

August 26, 2019

To: City/County Planning and Public Works Departments, Transit Coordinating Committee, Regional Planning Partnership, TDM Task Force

From: SACOG Staff

Re: FY 2020/21 Caltrans Planning Grants

Caltrans issued final guidelines for the fiscal year 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities grant programs. Applications are due October 11, 2019. The guidelines and application materials are available on the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance Blog: <https://bit.ly/2U5PCbD>

Sustainable Communities Grants

- \$17 million will be competitively distributed statewide to projects encouraging local and regional planning that furthers state goals, such as the goals and best practices cited in the Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission.
- Cities, counties, transit agencies, Native American tribal governments, and other public transportation planning agencies may apply directly to this funding program.

Strategic Partnerships Grants

- \$4.5 million will be competitively distributed to planning projects that identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies in partnership with Caltrans.
 - \$1.5 million will go towards projects examining transportation deficiencies related to the state highway system.
 - \$3 million will go towards multimodal projects focusing on transportation deficiencies related to transit needs.
- Cities, counties, transit agencies, Native American tribal governments, universities, non-profits, and community-based organizations are eligible to apply as sub-applicants only. SACOG (as a metropolitan planning organization and a regional transportation planning agency) is eligible to apply as a primary applicant.

SACOG is eager to work with you on your project and to support your planning efforts. We can provide letters of support, coordinate on your grant application development, ensure the proposed studies align with the MTP/SCS, and apply to the Strategic Partnerships grant program as the primary applicant*. If you are interested in working with SACOG to develop your Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant proposal, **by September 13 please contact:**

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**We plan to request authorization to apply for any SACOG-led applications at the September 19 SACOG Board of Directors meeting.*