2023 Active Transportation Program (Cycle 6)

Sonoma County Branch Workshop
January 13, 2022
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Workshop Instructions

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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
Sonoma County in the ATP

- Submitted 28 projects over five Cycles
- 5 projects have been funded overall (18% success rate):
  - 1 project funded through the Statewide component
  - 4 projects funded through the MPO component
    - 1 project was withdrawn
Sonoma County in Cycle 5

- 3 applications submitted – 1 funded in the MPO Component
- All 3 applications qualified as disadvantaged communities
- The Need and Public Participation questions were areas of strength for all 3 applications.
  - Need questions lost between 1-3 points
  - Public Participation questions lost 1 point
- The Safety questions lost the most points (between 4-5 points)
  - Projects did not demonstrate countermeasure effectiveness
  - Projects not in high density crash areas – more explanation needed as to why this project is a priority.
Napa County in the ATP

• Submitted 12 projects over five Cycles
• 4 projects have been funded overall (33% success rate):
  • 1 project funded through the Statewide component
  • 3 projects funded through the MPO component
Napa County in Cycle 5

- 3 applications submitted – 0 funded
- All 3 applications qualified as disadvantaged communities
- The Public Participation question was an area of strength for all 3 applications (lost between 1-3 points)
- The Need and Safety question lost the most points in the two infrastructure applications (between 4-11 points)
  - Project did not explain how it will address local health concerns.
  - Discussion of students was lacking.
  - Collision data wasn’t analyzed, collision types and details weren’t discussed, and neither were the safety threats to bike/peds.
  - Projects not in high density crash areas and more narrative needed to provide more explain why.
- The Need question lost the most points in the Non-Infrastructure application (-10 points)
  - Project did not explain why it makes sense for their community to have an NI program given lack of current safe infrastructure.
  - No discussion of health data included in their narrative.
- Overall, more detail is needed in addressing questions.
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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