

Introduction

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants are intended to strengthen the economy, promote equity, and protect the environment. The results of these grants should improve mobility and lead to the programming and implementation of transportation improvement projects. These projects should also emphasize safety, jobs, housing, transportation, sustainable communities, public participation, and reduced traffic congestion.

For fiscal year 2015-2016, Caltrans will award approximately **\$9.8 million** for the following Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants:

- Strategic Partnerships
- Sustainable Communities

These grants are for transportation planning, not for development of environmental documents or actual construction.

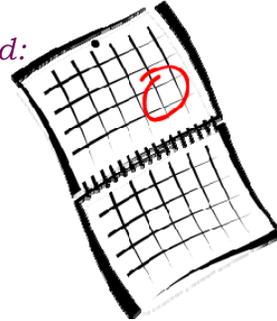
NOTE: Most projects previously eligible for Transit Planning, Environmental Justice, and Community-Based Transportation Planning are still eligible for the new Grant Program.

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Grant Award Key Dates

*Applications Due:
October 31, 2014 by 5:00PM*

*Preliminary Grant Award:
March 2015*

*Official Grant Award:
April 2015*



*For more information,
including the grant application,
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www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html



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Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

This brochure provides information on transportation planning grants offered through Caltrans' Division of Transportation Planning.

*Caltrans Provides a Safe, Sustainable,
Integrated and Efficient Transportation
System to Enhance California's Economy
and Livability*

Strategic Partnerships

Consistent with the intent of partnership planning, the Strategic Partnerships grant funds planning projects that encourage regional agencies to partner with Caltrans to identify and address statewide/interregional transportation deficiencies in the state highway system, strengthen government-to-government relationships, and result in programmed system improvements, all in an effort to achieve the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

An estimated **\$1.5 million** will be available for the fiscal year 2015-2016 grant cycle. The program requires a **20% non-federal local match**. Grants are available in amounts ranging from **\$100,000** to a maximum of **\$500,000**.

Example Project Types:

- Studies that identify interregional or statewide mobility and access needs
- Corridor studies and corridor performance/preservation studies
- Projects that evaluate issues involving ground access to international borders, seaports, airports, intermodal facilities, freight hubs, and recreational sites
- Plans for relinquishment of state routes
- Statewide research and modeling tools
- Transportation demand management strategies
- System investment prioritization plans



Sustainable Communities

The Sustainable Communities grant funds transportation planning projects that identify and address mobility deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system, encourage stakeholder collaboration, involve active public engagement, integrate Smart Mobility 2010 concepts, ultimately result in programmed system improvements, and achieve the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

An estimated **\$8.3 million** will be available for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 grant cycle. Grants are available in amounts ranging from **\$50,000** to a maximum of **\$500,000**.

Example Project Types:

- Advances a community's effort to reduce transportation related greenhouse gases
- Assist transportation agencies in creating sustainable communities
- Community to school studies or plans/safe routes to school studies or plans
- Advances a community's effort to address the impacts of climate change and sea level rise

- Jobs and affordable housing proximity studies or plans
- Context-sensitive streetscapes or town center studies or plans
- Complete street studies or plans
- Bike and pedestrian safety enhancement studies or plans
- Traffic calming and safety enhancement studies or plans
- Rural smart growth studies or plans
- Corridor enhancement studies or plans
- Health equity transportation studies or plans
- Climate change adaptation plans for transportation facilities
- Transit plans, studies and research
- Projects that evaluate accessibility and connectivity of the multimodal transportation network
- Transit marketing plans
- Social service improvement studies
- Student Internships (Intended for Non-MPOs and Rural Areas)
- Address environmental justice issues in a transportation related context