



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of November 23, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 5-C

**PREPARED BY:** Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:**

FY 2023-2024 California State Grant Opportunities

**Enclosure:** No

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

Michael Navarro, Deputy District Director, Transportation Planning & Local Programs, will provide a verbal report on the FY 2023-24 California Grants.

1. Clean California Local Grant Program
2. Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants
3. Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards (RC:H2B) Pilot Program

**(1) Clean California Local Grant Program:**

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the [Clean California Local Grant Program](#) through which funds will go to local communities to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. Through the combination of adding beautification measures and art in public spaces along with the removal of litter and debris, this effort will enhance communities and improve spaces for walking and recreation.

The goals of the Clean California Local Grant Program are to:

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

*Cycle 2*

Cycle 2 of the program will provide approximately \$100 million in grant funding to local communities. The first stakeholder workshop on Cycle 2 and updates to the program guidelines was held on November 3, 2022. There will be a second stakeholder workshop in December. [View the latest draft program guidelines for Cycle 2 here.](#)

#### *Grant Timeline*

First Workshop on Program Guideline Updates	November 3, 2022
Second Workshop on Program Guideline Updates	December 2022
Call for Projects	January 2023
Three Application Workshops	February through March 2023
Project Application Deadline	April 2023
Project Award Notification	August/September 2023
Project Completion Date	June 2026

## **(2) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants**

[The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program](#) includes:

- ***Sustainable Communities Grants*** (\$29.5 million) to encourage local and regional planning that supports state goals, implements Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) (where applicable), and to ultimately achieve the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050, respectively.
- ***Climate Adaptation Planning Grants*** (\$50 million) support local and regional identification of transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans, as well as project-level adaptation planning to identify adaptation projects and strategies for transportation infrastructure.
- ***Strategic Partnerships Grants*** (\$4.5 million) to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the State highway system in partnership with Caltrans. A sub-category funds transit-focused planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies.

#### *Grant Timeline*

Release FY 2023-24 Grant Application Guide/Call-for-applications and conduct virtual workshops (dates TBD)	December 2022- January 2023
Grant application deadline (exact date TBD). Application period will be approximately 8-weeks	February 2023
Application evaluation and management approval of grant recommendations	Winter-Spring 2023
Grant Announcements	Spring 2023
Application evaluation and management approval of grant recommendations	Fall 2023

Grant announcement	Spring 2023
Grant recipients begin project activities	Fall 2023
Grant projects are completed, and grant funds expire (expiration dates depend on grant recipient and fund-type)	Winter-Summer 2026

### **(3) Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards (RC:H2B) Pilot Program**

In response to the adoption of Streets & Highways Code 104.3, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is launching the [Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards \(RC:H2B\) Pilot Program](#). \$149 million was established in the FY 22/23 State Budget to plan for and fund the conversion of key underutilized highways in the State into multi-modal corridors to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure. These legacy impacts will be addressed through community-based transportation planning, design, demolition, and/or reconstruction of city streets, parks, or other infrastructure.

#### *Goals*

- Restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development.
- Provide matching funding for potential federal grant funds.
- Advance health and equity outcomes for underserved communities by removing health, safety, and access barriers associated with transportation infrastructure within communities.
- Improve access to opportunity by improving travel options and reducing combined household transportation and housing costs for underserved communities.
- Create opportunities for implementation of affordable housing and furthering the advancement of fair housing.
- Prevent or minimize direct and indirect displacement effects from project implementation.
- Advance community-based or community-driven transportation planning.

#### *Draft Grant Timeline*

Program Guidelines Workshop #1	November 28, 2022
Program Guidelines Workshop #2	December 2022
Call for Projects	January 2023
Application Workshop	Jan-March 2023
Project Application Deadline	April 2023
Project Award Notification	June 2023

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2022-23 Overall Work Program and Budget.