high capacity mode and corridor, phasing plan, and financial plan.	City of Citrus Heights, City of Elk Grove



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 28 – 2018

APPROVING CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR AWARDED GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and one of the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies responsible for transportation planning in the Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is offering an opportunity for SACOG and sub-applicants through SACOG to apply for a FY 2018-19 cycle of Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested for grant applications to be submitted by February 23, 2018, and for the Chief Executive Officer to execute funding agreements between SACOG and the California Department of Transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to submit Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications for FY 2018-19, and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute any grant agreements necessary to receive grant funds, or other funds that may be available, for the purpose of developing and implementing the grant application projects in the Sacramento Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of February, 2018, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Jay Schenirer
Chair

James Corless
Chief Executive Officer