



SACOG Board of Directors

Meeting Date: November 15, 2018

Agenda Item No. 2018-November-8

Approve Submission of Applications for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program?

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board: (1) approve a resolution to be submitted to Caltrans with SACOG applications for discretionary funding; and (2) authorize the Executive Director 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. On October 5, Caltrans issued final guidelines for the next round of Sustainable Communities grants. Applications are due on November 30, 2018. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 program consists of a Sustainable Communities competitive grant program, using state Senate Bill (SB) 1 and State Highway Account 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 is our custom, SACOG staff emailed member agency planners and public works staff, SACOG's Regional Planning Partnership, Transit Coordinating Committee, and Transportation Demand Management Task Force, informing them of the FY 2019-2020 guidelines. Since applications for Strategic Partnership grants may only be submitted by a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or Regional Transportation Agency (RTPA), we provided guidance and deadlines for agencies wishing to submit an application through SACOG. Each year, we also offer technical assistance on applications to agencies who seek it.

SACOG staff has also discussed with various agency partners submitting joint grant applications for the FY 2019-2020 grant programs. Attachment B provides a list of the grant applications that SACOG plans to move forward, including brief summaries of each of the proposed projects. Attachment C contains the resolution authorizing SACOG to submit Caltrans grant program applications.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

There is no fiscal impact to SACOG's operating budget at this time.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Goals:

7 - Deliver Key High-Profile Transportation Projects

Attachments:

Attachment A - Grant Program Summary Chart

Attachment B - Grant Application Detail

Attachment C - Resolution

Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

GRANT	FUND SOURCE	PURPOSE	WHO MAY APPLY	LOCAL MATCH
Sustainable Communities Competitive	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget RMRA*** and SHA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State funds Approx. \$17 million</p> <p>Up to \$2 million will be set-aside for technical projects such as data acquisition or travel model updates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min. \$50,000 for Disadvantaged Communities, including Native American Tribal Governments and rural 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>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>
Sustainable Communities Formula	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget RMRA***</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>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>

* For in-kind contribution requirements, refer to Page 26 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).

*** SB1 funds are subject to potential repeal. If SB 1 is repealed, the \$25 million split equally between Sustainable Communities Competitive and Formula Grants will be eliminated.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Partnerships</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget FHWA SPR, Part I 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 Federal funds \$3 million</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Min. \$75,000 for rural RTPAs; all others \$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 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;">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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Potential Caltrans Grant Applications for FY 2019/20

Project	Draft Description	Partners/Potential Partners
Regional Trails and Park/Trail Connections Plan	Building on work across the region to develop trails, including Dry Creek Trail, Epic Trail, etc., this project would 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. (3rd try)	PCTPA, EDCTC, individual jurisdictions, Valley Vision
Priority Infrastructure for Economic Prosperity in the Yuba-Sutter Region	This project would further infrastructure prioritization to support economic prosperity in the two-county region, building on the annual update of the Yuba-Sutter Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Yuba City's Capital Improvement Program, data and analytics from SACOG's collaboration with the Brookings Institution, and current regional economic prosperity planning.	Local governments in Sutter & Yuba Counties, Yuba/Sutter Economic Development District



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 75 – 2018

APPROVING CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 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 2019-2020 cycle of Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested for grant applications to be submitted by November 30, 2018, and for the Executive Director 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 Executive Director to submit Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant applications for FY 2019-2020, and authorizes the Executive Director 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 November 2018, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Jay Schenirer
Chair

James Corless
Chief Executive Officer