2023 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 6)

AMBAG Region Branch Workshop
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2:30pm – 4:30pm
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Program Goals

- Increase walking and biking
- Increase safety of non-motorized users
- Help regional agencies meet their SB 375 goals
- Enhance public health
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users
Program Structure

• Competitive funding program
• Funds distributed into the 3 ATP components
  ▪ 50% for the Statewide Component
  ▪ 10% for Small Urban and Rural Component
  ▪ 40% for Metropolitan Planning Organization Component
• A minimum of 25% of funds in each of the 3 components must benefit disadvantaged communities
Application Types

- Large Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of greater than $10 million*

- Medium Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of greater than $3.5 million and up to $10 million*

- Small Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of $3.5 million or less*

- Non-Infrastructure Only
  - Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Activities

- Plans
  - Community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan that encompasses disadvantaged community

*Pending 2023 ATP Guidelines adoption in March 2022
Eligible Applicants

- Local, Regional, or State agencies
- Caltrans
  - Caltrans can also partner with other eligible agencies
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
- Public Schools or School Districts
- Tribal Governments
- Private Nonprofit (recreational trail funding)
Program Status

- About $450 Million Available Each Cycle (Every 2 Years)
- Five Cycles of Projects Selected for Funding
- Over 900 Projects Funded
- Most Provide Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Almost 100% Delivery Rate
- All the Cycle 1 Projects are Completed or Under Construction
Program Challenges

- Very Over Subscribed
  - Massive Community Need
  - Not Enough Funding
- Funding Requests are Getting Larger
- Ensure Program is Open to All Geographic Areas Across the State
- Program Funds all Project Phases
- Measuring Performance
Highlights from the 2023 Guidelines

- Program Schedule
- Hard Copies & Electronic Application Submissions
- Projects in Planning Documents
- Project Size Threshold
- Administrative Changes
Highlights from the 2023 Guidelines

• Expanding on Housing Language
• Active Transportation Needs of Older Adults
• Low Stress Networks and Local Ordinances
• Quick-Build Pilot Program Phase II
• Non-Infrastructure
  • Set Aside
  • Enforcement in Non-Infrastructure
  • Tie Breaker
AMBAG Region in the ATP

- Submitted 89 projects over five Cycles
- 27 projects have been funded overall (30% overall success rate):
  - 10 project funded through the Statewide component
  - 17 projects funded through the SUR component
- Monterey County: 13 projects funded out of 43 submitted projects (30% success rate)
- San Benito County: 1 project funded out of 4 submitted projects (25% success rate)
- Santa Cruz County: 13 projects funded out of 42 submitted projects (31% success rate)
Monterey County in Cycle 5

- 13 applications submitted – 1 funded in the SUR component
- 10 applications qualified for disadvantaged community points
- The Public Participation was an area of strength for the majority applications, with 40% receiving at least 8 out of the 10 points.
- The Need and Safety questions were the biggest challenges
  - Evaluators wanted better response as to why the project is a priority for the community.
  - Narrative didn’t demonstrate how the project would connect community to key destinations.
  - Lacking detailed discussion of local health concerns.
  - Narrative didn’t address low/lack of crash data – didn’t demonstrate significant safety need.
  - Not enough discussion of specific mobility/connectivity challenges.
- More detail and data was requested from multiple evaluator teams
- Some applications didn’t include collision heat map
San Benito County in Cycle 5

- 1 application submitted – 0 funded
- Application qualified for disadvantaged community points
- Public Participation and Plan Development were areas of strength
- The Need question was the biggest challenge
  - Need narrative focuses on tourism which is good but doesn’t discuss community.
  - Didn’t address mobility in narrative.
  - Lacking detailed discussion of local health concerns.
  - Students were not discussed.
Santa Cruz County in Cycle 5

- 5 applications submitted – 2 funded in the Statewide component
- All applications qualified for disadvantaged community points
- The Need, Safety and Public Participation were areas of strength for the majority applications, with 80% receiving at least 90% of the points for each question.

Evaluator Comments:
- Outreach with disadvantaged community was weak.
- Non-Infrastructure needed more detail on program.
- Non-Infrastructure discussion not included in combo applications.
Active Transportation Resource Center

• ATRC provides resources, technical assistance, and training to partners across California
• Have a mailing list to keep people updated on upcoming trainings, webinars, etc.
• Includes Application Modules, Technical Assistance on Non-Infrastructure Projects, Safe Routes to School Guides, etc.
• ATRC Website: http://caatpresources.org/
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Thank You

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