

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting of October 20, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5-C

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SUBJECT:

Clean California Local Grant Program

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is developing the <u>Clean California Local Grant Program</u> as part of a two-year program through which approximately \$296 million in 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.

Project Types

Eligible projects shall include, but not be limited to:

- Community litter abatement and beautification
- Community litter abatement events and/or educational program

Funding

The grant program guidelines are being developed with a framework that recognizes the diverse funding needs of potential applicants throughout the state.

- The local match component will range from 0% to 50% of the project costs
- Half of the overall program funds will benefit or be in underserved communities
- The maximum grant is \$5 million

Caltrans is developing program guidelines and will solicit input through stakeholder workshops.

Local agencies are encouraged to:

- Identify potential project site(s) and/or educational program concept(s)
- Plan and begin community engagement
- Start project/program design plans

• Stay informed on guideline drafts and updates through workshops and website

Curt Hatton, P.E., Caltrans, Acting District 6 Clean California Coordinator, will provide a verbal presentation regarding the Clean California Local Grant Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.