FY 2020-21
Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Sustainable Communities ($29.5M)
Agenda

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Overview

➢ Intent:
  ➢ Strengthen the economy
  ➢ Promote equity
  ➢ Protect the environment
  ➢ Lead to programming, implementation of transportation improvement projects

➢ Sustainable Communities grants are State-funded, primarily through Senate Bill 1 ($29.5M).

➢ Projects must have a transportation nexus per Article XIX Sections 2 and 3 of the California Constitution
  ➢ Benefit the multi-modal transportation system
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## Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Summary Chart

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| Sustainable Communities Competitive | Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) | 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). | The following are eligible to apply as a primary applicant:  
  - MPOs with sub-applicants  
  - RTPAs  
  - Transit Agencies;  
  - Cities and Counties;  
  - Native American Tribal Governments  
  - Other Public Transportation Planning Entities | 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. |
|       | State Highway Account (SHA) | | | |
|       | State funds | | | |
|       | **Budget** | | | |
|       | Approx. $17 million | | | |
|       | **Grant Min.** | | | |
|       | $50,000 for Disadvantaged Communities; $100,000 for All Others | | | |
|       | **Grant Max.** | | | |
|       | $1,000,000 | | | |

*For in-kind contribution requirements, refer to Pages 31-32 of the FY 20-21 Grant 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)
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Grant Specific Objectives

- **Encourages** local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region’s MTP/SCS
- **Contributes** to the State’s GHG reduction targets and other State goals, including but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines
- **Addresses** the needs of disadvantaged communities
- **Assists** in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives (see Page 4 of the Grant Guidelines).
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Grant Specific Objectives

Applicants should demonstrate how the proposed effort would:

➢ **Integrate** Grant Program Considerations (See Pages 5-16 of the Grant Guide)

➢ **Advance** transportation related GHG emission reduction project types/strategies (i.e., mode shift, demand management, travel cost, operational efficiency, accessibility, and coordination with future employment and residential land use, etc.)

➢ **Identify and address** deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system, including the needs of environmental justice and disadvantaged communities, including Native American Tribal Governments and rural communities

➢ **Encourage** stakeholder collaboration

➢ **Involve** active community engagement

➢ **Coordinate** transportation, housing, and land use planning

➢ **Promote** the region’s MTP/SCS, State planning priorities (Government Code Section 65041.1, and climate adaptation goals (Safeguarding California)

➢ **Result** in funded and programmed multimodal transportation system improvements
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Outcomes of FY 2019-20 Grant Application Guide
Stakeholder Engagement:

➢ Required Housing Element and Annual Progress Report Compliance
➢ Set-aside up to $2 million for Technical Projects such as Data Acquisition or Travel Model Updates
➢ Tools and Thresholds for Defining Disadvantaged Communities:
  • Assembly Bill 1550 (Gomez, Statutes of 2016)
  • Free or Reduced Priced Meals Data
  • CalEnviroScreen Version 3.0
  • California Healthy Places Index
  • Regionally/locally defined disadvantaged communities may also be acceptable as long as State thresholds are not circumvented
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Example Project Types

- Planning Improved Access for Disadvantaged Communities
- Active Transportation Plans
- Rural Planning Studies that reduce GHG emissions
- Safe Routes to School Studies
- Studies to mitigate impact to rural transportation due to tourism

- Corridor Enhancements
- Plans with outreach for school public transit, school carpools, and ridesharing
- Mobility Needs Assessments
- Context Sensitive Streetscapes
- Complete Streets

- Transportation Plans for Tribal Governments
- Traffic Calming/Safety Measures
- Preserve and optimize transit
- Accessibility and connectivity of multimodal transportation
- Student Internships for Rural or Disadvantaged Communities

- Data collection and sharing
- First and last mile project planning
- Commute trip reduction plans
- Plans to increase transit ridership
- Data collection and sharing
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Land use planning in coordination with a transportation project:

Example Project Types

• **Update to a general plan land use element or zoning code** that increases development in transportation corridors or nodes

• **Creation of a Transit-Oriented Development overlay zone** or other special zoning district around transportation corridors or nodes

• **Studies, plans, and policies that address land use conflicts** with major transportation corridors such as major highways, ports, shipping and freight corridors, etc. that are near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, parks, etc. or potentially impacted by climate change
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Application Resources

Resources found in the FY 2020-21 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide:

➢ Caltrans District Staff (see last pages of Grant Application Guide)
➢ Integrating Objectives and Considerations
➢ Grant Specific Objectives
➢ Local Match Calculator
➢ Tips for a Successful Application
➢ Application Submittal Instructions

Checklists and Samples for:

1. Application
2. Scope of Work
3. Project Timeline
4. Third Party In-Kind Valuation Plan
5. Board Resolution
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### FY 2020-21 Grant Timeline

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<td>August 16, 2019</td>
<td>Caltrans releases final Grant Guide and call for applications</td>
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<td>October 11, 2019</td>
<td>Grant applications due to Caltrans</td>
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<td>October 2019 - January 2020</td>
<td>Caltrans evaluates/scores applications</td>
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<td>Spring 2020</td>
<td>Caltrans management approval of awards/release of grant announcements</td>
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<td>July 2020</td>
<td>Earliest project start date for MPOs/RTPAs</td>
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<td>September 2020</td>
<td>Earliest project start date for non-MPOs/RTPAs</td>
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<tr>
<td>February 28, 2023</td>
<td>ALL grant tasks must be completed</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 28, 2023</td>
<td>ALL final invoices must be submitted</td>
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Application Scoring Values

- 1. Description/Deliverable/Planning Connections: **15**
- 2A. Justification/Deficiencies/Need: **10**
- 2B. DACs Justification/Definition/Benefit: **5**
- 2C. DACs Engagement: **5**
- 3A. Coordinate multimodal transportation/housing/land use: **5**
- 3B. Enhances transportation-related GHG reduction strategies: **5**
- 3C. Supports other state goals: **5**
- 3D. Encourages stakeholder involvement: **5**
- 3E. Involves active community engagement: **5**
- 3F. Sustainability, Preservation, Mobility, Safety, Innovation, Economy, Health, Equity: **5**
- 3G. Results in funded and programmed multimodal transportation improvements: **5**
- 4A. Scope: **15**
- 4B: Timeline: **15**
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