ONE BAY AREA GRANT FOR SAN FRANCISCO | CYCLE 2 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Applications due to the Transportation Authority

by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 26, 2017

[Call For Project Materials and Resources](#)

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority) is pleased to announce a call for projects for $42.286 million in One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 (OBAG 2) County Program for San Francisco over the next five years (Federal Fiscal Years (FYs) 2017/18 to FY 2021/22).

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INTRODUCTION

Through the OBAG program, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) directs federal funding to projects and programs that integrate the region's transportation program with California's climate law and Plan Bay Area (the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy). In November 2015, MTC adopted the OBAG 2 framework, which was revised in July 2016 to distribute additional revenues and incorporate housing-related program elements. OBAG 2 maintains largely the same framework and policies as OBAG 1, with some refinements to reflect lessons learned and a new regional focus on core transportation infrastructure and affordable housing.

About 45% of OBAG funds are directed to county Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs), such as the Transportation Authority, enabling them to select their own OBAG program of projects. Provided that the CMAs comply with MTC's OBAG requirements, they have flexibility to program funds to a wide variety of project types that cater to local priorities (link to MTC's OBAG 2 guidelines).

SCHEDULE

OBAG 2 Call for Projects Schedule. Click image to enlarge.

FUNDS AVAILABLE AND ELIGIBILE PROJECTS AND SPONSORS

$42.286 million is available for programming over the next five fiscal years (2017/18–2021/22) for two categories, as summarized below:

- **Safe Routes to School (SRTS):** MTC has designated a funding set-aside for SRTS based on each county's total kindergarten through 12th grade enrollment, with a $1.797 million share for San Francisco. Given very limited funding sources for non-infrastructure programs (e.g. education and outreach), we will give priority to these types of projects for this dedicated SRTS funding. If we do not receive any non-infrastructure applications, this set-aside could be awarded to infrastructure projects.

- **Countywide OBAG 2:** For the remaining $40.489 million countywide program, the broad range of eligible project types include but are not limited to:

    - Transit expansion;
    - Reliability and access improvements;
    - Smart system management;
    - Transportation demand management (including education/outreach);
    - Safety and streetscape improvements;
    - Street resurfacing; SRTS; and
    - Priority Development Area (PDA) planning and implementation.

Given the restrictions associated with the OBAG 2 fund sources, only public agencies that already have a co-op agreement with Caltrans are eligible applicants. Other applicants must partner with an eligible agency in order to compete for OBAG 2 funds.

SCREENING AND PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Our Board-approved OBAG 2 SF Screening and Prioritization Criteria include all of the required MTC guidelines, supplemented by San Francisco-specific screening and prioritization criteria, including those intended to address the City's growing needs in core capacity and reliability improvements. The Evaluation Score Rubric lays out the scoring methodology for each of the prioritization criteria.

- The project-specific prioritization criteria retain most of the Board-approved San Francisco-specific criteria that we used for OBAG 1, such as multi-modal benefits, multiple project coordination, and safety. In particular, given the challenge of meeting the federal timely use of funds requirements, we will continue to give strong consideration to project readiness (for more detail on the timely-use-of-funds requirements, please refer to MTC's Regional Project Delivery Policy Guidance, especially the list of major deadlines on the last page).

- MTC requires that at least 70% of San Francisco's OBAG 2 funds to be invested in or providing proximate access to PDAs (net of the SRTS guaranteed minimum). There are also other location-specific prioritization criteria that reward projects in or near other geographic definitions, including: High Impact Project Areas; Communities of Concern; and Air District Community Air Risk Evaluation areas. Given the region's heightened concerns about the lack of affordable housing, we will also reward projects in PDAs near proposed housing developments with 75% or more affordable units. Maps are linked below under the Maps section and also can be accessed via an interactive online map.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please submit an electronic version of the OBAG 2 application form and associated attachments **in the original format (e.g. MS Word or Excel), as well as one PDF of the entire application, via email to** obag@sfcta.org **by 4:00 PM on April 26, 2017**. Every project must have its own application. If a sponsor submits more than one application, please indicate project priority order in the project applications or other correspondence.

All OBAG 2 applicants must also complete and electronically submit MTC's Complete Streets Checklist at the time of application submittal. For more information and guidance, please visit MTC's Complete Streets page or the Complete Streets Checklist section of our Complete Streets Resources page.

MONITORING AND SUPPORT

As the CMA selecting OBAG 2 priorities for San Francisco, the Transportation Authority is responsible for ensuring that projects are delivered in a timely manner, that they remain consistent with the original purpose and general scope approved by the Board and MTC, and that no federal OBAG funds are lost to San Francisco. As such, sponsor agencies awarded OBAG 2 funds will be required to provide regular updates to Transportation Authority staff on

project status and activities; major milestones; project changes; and any issues that may affect project delivery and costs. We expect these updates in a timely manner but no less frequently than quarterly via the Transportation Authority's online Grant Portal (please email Eric Reeves at eric.reeves@sfcta.org for access or with any questions). Ongoing communication enables Transportation Authority staff to assist with resolving issues and keep our Commissioners and the public up to date on San Francisco's OBAG 2 program.

CALL FOR PROJECTS MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

Guidance and Application Materials

- OBAG 2 Call for Projects - Memo only; Memo with all attachments (PDF)
- OBAG 2 factsheet in English, Spanish (Español), or Chinese (中文)
- MTC's OBAG 2 Guidelines (Resolution 4202) (PDF)
- OBAG 2 Screening and Prioritization Criteria (PDF)
- OBAG 2 Evaluation Score Rubric (PDF)
- MTC's Regional Project Delivery Policy Guidance (Resolution 3606) (PDF)
- OBAG 2 Application v2 (Excel)
  - v2 (revised 03.17.17)
    - Screening: Added a Complete Street Checklist checkbox
    - Prioritization: Added a link to CCTS list
- MTC's Complete Streets Checklist (links to website; online database; and guidance PDF)

Maps

All maps listed below can be accessed via an interactive online map.

- Priority Development Area (PDA) Map (PDF)
- High Impact Area Map (PDF)
- Community of Concern (COC) Map (PDF)
- Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Map, as defined by Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) (PDF)
- Affordable Housing Development Map (PDF)
- Vision Zero High Injury Network (Interactive map)

Resources

- SFCTA's Transportation Investment Growth Strategy with 2015 Annual Report and Major Project List excerpt (PDF; link to TIGS website)
- SFMTA's Muni Service Equity Strategy Report (PDF)
- The Air District's CARE Program (website) and CARE Community Methodology (PDF)
- The Air District's Planning for Healthy Places (website) and Guidebook (PDF)
- MTC's Bay Area Core Capacity Transit Study (CCTS) (website) and CCTS list (PDF)
- MTC's Regional and Local Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning-Funded Plans (PDF)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q & A about technical details can be found in our new FAQ page (last updated 3-22-17)

Transportation Authority Meeting Materials

Call for Projects Workshop

- March 16, 2017 Project Sponsors Call for Projects Workshop agenda packet, presentation

Call for Projects Framework

- February 28, 2017 Transportation Authority Board Resolution 17-29
- February 14, 2017 Plans and Programs Committee memo
- January 20, 2017 Citizens Advisory Committee memo, presentation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or assistance with this call for projects, please email obag@sfcta.org, or contact Amber Crabbe, SFCTA Public Policy Manager, at 415.522.4801 or via email or Aprile Smith, Senior Transportation Planner, at (415) 522-4837 or via email.