

Memorandum

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Subject: **Funding Source Opportunities for LTN**

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Funding

The LTN is in alignment with a variety of funding sources because of the breadth of issues it has the potential to address. Funding opportunities related to active transportation, safety, mobility for all ages and abilities (i.e., Safe Routes to School), sustainability, and climate change could all be used to support the implementation and evaluation of the LTN. Possible local, regional, state, and federal sources are compiled below.

Local and regional sources

SCAG SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Provides direct technical assistance to SCAG member jurisdictions to complete planning and policy efforts that enable implementation of the regional SCS). Grants are available in four categories: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice; Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations; Housing & Sustainable Development; Active Transportation & Safety. See <https://scag.ca.gov/sustainable-communities-program> for more information. Current funding is now closed but may reopen in the future.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INCENTIVE PROJECT (SCIP)

The Southern California Incentive Project (SCIP) promotes easy access to zero-emission vehicle infrastructure by offering rebates for the purchase and installation of eligible public electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties – with a total of \$29 million in available funds. See <https://calevip.org/incentive-project/southern-california> for more information. Current funding is now closed but may reopen in the future.



SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROGRAMS

The South Coast AQMD is seeking proposals to be funded by monies from the AQIP. Proposals will be accepted by the South Coast AQMD on an ongoing basis. Contracts will be awarded on a semi-annual basis. Proposals should demonstrate that emission reductions/air quality improvements are real, surplus, quantifiable, and contain appropriate methodologies. See <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/business-detail?title=air-quality-investment-program> for more information.

State sources

SGC AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES (AHSC) PROGRAM

The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program makes it easier for Californians to drive less by making sure housing, jobs, and key destinations are accessible by walking, biking, and transit. See <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/> for more information. Round 8 applications due March 2024.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP)

ATP is a statewide competitive grant application process with the goal of encouraging increased use of active modes of transportation. The ATP consolidates existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SRTS), into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. The ATP administered by the Division of Local Assistance, Office of State Programs. See <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program> for more information. Cycle 7 applications due June 2024.

CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANTS

The goal of the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grants is to encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals, including, but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission. See <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/regional-and-community-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants> for more information. FY 2024-25 applications due 2024.

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) GRANT PROGRAMS

OTS administers traffic safety grants in the following areas: Alcohol Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Drug-Impaired Driving, Emergency Medical Services, Motorcycle Safety, Occupant Protection, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety, Police Traffic Services, Public Relations, Advertising, and



Roadway Safety and Traffic Records. See <https://www.ots.ca.gov/grants/> for more information. Federal Fiscal Year 2025 applications due January 2024.

SB 1 SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS PROGRAM (SCCP)

The Solutions for Congested Corridors Program funds projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors. This statewide, competitive program makes \$250 million available annually for projects that implement specific transportation performance improvements and are part of a comprehensive corridor plan by providing more transportation choices while preserving the character of local communities and creating opportunities for neighborhood enhancement. See <https://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/solutions-for-congested-corridors-program> for more information. The Commission programmed two years of funding in the 2022 Program, so the next funding opportunity will be for FY 2025-2026.

HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP)

HSIP is a core federal-aid program to States for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. California's Local HSIP focuses on infrastructure projects with nationally recognized crash reduction factors (CRFs). See <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/highway-safety-improvement-program/calls-for-projects-hsip-ssarp> for more information. The HSIP Cycle 11 Call-for-Projects closed on September 12, 2022. Normally an HSIP call-for-projects is made at an interval of one to two years.

CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL (SGC) TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC) PROGRAM

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose their own goals, strategies, and projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution. See <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/> for more information. Final applications closed for Round 5 TCC Awards in August 2023 but may reopen in the future.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION PROGRAMS

The California Energy Commission has various funding programs to support zero emission and low carbon transportation technology and infrastructure, including the deployment of EV charging stations. Programs have various requirements and deadlines. See <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations> for more information.

Federal sources

RAISE GRANTS (FORMERLY BUILD AND TIGER)

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port



projects that promise to achieve national objectives. The program selection criteria this cycle encompass safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders. See <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo> for more information. Applications for the most recent round were due February 2023 but this is an ongoing program.

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANTS

The recent federal infrastructure bill established the new Safe Streets for All program to provide \$5 billion in grant funding to develop and implement Vision Zero safety plans. Current legislation emphasizes funding of planning efforts, but the focus on implementation funding is expected to increase over the next few years. See <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A> for more information. The next Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected to open in Spring 2024.

CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

In addition to the \$5 billion formula program distributed to states, this \$2.5 billion discretionary grant program at the Department of Transportation will fund the strategic deployment of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure, along designated alternative fuel corridors and in communities. See <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/charging-and-fueling-infrastructure-grant-program> for more information. Current funding is now closed but may reopen in the future.

AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANTS

The AARP Community Challenge grant program is part of the nationwide AARP Livable Communities initiative that helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is intended to help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages. See <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2022/2022-challenge.html> for more information. Current funding is now closed but may reopen in the future.

ROAD TO ZERO GRANTS

The Road to Zero Coalition Community Traffic Safety Grants (previously the Innovation Grant Program) aims to fund projects, programs and research that help achieve the mission of zero traffic deaths. Since 2017, the program has awarded more than 25 grants to partners across the U.S. working to move the needle on safety. See <https://www.nsc.org/road/resources/road-to-zero/road-to-zero-grants> for more information. Current funding is now closed but may reopen in the future.