



BEYOND Framework Fund Program

Local Assistance Funding for Economic Development and Sustainability Projects

Application

Round I

Fiscal Year 2015/2016

BEYOND

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

For Fiscal Year 2015/2016, WRCOG allocated \$1.8 million for use by WRCOG member agencies through its “BEYOND” Framework Fund Program. BEYOND is an economic development and sustainability local assistance funding program intended to help member agencies develop and implement plans and programs that can improve the quality of life in Western Riverside County by addressing critical growth components such as economy, water, education, energy/environment, health, and transportation. Round I BEYOND funds will be distributed as reimbursements to member agencies for approved projects.

The cornerstone of BEYOND is [WRCOG's Economic Development and Sustainability Framework](#). The Framework was approved by WRCOG's Executive Committee in 2012. It serves, as the title implies, as a framework or guide that members can draw from in developing approaches to improve their communities. The premise of the Framework is that economic development, at its core, is tied to quality of life. While defining “quality of life” may be difficult, there is little debate that major contributing factors include critical components such as education, water, health, transportation, and environment. When attention is given to each of these components, undoubtedly the subregion's quality of life improves, and as such economic desirability improves as well.

Funding allocations for this fiscal year to each member agency (approved by the Executive Committee in June 2015) are provided below. The Executive Committee has indicated that the distribution formula will be reconsidered for each upcoming fiscal year. Member agencies can use these funds in the following manner, if consistent with the Economic Development and Sustainability Framework Goals (refer to [Program Guidelines](#), Section V):

- To develop plans and/or implement projects.
- To provide a match for grants and other funding opportunities*.
- To pool resources with other member agencies for larger projects.

MEMBER AGENCY FUNDING ALLOCATION

Member Agency	Total Funds Allocated	Member Agency	Total Funds Allocated
Banning	\$39,300	Norco	\$38,650
Calimesa	\$36,177	Perris	\$85,280
Canyon Lake	\$36,537	Riverside	\$169,740
Corona	\$147,600	San Jacinto	\$41,471
Eastvale	\$83,549	Temecula	\$140,357
Hemet	\$86,597	Wildomar	\$39,814
Jurupa Valley	\$88,942	County of Riverside	\$161,402
Lake Elsinore	\$83,238	Eastern Municipal Water District	\$35,000
Menifee	\$87,039	Western Municipal Water District	\$35,000
Moreno Valley	\$153,294	Riverside County Superintendent of Schools	\$35,000
Murrieta	\$140,126	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	\$35,000

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Please submit your full Application and attachments electronically to Jennifer Ward at ward@wrcog.cog.ca.us by **January 8, 2016**. This Application can be downloaded from WRCOG's website at www.wrcog.cog.ca.us/community/beyond-program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following components will allow WRCOG to assess project viability and consistency with Framework goals in order to approve the project for BEYOND funding, and prepare WRCOG to support successful project implementation and tracking.

Outline of Application Components:

Please ensure that each application addresses all required components.

- I. Project Overview (all fields required)**
- II. Project Description (all fields required)**
 1. Scope of Work
 2. Consistency with Framework Goal(s)
 3. Deliverables
 4. Project Outcomes
 5. Population Served
 6. Best Practices
- III. Internal and External Capacity (all fields required)**
 1. Individual Capacity
 2. Organizational Capacity
 3. Partner(s)
- IV. Budget**
 1. Project Budget (*required*)
 2. Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (*required of projects utilizing BEYOND funding for indirect costs as identified in the Budget*)
 3. Additional Resources & Contingency Funding Plan (*required of projects seeking additional grant funding to execute project*)
- V. Schedule (*required*)**
 1. Project Schedule

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name / Title:

Member Agency Applicant:

Primary Contact:

Responses for the following Sections II – V should expand upon the previously submitted and approved Concept Proposal. If more space is needed, responses may be attached in a separate document.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Please provide a scope of work, listing major tasks and milestones as appropriate.

2. Please provide a summary description of how this project addresses one or more of the six goal(s) articulated in WRCOG's Economic Development & Sustainability Framework. Applications must demonstrate consistency with at least one goal (See [Program Guidelines](#), Section V).
3. Please provide a brief description of the intended deliverable(s) for the proposed project (e.g., written report, product, visual / video aids, plans, events, etc.).

4. Identify the expected project outcome(s) and/or result(s).
5. Please identify the population served or benefited by this project--indicate if the population served includes the entire community or a specific subset of your jurisdiction.
6. Will the project demonstrate strategies or outcomes that can serve as best practices for other WRCOG jurisdictions? If yes, please explain.

III. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CAPACITY

1. Please describe your experience and qualifications for carrying out the project.
2. Please identify any anticipated project partners (other WRCOG member agencies, public, or private entities, etc.).

IV. BUDGET

1. Attach a detailed project Budget that lists expenses as they relate to tasks under the scope of work (guidance on eligible and ineligible expenses is provided below).
2. If the Budget includes indirect costs, please attach an indirect cost allocation plan.
3. If additional resources will be used as match or leverage funds, applicants should reference these. If additional funding sources are required to execute the project, but have not yet been secured, please describe any contingency project plan(s).

Eligible Expenses:

Funds can be used for both direct and indirect expenses which may reasonably be attributed to the approved project including, but not limited to, the following expenses:*

- Staff time (including interns) and overhead / administration
- Consultant services
- Materials
- Events / workshops / fairs
- Match funding for grant applications when the project can meet at least one goal contained in the Framework (refer to [Program Guidelines](#), Section V)

* Indirect costs may comprise no more than 25% of total BEYOND funds allocated.

Ineligible Expenses:

- Expense items which WRCOG staff cannot reasonably attribute to the project will not be approved for reimbursement.
- Budget line items/cost categories proposed must be current or anticipated to be incurred during the term of the proposed project.
- For questions regarding eligibility of expenses, please contact Ernie Reyna, WRCOG Chief Financial Officer, at (951) 955-8432 or reyna@wrcog.cog.ca.us.

For more information on Program budgeting and invoicing, refer to the [Program Guidelines](#), Section VI.

V. SCHEDULE

1. In the space provided, or in a separate attachment, provide a project schedule identifying primary tasks and major milestones as they relate to the scope of work, including expected project completion date. (Projects commence upon execution of the BEYOND Program Funding Agreement, to be provided subsequent to approval of full Applications, by the Member Agency and WRCOG, and must be completed within an 18-month timeframe, unless an extension is approved by WRCOG.)

BEYOND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

BEYOND Framework Fund Schedule	Date
Call for Concept Proposals	October 26, 2015
Notification of Concept Approval Status	November 25, 2015
Call for Full Applications	November 30, 2015
Full Applications Due	January 8, 2016
Notice of Project Application Approval Status & BEYOND Funding Agreement Provided	<i>On or before:</i> January 29, 2016
Projects Completed By	July 31, 2017
Final Progress Reports & Invoices Due	August 31, 2017

CONTACT

For questions on the application form or the BEYOND Framework Fund program in general, please contact:

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Director of Government Relations
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Email: ward@wrcog.cog.ca.us

Or visit WRCOG's website at: www.wrcog.cog.ca.us/community/beyond-program.

Please submit applications and attachments to Jennifer Ward by **January 8, 2016**.

Frequently asked questions and answers are provided in the [Program Guidelines](#), Section IX.