Active Transportation 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
Active Transportation 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
Active Transportation Program

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)
Active Transportation Program

Eligible Project Types

• Infrastructure Projects
• Plans (disadvantaged communities)
• Non-infrastructure Projects
• Infrastructure Projects with Non-infrastructure components
Active Transportation Program

Five Application Types

• Large Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of greater than $7 million
• Medium Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of greater than $2 million and up to $7 million
• Small Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
  - Total Project Cost of $2 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
Active Transportation Program

Status

- About $450 Million Available Each Cycle (Every 2 Years)
- Four Cycles of Projects Selected for Funding (2014-2019)
- Over 800 Projects Funded
- Most Provide Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Almost 100% Delivery Rate
- All the Cycle 1 Projects are Completed or Under Construction
Active Transportation Program

Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

- Schedule
- No Match Requirement – Points for Leverage
- Large Infrastructure Projects Can Request Pre-Con Only
- Performance Metrics
- Project Selection Process
- Scoring Criteria
- Quick Builds
Active Transportation Program

Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

• Project Study Report Equivalency
• Scope Changes
• Timely Use of Funds
• Project Reporting
Active Transportation Program

Program Challenges

• Very Over Subscribed
• Funding Requests are Getting Larger
• Program Funds all Project Phases
• Measuring Performance
Active Transportation Program

Orange County in the ATP

• Submitted 177 projects over 4 Cycles
• 59 projects have been funded overall:
  o 17 projects funded through the Statewide component
  o 42 projects funded through the MPO component
• Cycle 4 Information:
  o Submitted 41 applications with 7 funded (3 in Statewide and 4 in MPO)
  o All but 3 applications qualified for as Disadvantaged Communities
  o Doesn’t make compelling case for need of project
Active Transportation Program

Orange County in Cycle 4

Common Comments from Evaluators:

• More collisions/safety need in adjacent areas or lack of crashes
• Great public outreach
• Needed stronger health data & discussion
• Lack of attachments or difficulty finding them
• Lack evidence that project will benefit DAC cited
• Answers lack specificity & copy and pasted answers
Active Transportation Program

Active Transportation Resource Center

- This 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.
- [http://caatpresources.org/](http://caatpresources.org/)
- Emily Abrahams: [Emily.Abrahams@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.Abrahams@dot.ca.gov)
- Summer Anderson-Lopez: [Summer.Anderson-Lopez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Summer.Anderson-Lopez@dot.ca.gov)
Active Transportation Program

Caltrans Local Assistance Contacts:

Jaime Espinoza
Jaime.Espinoza@dot.ca.gov

Desiree Fox
Desiree.Fox@dot.ca.gov

Teresa McWilliam
Teresa.McWilliam@dot.ca.gov

Roberta Jensen
Roberta.Jensen@dot.ca.gov

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed-and-state-programs/active-transportation-program
Thank You

More Information

Laurie Waters
Laurie.Waters@catc.ca.gov

Elika Changizi
Elika.Changizi@catc.ca.gov

Meghan Pedroncelli
Meghan.Pedroncelli@catc.ca.gov

https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program