

# **Transportation Planning/Local Assistance Program Grants**

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# Common to most grants...

- # Local matches are required, 10-20% typically
- # A competitive annual process is involved
- # The funding, though small, is frequently catalytic
- # Eligibility is typically jurisdictions/planning agencies, with other organizations as sub- recipients.

# Transportation Planning Grants

## # Community-Based Transportation Planning

- \$5 Million/yr, April cycle

## # Environmental Justice

- \$5 Million/yr, April cycle

## # Transit/Partnership Planning

# Community Based

# Transportation Planning (CBTP)

To fund planning projects statewide that support “livable” community concepts, coordinate land-use and transportation planning, and promote community involvement.

Eligibility:  
Cities, Counties,  
MPOs, RTPAs,  
Tribes.  
(Others may  
partner with  
these)



# Environmental Justice (EJ)

- Involve low-income and minority communities and Tribal Governments in transportation planning to--
  - improve mobility and access to transit
  - support environmental justice principles;
  - stimulate economic development and support economic growth;
  - create opportunities for affordable housing; and
  - improve pedestrian & bicycle safety.

- Develop lasting partnerships between underserved communities, government agencies, and tribes

Eligibility: Cities, Counties, MPOs, RTPAs, Tribes.  
(Others may partner with these)



# Transit Planning Grants

Purpose is to improve transit by developing plans and staff expertise

Several categories: technical planning, professional development, statewide planning

Eligibility: MPOs and RTPA's, with partners as subrecipients



# Partnership Planning

Create transportation studies of multiregional/statewide significance, in partnership with Caltrans

Eligibility: MPO's and RTPA's, with partners as subrecipients

# Recently awarded grants

- # King City—West Broadway Street Master Plan (\$80,000). EJ
- # Santa Cruz RTC / Transportation Agency for Monterey Co.—Monterey Bay Area 511 Traveler Information Plan (\$259,000). Planning Partnership
- # San Benito COG—Implementation of Google Transit (\$44,300). Transit
- # San Benito COG—Master Bike/Pedestrian Plan (\$36,000). CBTP

# Local Assistance Program Grants

## # Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

- \$57 Million/yr, December cycle

## # Safe Routes to School (SR2S)

- \$48 Million/yr, summer cycle—State
- \$46 Million/yr, varies—Federal

# Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

- # City or County projects that enhance safety or convenience for bike users
- # An adopted Bike Plan is required, meeting state criteria



Eligibility: MPOs and RTPA's, with partners as sub-recipients

# Safe Routes to School—both State and Federal Programs

Increase number of children walking/biking to school by removing the barriers preventing them from doing so (unsafe or non-existent infrastructure, lack of programs).

Eligibility: Cities and counties. Federal program adds MPOs and RTPAs.



# Recently awarded grants

- # City of Greenfield—Construct 12<sup>th</sup> St. Class II Bikeway (\$18,600). BTA
- # Seaside—Coe Avenue Enforcement and Education Program to reduce pedestrian accidents (\$36,000). SR2S
- # Watsonville—Signage, count-down pedestrian signals near schools (\$297,000). SR2S



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For further info on Transportation  
Planning grants:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

For further info on Local Assistance  
Programs:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/programInformation.htm>