

Background

On April 28, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, a transportation funding bill that provides a reliable source of funds to maintain and integrate the State's multimodal transportation system.

Pursuant to SB 1, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) developed the Grant Application Guides for the new planning grant funding with input from four public workshops held in June and September 2017, approximately 200 comments on the Discussion Draft and Final Draft Grant Guides, and consultation with the California State Transportation Agency, California Air Resources Board, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Strategic Growth Council, and Department of Housing and Community Development.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18, Caltrans will award approximately **\$31.89 million** for the following SB 1 Planning Grants:

- Sustainable Communities
- Adaptation Planning

NOTE: These grants are for transportation related planning, not for development of environmental documents, construction, or other ineligible activities identified in the grant application guides.

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Fiscal Year 2017-18 Senate Bill 1 Planning Grants

*Application Deadline:
October 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM*



Caltrans Division of
Transportation Planning

Sustainable Communities

The grant specific objective of the Sustainable Communities Grants is to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (where applicable), contributes to the State's greenhouse gas reduction targets and other State goals, including but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines, addresses the needs of disadvantaged communities, and also assists in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) will receive **\$12.5 million** in formula funds and an estimated **\$12.38 million** in competitive grants is available for the FY 2017-18 grant cycle. The program requires a **11.47 % local match**. Grants are available in amounts ranging from a minimum of **\$100,000 (\$50,000 for disadvantaged communities)** to a maximum of **\$1,000,000** (MPOs may only apply with sub-applicants for the competitive grants).

Example Project Types (See the Grant Application Guide for an expanded list):

- Studies that advance a community's effort to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gases
- Studies that assist transportation agencies in creating sustainable communities
- Planning for autonomous vehicles

- Community to school studies or safe routes to school plans
- Studies that promote greater access between affordable housing and job centers
- Complete street plans
- Health and transportation studies, including health equity transportation studies and other plans that incorporate health
- Long range transportation plans for tribal governments
- Transit planning studies that evaluate accessibility and connectivity of the multimodal transportation network
- Studies that address environmental justice issues in a transportation-related context
- Land use planning activities in coordination with a transportation project

Key Dates

Application Release:
September 14, 2017

Applications Due via Email:
October 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Sustainable Communities Submissions:
Regional.Planning.Grants@dot.ca.gov

Adaptation Planning Submissions:
Adaptation.Planning.Grants@dot.ca.gov

Hard copies will not be accepted.

Grant Announcements:
December 2017

Adaptation Planning

Climate change impacts – including increased wildfires, droughts, landslides, rising sea levels, floods, severe storms, heat waves, and impacts to wildlife – are occurring already and will only become more frequent and severe. Climate change adaptation planning anticipates and prepares for climate change impacts to reduce the damage from climate change and extreme weather events. This funding is intended to support planning actions at the local and regional levels that advance climate change adaptation efforts on the transportation system.

An estimated **\$7 million** in competitive grants is available for the FY 2017-18 grant cycle. The program requires an **11.47% local match**. Grants are available in amounts ranging from a minimum of **\$100,000** to a maximum of **\$1,000,000**.

Applicants who have adaptation planning efforts underway as well as those who have not yet started adaptation work are encouraged to apply.

Example Project Types:

- Climate vulnerability assessments
- Extreme weather event evacuation planning
- Resilience planning
- Transportation infrastructure adaptation plans
- Natural and green infrastructure planning
- Integration of transportation adaptation planning considerations into existing plans