



Upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

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Attachments: Yes

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1. Issue:

The guidelines for the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants were released on September 7, with applications due October 27. Attachment A has been updated to show the current information available about the grant opportunity.

2. Recommendation:

None; this item is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

Caltrans administers a statewide discretionary transportation planning grant program to further their mission of providing a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The program is funded with state and federal sources. Caltrans expects successful planning projects to directly benefit the multi-modal transportation system. Caltrans also envisions these planning projects will improve public health, social equity, environmental justice, the environment, and provide other important community benefits. Regionally, these grants also provide an important opportunity to implement the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

Caltrans and SACOG offer technical assistance and coordination on applications. Project sponsors are encouraged to work with both agencies to develop the most competitive projects and applications.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application Guide were released September 7. Attachment A provides the summary of the grant programs, funding sources, and eligible applicants. Applications are due October 27.

The Sustainable Communities program is highly competitive while the Strategic Partnerships programs are relatively under-subscribed (Attachment B). For context, Caltrans District 3 includes the SACOG region, plus Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Nevada, and Sierra counties. SACOG is eligible to apply as a primary applicant for Strategic Partnerships grants and as a primary applicant for Sustainable Communities grants with a sub-applicant. Cities, counties, transit operators, Native American tribal governments, and other public transportation planning entities are only eligible to apply as primary applicants for Sustainable Communities grants. However, they are eligible to apply to the Strategic Partnerships program using SACOG as the primary

applicant.

SACOG staff is open to discuss potential joint grant applications for the FY 2022-2023 grant programs with planning partners to increase our region's chances for success with this transportation-focused grant program.

Attachments

A: FY 2022-2023 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants Summary Table

B. FY 2021-2022 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program Performance Summary

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Technical Assistance to local agencies is included in SACOG's operating budget. This item has no additional impact.

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

Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity

Objective 1: Invest in and protect the transportation infrastructure needed to implement the region's economic prosperity plan.

Objective 3: Improve people's ability to get to jobs, schools, and other economic opportunities.

Objective 5: Begin sustained effort to address the racial inequities related to economic prosperity indicators associated with housing, transportation, and opportunity.

Goal 2 : Connected Communities

Objective 1: Develop more sustainable sources of future transportation funding while winning new competitive state and federal transportation grants.

Objective 2: Support innovative mobility options that develop equitable, accessible transportation options for all residents.

Objective 3: Prioritize cost-effective transportation investments that enhance mobility while improving safety, air quality, and the condition of transportation infrastructure and assets.