



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Celeste Fiore, Transportation Planner

DATE: May 9, 2016

SUBJECT: OneBayArea Grant Program Cycle 2 Call-for-Projects

This memorandum serves as the general Call-for-Projects for the One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG 2). OBAG 2 is the second round of the federal funding program designed to integrate the region's federal transportation program with California's climate law (Senate Bill 375) and *Plan Bay Area*, the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). OBAG 2 covers the five-year period from FY 2017-18 to FY 2021-22.

APPLICATIONS DUE:

Date: Friday, JULY 15, 2016
Time: 4:00 PM
To: CELESTE FIORE, PROGRAMMING & GRANTS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
3331 NORTH FIRST STREET, BLDG B2
SAN JOSE, CA 95134

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Funds are available for projects that meet the eligibility requirements for any of the following transportation improvement categories: (1) local streets and roads preservation, (2) bicycle and pedestrian improvements (3) Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC), (4) safe routes to school, and (5) mobility management.

FUND SOURCE DISTRIBUTION

OBAG is funded primarily from two sources: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ). Note that the fund sources have individual requirements associated with them. See [Attachment G-Funds Factsheets](#)

Santa Clara County OBAG STBGP funds are offered to local agencies as City Local Streets and Roads Preservation Guarantee funds which may be used in non-Priority Development Areas (PDA). Amounts are shown on Attachment B.

Santa Clara County OBAG CMAQ funds are available to local agencies for Competitive Complete Streets projects which must be located in PDAs or have proximate access to a PDA. The minimum grant amount requested is \$500,000, which cannot exceed 88.53% of the total project cost.

CRITICAL PRE-SCREENING CRITERIA FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

All applications must meet the following two criteria to be considered for funding regardless of the transportation improvement category or fund source.

- A General Plan Housing Element adopted and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development for FY 2014-22 Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) by June 30, 2016.
- Compliance with the Complete Streets Act of 2008 by an adopted Complete Streets Resolution incorporating MTC's nine required complete streets elements or adopted a significant revision to the circulation element of a General Plan after January 1, 2010.

OBAG PROGRAMMING POLICIES

The following policies apply to all projects, regardless of the transportation improvement 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.
- Project sponsors must meet all requirements of the MTC Regional Project Delivery Policy: <http://mtc.ca.gov/project-delivery>
- Sponsors with federally funded projects must adhere to Caltrans Local Assistance Project Delivery Policies and Procedures. Information can be found at the Caltrans website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/public.htm> . VTA requires notification of the Field Review schedule.
- Following VTA Board approval, project sponsors must submit the completed project application through MTC's Fund Management System (FMS), including a Resolution of Local Support.
- Minimum local match = 11.47%

APPLICATION

The Santa Clara County OBAG program has one application form for all transportation improvement categories and fund sources. All OBAG information and documents may be accessed and downloaded from: www.vta.org/callforprojects

Applications should include ten bound, whole-punched hard copies and one electronic file.

PROPOSED OBAG PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| Call for Projects Released | May 9, 2016 |
| Application Deadline | July 15, 2016 |
| Capital Improvement Program Working Group | August 23, 2016 |
| Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee | September 7, 2016 |
| Technical Advisory Committee | September 8, 2016 |
| Policy Advisory Committee | September 8, 2016 |
| Congestion Management Program and Planning Committee | September 15, 2016 |
| VTA Board Approval of SCL OBAG Program | October 6, 2016 |
| Submit project list to MTC | October 2016 |
| Obligation/FTA transfer request submittal to Caltrans for projects programmed in FY 2017 | November 1, 2017 |

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- MTC Complete Streets Checklist
http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/bicyclespedestrians/routine_accommodations.htm
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ATTACHMENTS

- A – Santa Clara County OBAG Competitive Program Scoring Criteria
- B – Agency Guarantee Program Formula and Share Estimates
- C – Project Eligibility
- D – Application
- E – Interactive Maps: Communities of Concern, PDA, and Criteria
- F – OBAG2 Checklist for Local Compliance with MTC Resolution No. 4202
- G – Funds Factsheets
- H – Application Review Checklist