

SB-1 Planning Grant Guides Workshops

Fiscal Years 2017-18 and beyond

Integrating Senate Bill 1 – The Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017

Division of Transportation Planning



SB-1 Planning Grant Guides Workshops Agenda

- Introduction and Welcome
- Overview of current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program
- Timeline for Grant Guides, applications, and award
- Solicit input on the development of the Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning Grant Guides

Current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Sustainable Transportation Planning Funds- \$9.3 million

- Strategic Partnerships (FHWA State Planning and Research)- \$1.5 million
- Sustainable Communities for MPOs and RTPAs (FTA 5304)- \$2.8 million
- Sustainable Communities for cities, counties, tribal governments, transit operators (State Highway Account)- \$5 million

Current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Strategic Partnerships

- Fund Source – Federal Highway Administration, State Planning & Research, Part I
- Budget - \$1.5 M Annually
- Grant award min/max - \$50,000/\$500,000 (MPOs max \$1 M)
- Minimum Local Match Requirement – 20%
- Eligible Applicants – Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs)
- Purpose – Funds transportation planning studies of interregional and statewide significance, in partnership with Caltrans

Current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

- Strategic Partnerships Project Types:
 - Corridor Studies
 - Sustainable Freight Planning
 - Transportation Demand Management Plans
 - Modeling Requirements necessary for the development or implementation of SCS'
 - Enhances tools to capture GHG benefits of Operation and System Management type projects

Current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

Sustainable Communities


- Fund Sources –
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Section 5304
 - State Highway Account (SHA)
- Budget - \$7.8 Total Annually [\$2.8 M (FTA 5304); \$5 M SHA]
- Grant award min/max - \$50,000/\$500,000 (MPOs max \$1 M)
- Minimum Local Match Requirement – 11.47%
- Eligible Applicants – MPOs, RTPAs, Cities, Counties, Transit Agencies, and Native American Tribal Governments
- Purpose – Funds studies of multimodal transportation issues having statewide, interregional, regional or local significance to assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and overarching objectives.

Current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program

- Sustainable Communities Project Types:
 - Active Transportation Plans
 - Studies that advance a community's effort to reduce transportation related greenhouse gases
 - Complete Streets Plans
 - First Mile/Last Mile project development planning
 - Jobs and affordable housing proximity studies
 - Studies that evaluate accessibility and connectivity of the multimodal transportation network

Current Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program Goals and Objectives

- Caltrans Mission
- California Transportation Plan 2040 Vision
- State and Federal Transportation Planning Goals
- Promoting Sustainable Communities in CA
- Addressing Environmental Justice and Disadvantage Communities
- Complete Streets and Smart Mobility Framework
- Climate –Ready Transportation



Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) – The Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017

- Adds \$25 M Annually for Transportation Planning Grants
- Adds Approximately \$7 M Annually (for 3 years) for Adaptation Planning Grants

SB-1 State Agency Consultation Requirement

- The Department shall develop a grant guide and shall consult with State Air Resources Board , the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development in the development of the grant guide.
- The Strategic Growth Council and Department of Natural Resources is also being consulted with.

Proposed Timeline for FY 2017-2018 Additional Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning Grants

July 2017 – Post draft discussion grant guide online for comment for 2 weeks. Incorporate comments.

Late July – Send Final Draft of the Grant Guides to the financial and policy committees in the legislature. Post the Final Draft Grant Guide online for comment for 30 days.

Late August 2017 – Hold 2 workshops and incorporate comments in to the guide.

Early September 2017 – Release final Grant Guides and call for applications

October 20, 2017 – Grant applications due

November 2017 – Evaluate and score the applications

December 2017 – Management approval and grant announcements released

Proposed Timeline for FY 2017-2018 Additional Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning Grants

February 1, 2018 – Non-MPO/RTPA final due date for contracts to be submitted to ensure the funds are encumbered

May 1, 2018 – MPO/RTPA final due date for contracts to be submitted to ensure the funds are encumbered

February 28, 2020 – ALL grant tasks must be completed*

April 30, 2020 – ALL final invoices must be submitted*

***Revised June 28, 2017, based on State Budget constraints.**

Proposed Timeline for FY 2018-2019 Sustainable Transportation Planning and Adaptation Planning Grants

January 2 2018 – Release Grant Guide and call for applications

February 23, 2018 – Grant applications due

March 2018 – HQ & District evaluation of applications

May 2018 – Management approval and grant announcements released

February 1, 2019 – Non-MPO/RTPA contracts final due date

May 1, 2019 – MPO/RTPA contracts final due date

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SB-1 Planning Grant Objective

Section 2033.5 Allocate local planning grants to encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals, including, but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the regional transportation plan guidelines adopted by the commission.

Integrating SB 1 Planning Grant Funding with Sustainable Communities Grants

What additional objectives or policies should be included for Sustainable Communities applicants to demonstrate how the proposed planning effort would further state goals?

- Needs to be a nexus to transportation
- Example: 2017 RTP Guidelines Appendix L – Planning Practice Examples



Integrating SB 1 Planning Grant Funding with Sustainable Communities Grants

How should the funds flow?

- Competitive based grant program
- Mixture of formula and competitive based grant program

Integrating SB 1 Planning Grant Funding with Sustainable Communities Grants

How should the funds be distributed?

Examples:

- One pool for all applicants with special considerations for certain agencies
- Two applicant pools to facilitate application evaluation:
 - MPOs/RTPAs
 - Cities, Counties, Transit Agencies, and Native American Tribal Governments

Integrating SB 1 Planning Grant Funding with Sustainable Communities Grants

What is the most effective minimum/maximum grant awards?

Example: minimum of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000



SB-1 Adaptation Planning Grant Guide

Section 16321 (1) Up to \$20,000,000 to local and regional agencies for climate change adaptation planning.



SB-1 Adaptation Planning Grant Guide

What agencies should be eligible to apply directly?

What agencies should be eligible as a sub-recipient?



SB-1 Adaptation Planning Grant Guide

How should the funds be distributed?

What is the most effective minimum and maximum award amounts?



**What should be included as objectives in the grant applications?
Scoring criteria? Recommended best practices?**

**Are there adaptation planning best practices or good examples
to include for reference?**

Resources and Contacts

Grant Website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/Grants/grants.html>

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