

# SACOG 2025 Four-County State Funding Program

## Pre-application Webinar

March 19, 2025



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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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# Introduction

- **SACOG 2025 Four County STIP Call for Projects**
- **Program Purpose**
  - Grants funding from the **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)** to local government agencies and their partners for transportation projects
  - Applies only to counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba
- **Competitive and Pooled Funding**
  - **Intra-County Competitive Program** focused on fix-it first projects that provide additional improvements and/or modernize roadways
  - **Regional set aside** for regionally significant projects

# Goal and Objectives

## Policy Alignment:

- Focus on safety, state of good repair, goods movement, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.
- Support regional goals and targets in the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

## Integrate Equity:

- Incorporate equity considerations into the funding process and prioritize equity in partner project development.

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# Project Types

- Program aims to fund projects that:
  - Improve regional roadways through rehabilitation and operational enhancements.
  - Enhance traffic flow.
  - Include elements for resiliency and adaptation.
  - Implement and maintain trail and active transportation projects.
  - Increase and/or improve public transit frequency and service, including capital projects.
- Preliminary engineering and construction phases
- Projects must be eligible for STIP funding

# Funding Overview

- Funding available from FY27/28 and FY28/29
- The total estimated funding is **\$42,584,700.**
- Funding split into two categories: 10% for regionally significant projects and 90% for intra-county projects focused on fix-it-first initiatives.

## Funding Allocation

	10% SET ASIDE	90% INTRA-COUNTY
<b>SET ASIDE</b>	\$4,258,470	-
<b>INTRACOUNTY</b>		
SACRAMENTO	-	\$28,406,140
YUBA	-	\$2,521,210
YOLO	-	\$5,368,543
SUTTER	-	\$2,030,337

# Key Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all screening criteria to advance into the project selection phase.

Eligible applicants: Public agencies in the four-county region, Caltrans District 3, and special districts with a master agreement with Caltrans or the Federal Transit Administration.

Projects must be listed in the 2020 MTP/SCS or fit within a lump-sum project category (e.g., road maintenance, transit vehicle replacements, bicycle/pedestrian investments).

Projects must be "exempt" for air quality considerations per USEPA standards.

Project scopes must be eligible for STIP funding (construction, environmental, design, or right-of-way) and have completed a PSR or equivalent.

Sponsors must provide a minimum of 11.47% match funds towards the project cost.

Projects must be listed for implementation within the next 10 years of the 2020 MTP/SCS.

Projects must begin construction by June 2029, with preliminary engineering and environmental analysis scheduled within three years.

Construction funding requests must demonstrate reasonable estimates for environmental, engineering, and right-of-way costs and the agency's financial capacity for ongoing operations and maintenance.

# Application Process

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## Pre-Application Submittal

- Applicants coordinate on application preparation work with relevant agencies (highly recommended)
- Applicants complete online pre-application form for consultation.

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## Review and Consultation

- SACOG staff review application and run PPA
- SACOG staff consult with applicants and provide preliminary feedback on performance benefits and potential competitiveness

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## Draft Application Submittal

- Applicants complete **full application** and submit to SACOG

04

## Review and Consultation

- Evaluation committee reviews and scores draft application
- SACOG staff consult with applicants and provide feedback on draft scores

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## Final Review and Recommendations

- Evaluation committee reviews and scores final application
- SACOG staff consult with applicants and provide feedback on draft scores

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## Final Application Submittal

- Applicants have opportunity to revise application packages prior to final submission

# Project Evaluation Process

- The **evaluation committee** is comprised of external experts, including experienced project engineers and planners.
- **Evaluators** will individually review and score projects across two phases: **Draft Application and Final Application**.
- The evaluation committee will evaluate project applications based on the **SACOG board adopted evaluation criteria**.
- Evaluators will review each application as an integrated whole, considering all application components including **engineering cost/feasibility analysis, cost-effectiveness, PPA outcomes, narrative responses, and project sponsor rankings**.
- **SACOG staff and management** will review committee recommendations to recommend a full project list for funding awards to the **SACOG board**.



# Project Evaluation Criteria\*



## Local Need (30 points)

- Agency Priority
- Project need and goals
- Communities impacted, including underrepresented
- Alignment with funding program goals



## Performance Outcomes (35 points)

- Approach and scope to meet identified project goals and address issues/deficiencies
- Benefits to the transportation network and impacted communities.



## Community and Partner Engagement (15 points)

- Community involvement in project development and design.
- Partnerships in project development and implementation.



## Project Delivery and Readiness (20 points)

- Funding commitment.
- Cost-effectiveness.
- Project leverage for other federal and state funding programs.

\*Full Evaluation Criteria provided as an attachment to the Guidelines.

# Schedule



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Section 2

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# APPLICATION CONTENT

# Application Content

- **Pre-application**

- Online Microsoft Form collecting basic project information
- Required for SACOG pre-consultation and project performance assessment tool support

- **Required Application Components**

Ref No.	Component	Description
1	Project Application (qualitative and quantitative)	Includes project background, community engagement, performance outcomes and project delivery and readiness
2	Simplified Project Programming Request (PPR)	Estimated full project cost.
3	Engineer's Cost Estimate	Detailed cost breakdown.
4	Project Performance Data	Use the Project Performance Assessment (PPA) tool or Transit Asset Management (TAM) data.
5	Cost-Effectiveness Calculation	Simple methodology to evaluate project cost versus expected users.
6	Adopted Agency Resolution	Commitment from the agency to deliver the project on time.
7	Sponsor Priority Ranking Table	Prioritize submitted applications. (only include once, not in every app)
8	Optional Content	Additional graphics, maps, and letters of support.

# Contact and Resources



## Application Materials:

<https://www.sacog.org/funding/regional-funding-programs/stip-call-for-projects-301>



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