

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 programs 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 address transportation needs of low-income populations

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
Interest Earned	\$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 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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