2022-2023 Funding Round Update – Applications Received

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1. Issue:
Staff has prepared an update for the 2022-2023 SACOG Funding Round.

2. Recommendation:
None, this is for information only

3. Background/Analysis:
SACOG's Regional Funding Round is an important source of transportation investment in the region. Over the last 15 years, competitive funding rounds have occurred every two or three years. Projects are selected to receive funding for road, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects primarily within the four-county region (Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties).

In 2020, staff worked with regional stakeholders to design the policy framework of the 2021 Funding Round. In addition to many individual and group meetings across all four counties, SACOG held a series of workshops to seek input under the themes of investment priorities, project identification, and overall application process. This effort resulted in the policy framework for the 2021 Funding Round that was adopted in September 2020. Due to the extensive engagement that went into the creation of the 2021 Funding Round and the overall success of the program, the SACOG board approved utilizing the same policy framework for the 2022-2023 Funding Round.

The funds used in the funding round are primarily derived from state and federal transportation revenue sources. Based on the latest revenue forecasts, and an analysis of needs to maintain good regional project delivery, the board approved an approximately $130 million budget for the 2022-2023 Regional Funding Round. This recommendation is based on the estimated apportionment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026.

4. Discussion/Analysis:
In October 2022, the SACOG board adopted the Regional Funding Round program guidelines and in November 2022, SACOG staff released a call for projects. Three funding programs fall under the regional program, they are described below:

Community Design
The mainstay Community Design program supports placemaking that improves or enhances the livability of a

community and is consistent with the seven Blueprint Project Principles (transportation choices, housing diversity, compact development, mixed land uses, use of existing assets, natural resource protection, and quality design). The 2020 framework added elements to Community Design that align with the Green Means Go initiative and leverage state funding to accelerate projects in Green Zones. Applications for this program were due on January 18. This program has a budget of $13 million, and SACOG received a total of eight applications totaling over $27.5 million in requests for competitive projects, and 14 applications totaling $3.2 million in requests for non-competitive projects.

Maintenance & Modernization

This core Funding Round program is for cost-effective non-expansion projects less than $5 million that improve the management and condition of existing transportation assets, demonstrating "state of good repair" benefits while supporting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) performance objectives. Typically, these projects have fewer implementation risks but provide localized performance benefits that are more difficult to measure. Applications for this program were due on January 25. SACOG received 43 applications totaling nearly $138 million, however the program's budget is approximately $60 million.

Transformative

This core Funding Round program is for all system expansion projects and for larger ($5 million+) nonexpansion projects that have significant regional benefit and realize the performance benefits of the MTP/SCS, as well as promote effective and efficient use of limited state and federal funding resources. Typically, the project implementation risks are higher, but these projects often provide notable regional benefits, and the performance benefits can be measured with more confidence. Applications for this program were due on February 8. This program has a budget of $28.5 million, and SACOG received over $170 million in project requests through 18 applications.

In total, SACOG received a total of 83 applications over the three programs, amounting to a total request of $339,297,950. A detailed breakdown of the applications received for each program is below.

Funding Program	Number of Applications Received	Amount Requested
Community Design Competitive	8	$27,581,000
Community Design Non-Competitive	14	$3,225,000
Maintenance & Modernization	43	$137,738,550
Transformative	18	$170,735,400

Staff is now conducting an evaluation of all submitted applications, following the policy framework adopted by the board in October 2022. The project selection process involves the convening of a working group comprised of SACOG staff and external participants. A staff recommendation for 2022-2023 regional funding round grant awards will be made before the May board committee cycle. It is anticipated that the board of directors will take a final action on the funding awards at its May meeting.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

Staff work is reflected in the current Overall Work Program. The fund estimate for the program was determined and brought to the board in April 2022.