

FY 2020-21
**CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION**

Check here, if technical project: ☐

PROJECT TITLE	
PROJECT LOCATION (city and county)	

	APPLICANT	SUB-APPLICANT	SUB-APPLICANT
Organization			
Mailing Address			
City			
Zip Code			
Executive Director/designee and title			
E-mail Address			
Contact Person and title			
Contact E-mail Address			
Phone Number			

FUNDING INFORMATION
 Use the Match Calculator to complete this section.

Grant Funds Requested	Local Match - Cash	Local Match - In-Kind	Total Project Cost
\$	\$	\$	\$

**Specific Source of Local Match and Name of Provider
 (i.e., local transportation funds, local sales tax, special bond measures, etc.)**

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LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION*

Please list the legislative members in the project area. Attach additional pages if necessary.

State Senator(s)		Assembly Member(s)	
Name(s)	District	Name(s)	District

*Use the following link to determine the legislators.
<http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/> (search by address)

1A. Project Timeframe (Start and End Dates):

1B. Project Area Boundaries:

1C. Project Description: Briefly summarize project in a clear and concise manner, including major deliverables, parties involved, and any connections to relevant local, regional, and/or State planning efforts. **150 words maximum (15 points):**

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2A. Project Justification: Describe the problems or deficiencies the project is attempting to address, as well as how the project will address the identified problems or deficiencies. Additionally, list the ramifications of not funding this project. This section needs to clearly define the existing issues surrounding the project (e.g., transportation issues, inadequate transit services, impacts of heavy trucking on local streets, air pollution, etc.). Competitive applications support the need for the project with empirical data, describe how this project addresses issues raised, define the public benefit, explain how the public was involved with identifying issues, and describe the impact of not funding the project. **Do not exceed the space provided. (10 points):**

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(2A. Project Justification Continued)

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2B. Disadvantaged Communities Justification: Explain how the project area or portions of the project area are defined as a disadvantaged community, including Native American Tribal Governments and rural communities, as well as how the proposed project addresses the needs of the disadvantaged community. The tools in the Grant Application Guide (Pages 11-14) are intended to help applicants define a disadvantaged community. Please cite data sources, the tools used, and include a comparison to the statewide thresholds that are established in each tool. Also describe how disadvantaged communities will benefit from the proposed planning project.
Do not exceed the space provided. (5 points):

2C. Disadvantaged Communities Engagement: Applicants should describe how the proposed effort would engage disadvantaged communities, including Native American Tribal Governments and rural communities. Include specific outreach methods for involving disadvantaged communities. Also describe how disadvantaged communities will continue to be engaged during the next phases after the proposed planning project is complete, including project implementation. See Grant Application Guide, Pages 25-26, for best practices in community engagement.
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3. Grant Specific Objectives: Explain how the proposed project addresses the grant specific objectives of the Sustainable Communities grant program. Applicants should integrate the following Grant Program Considerations (Pages 5-16) in the responses for 3A-G below, as applicable:

- California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2040
- 2017 RTP Guidelines and Promoting Sustainable Communities in California
- Complete Streets and Smart Mobility Framework
- Climate Ready Transportation
- Addressing Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Communities
- California Sustainable Freight Action Plan
- 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update, Appendix C
- Planning for Housing

3A. Explain how the proposal encourages local and regional multimodal transportation, housing and land use planning that furthers the region's RTP SCS (where applicable). Applicants should demonstrate how the proposed effort would coordinate transportation, housing, and land use planning components of the project to inform one another (i.e., regular coordination meetings between responsible entities, joint community meetings, letters of commitment from all relevant implementing agencies, etc. Also explain how the proposed effort would contribute to shifts in land use towards more sustainable and equitable communities, such as more affordable housing near transit or more compact regional development patterns. See Pages 19-21 for example project types. **Do not exceed the space provided. (5 points):**

3B. Explain how the proposal contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets and advances transportation related GHG emission reduction project types/strategies (i.e., mode shift, demand management, travel cost, operational efficiency, accessibility, and coordination with future employment and residential land use, etc.)
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3C. Explain how the proposal supports other State goals, including but not limited to, State planning priorities (Government Code Section 65041.1), climate adaptation goals (Safeguarding California), and the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines, Appendices K and L. **Do not exceed the space provided. (5 points):**

3D. Explain how the proposal encourages stakeholder involvement. Applicants should list the stakeholders involved in the planning effort (e.g., first responders, community-based organizations, local housing and public health departments, transit agencies, and partners including State, federal, local agencies), as well as how they will be involved throughout the project. **Do not exceed the space provided. (5 points):**

3E. Explain how the proposal involves active community engagement. Applicants should describe the specific public outreach methods/events that will be employed throughout the project, as well as how public input will inform the project. Also describe how the effort will survey the public at the end of each outreach event to gauge effectiveness of these activities for the planning effort. **Do not exceed the space provided. (5 points):**

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3F. Explain how the proposal assists in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives on Page 4): Sustainability, Preservation, Mobility, Safety, Innovation, Economy, Health, and Social Equity, as applicable.

Do not exceed the space provided. (5 points):

3G. Explain how the proposal ultimately results in funded and programmed multimodal transportation system improvements. Applicants should discuss next steps for project implementation, including timing for programming improvements that would result from the planning effort. **Do not exceed the space provided. 5 points:**

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4. Project Management (30 points): See Scope of Work and Project Timeline samples and checklists for requirements (Grant Application Guide, Pages 54-60), also available upon request.

4A. Scope of Work in required Microsoft Word format (15 points)
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4B. Project Timeline in required Microsoft Excel format (15 points)
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Application Signature Page

If selected for funding, the information contained in this application will become the foundation of the contract with Caltrans.

To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and correct. If awarded a grant with Caltrans, I agree that I will adhere to the program guidelines.

Signature of Authorized Official (Applicant)

Print Name

Title

Date

Signature of Authorized Official (Sub-Applicant)

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