



## City of Colusa California

### STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**TO:** City of Colusa Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Fernanda Vanetta, Grant Writer through Jesse Cain, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Clean California Grant / Clean California Community Days

**Recommendation:** Council to give directions as to scope and/or direction for project to be developed by City Staff.

#### BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The Clean California Local Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), provides funding to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers. Its ultimate goal is to restore pride in California's public spaces.

In Cycle 1, Caltrans awarded approximately \$300 million in funds to 105 projects. In Cycle 2, Caltrans will have approximately \$100 million in funds to award. The availability of Cycle 2 grant funding is contingent on the funds being made available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Budget.

Pursuant to statute, the intent of the CCLGP is to achieve the following goals:

1. Reduce the amount of waste and debris within public rights-of-way, pathways, parks, transit centers, and other public spaces.
2. Enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve public spaces and mitigate the urban heat island effect.
3. Enhance public health, cultural connections, and community placemaking by improving public spaces for walking and recreation.
4. Advance equity for underserved communities.

#### Project Types

Eligible projects are infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects that reduce litter, beautify public spaces, improve public health, and foster place-making.

#### Example Projects

- Infrastructure related beautification and placemaking of existing public spaces, including but not limited to:
  - Community park spaces / public spaces.
  - Transit centers.
  - Park-and-ride facilities.
- Non-infrastructure related educational campaigns or community events about litter abatement, proper waste disposal, or how to get involved with doing sanctioned artwork in a community.
- A combination of infrastructure and non-infrastructure related project types, including beautification and educational projects.

### Project Selection Criteria

For Cycle 2, Caltrans has refined the project selection criteria to further support:

- Community Need
- Potential to enhance and beautify public space
- Potential for greening to provide shade, reduction of the urban heat island effect, and use of native drought-tolerant plants
- Potential to improve access to public space
- Public engagement in the project proposal that reflects community priorities
- Benefit to underserved communities

### Eligible Activities and Expenses

Eligible activities must substantively meet the four CCLGP goals previously mentioned.

Examples of eligible features within the project area include, but are not limited to:

- Enhanced paving, using permeable pavements where possible.
- Pavement alternatives, such as wood chips.
- Inert material, such as rubberized pavement.
- Shade structures.
- Shade trees or drought-tolerant plantings.
- Irrigation systems.
- Bioretention, swales, and other green street elements.
- Architectural fencing.
- Art installations, including cultural elements.
- Gateway Monuments and Community Identification projects. If these are on Caltrans right-of-way, they have different requirements than art installations.
- Human-scale, energy-conserving lighting.
- Walking and/or biking facilities through the space.
- Wayfinding signage.
- Amenities related to proper waste collection or prevention (e.g., signage, bins, etc.).
- Seating and play equipment.
- Public bathrooms and water fountains.
- Staff salaries of those working directly on the project.

Each grant award shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000). There is no minimum award. Applications that request \$3,000,000 or less are more competitive, because there is a higher likelihood that these projects will be completed by June 30, 2026.

Project Deadline: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 17:00 PST

Project Award Announcement: August / September 2023

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2026

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The City of Colusa would be required to provide 12.5% cash match. The local match can be all cash, all third-party in-kind contributions, or a combination of the two.

**ATTACHMENT:**