

Approve Programming Priorities for San Francisco's State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds



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State Transit Assistance (STA) County Block Grant Program - Overview

- County block grant program replaced regional paratransit and regional Lifeline Transportation Program in 2018
- Revenues from state sales tax on diesel fuel
- Funds may be used for transit operating and capital needs
- Only transit operators may receive funds
- CMAs must submit programming list to MTC in May
- Since 2018, we have programmed funds to paratransit and projects that addresses transportation needs of low-income population

STA County Block Grant Program - Funds Available

- Up to \$4,548,974 estimated to be available
- Due to the uncertainty of forecasting STA revenues, MTC recommends programming 95% of estimated FY 2026/27 STA revenues

| | AMOUNT AVAILABLE AT 100% OF ESTIMATE | AMOUNT AVAILABLE AT 95% OF ESTIMATE |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FY26/27 Revenue | \$4,119,257 | \$3,913,294 |
| Funds Available from Interest | \$429,717 | \$429,717 |
| Total | \$4,548,974 | \$4,343,011 |

- STA amounts are finalized following the State Controller’s reconciliation of actual revenues generated at the end of each fiscal year

Programming Recommendation

| RECOMMENDED STA BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMMING LIST IN PRIORITY ORDER (SPONSOR) | UNCOMMITTED CAPACITY FROM INTEREST EARNED | 95% OF REVENUE ESTIMATE | 100% OF REVENUE ESTIMATE | TOTAL PROGRAMMING |
|--|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Treasure Island Electric Ferry Service (WETA) | \$429,717 | \$63,017 | \$63,017 | \$492,734 |
| 2. Paratransit Program (SFMTA) | \$0 | \$2,812,954 | \$2,812,954 | \$2,812,954 |
| 3. Elevator Attendant Program (BART) | \$0 | \$1,037,323 | \$1,243,286 | \$1,037,323 up to \$1,243,286 |
| Total Funds | \$429,717 | \$3,913,294 | \$4,119,257 | \$4,343,011 up to \$4,548,974 |

Treasure Island Electric Ferry Service (WETA)

STA Funds Recommended: \$492,734

Total Cost: \$3,775,883

- Fulfills 2024 commitment of STA Block Grant funds
- Helps fund first 12 months of electric ferry service operations between Treasure Island (TI) and Ferry Building, expected to start in 2027
- Benefits Equity Priority Community by reducing point source emissions and supports expected increased population on TI
- Future year planned funding: fare revenues, TI private developer operating subsidy, future grants, and congestion management system (once adopted)



Paratransit (SFMTA)

STA Funds Recommended: \$2,812,954

Total Cost: \$31,162,769

- Paratransit services for seniors and persons with disabilities
- Includes pre-scheduled van, group van trips to senior centers, Essential Trip Card, taxi trips, Ramp Taxi Incentives program
- STA funds complement Prop L, SFMTA operating funds and other funds
- Between STA and Prop L sales tax, the SFCTA will provide about 55% of the FY 2026/27 paratransit budget



Elevator Attendant Program (BART, SFMTA)

**STA Funds Recommended: \$1,037,323
up to \$1,243,286**

Total Cost: \$3,823,327

- Improves safety, mobility and accessibility for BART and Muni customers who rely on elevators at the four downtown shared stations: Civic Center/UN Plaza, Powell Street, Montgomery Street, and Embarcadero
- Supports economic recovery for downtown and encourages people to use transit
- BART and SFMTA equally share costs for this program



Thank you.

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