

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Managers  
Planning Directors  
Public Works Directors  
Technical Advisory Committee Members

**FROM:** Celeste Fiore

**DATE:** June 3, 2022

**SUBJECT:** One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 3 Call-for-Projects

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This memorandum serves as the general Call-for-Projects for the One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 3 (OBAG 3). The One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program was created by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in May 2012 to better integrate the region's discretionary Federal Highway Administration's funding program with the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, collectively known as Plan Bay Area 2050. The primary objective of the program is to strategically advance Plan Bay Area 2050 implementation through OBAG investments and policies. OBAG 3 covers the four-year period from FY 2023 to FY 2026. Additional OBAG 3 program information can be found at: <https://mtc.ca.gov/funding/federal-funding/federal-highway-administration-grants/one-bay-area-grant-obag-3>

### **APPLICATIONS DUE:**

**Date:** Friday, JULY 25, 2022  
**To:** CELESTE FIORE, Planning & Programming

### **PROJECT ELIGIBILITY**

Funds are available for projects that meet the eligibility requirements for any of the four competitive program categories: (1) fix-it-first road preservation, (2) complete streets, (3) safe routes to school, and (4) planning. See [Attachment-Compliance Requirements](#) and [Attachment-Funds Factsheet](#).

### **FUND SOURCE DISTRIBUTION**

OBAG is funded by two Federal fund sources: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ). Project sponsors will provide to MTC project data necessary to assess the emissions benefits and cost effectiveness for projects eligible for CMAQ funding. Note that the fund sources have individual requirements associated with them. See [Attachment-Funds Factsheets](#)

The minimum grant amount requested is \$500,000. The current local match requirement for STP and CMAQ funded projects in California is 11.47% of the total project cost, with FHWA providing up to 88.53%

of the total project cost through reimbursements.

A minimum 70% of the proposed projects received must be located within or connected to a Priority Development Area (PDA), or be within one mile of a PDA boundary.

## **COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

All applications must comply with MTC requirements to be considered for funding regardless of the program category or fund source. This includes compliance with the Regional Active Transportation Plan, California State Housing Laws, Housing Element Law, and the Regional Project Delivery Resolution 3606 [https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/MTC\\_Res\\_3606.pdf](https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/MTC_Res_3606.pdf)

In addition, road preservation projects must adhere to further requirements. See Attachment-Compliance Requirements and Attachment-Funds Factsheet.

## **OBAG Programming Policies**

The following policies apply to all projects, regardless of the program category or fund source.

- Project sponsors are responsible for compliance with the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Projects must be consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan.
- Sponsors with federally funded projects must adhere to Caltrans Local Assistance Project Delivery Policies and Procedures. *VTA requires notification of the Field Review schedule.* Information can be found at the Caltrans website: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/guidelines-and-procedures/local-assistance-procedures-manual-lapm>
- Following MTC project selection, project sponsors must submit the completed project application through MTC's Fund Management System (FMS), including a Resolution of Local Support.
- Adopt a resolution self-certifying compliance with state housing laws related to surplus lands, accessory dwelling units, and density bonuses by December 31, 2023.
- Have a general plan housing element adopted and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle by December 31, 2023, and maintain certification throughout the OBAG 3 program period.

## **APPLICATION**

MTC provides an universal application for all OBAG 3 proposed projects. Sponsor must submit the application in *Word format only*. All OBAG information and documents may be accessed and downloaded from: <https://www.vta.org/programs/congestion-management-program/grants>

Project sponsors will be provided an external SharePoint link to upload applications.

**OBAG 3 SCHEDULE - SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
VTA releases Call-for-Projects	6/03/2022
<b>OPTIONAL:</b> DRAFT Compete Streets Checklist to VTA	6/30/2022
VTA BPAC reviews Compete Streets Checklists	7/13/2022
Transit agency coordination deadline*	7/15/2022
Applications due to VTA	7/25/2022
VTA staff review applications	7/26-29/2022
CIPWG Scoring Committee reviews applications	8/1-12/2022
TAC/CAC/BPAC/PAC, CMPP review Prioritized list of Projects	9/7-8 2022, 9/15/22
Draft Prioritized list of Projects due to MTC	9/30/2022
Board adopts Prioritized list of Projects	10/6/2022

\* Transit agency coordination needed only if the project includes VTA transit facilities/lines within the project limits.

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