

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - HEALTHY PLANNING AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

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1. Upcoming Request for Proposals - Healthy Eating Active Living

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) within the next couple of months related to healthy eating and active living.

DPH will solicit proposals from cities, non-profit organizations, and/or school districts in Los Angeles County to adopt one or more plans or policies that will create an environment where it is convenient, safe and easy for community members to eat healthfully and participate in physical activity every day. Selected Proposers will receive up to \$125,000 per year for up to four years, based upon continued availability of funds.

This grant program is made possible by an award received by the Department of Public Health from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Community Transformation Grants initiative. Check the PLACE website periodically for updates: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/place/. You may also register on the County's webven system to receive a notification once the RFP is released: <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/> and select the "Human Resources" vendor code.

2. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the Department of Conservation manages competitive grants to cities, counties, and designated regional agencies to promote sustainable community planning and natural resource conservation. The grant program supports development, adoption, and implementation of various planning elements. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program offers a unique opportunity to improve and sustain the wise use of infrastructure and natural resources through a coordinated and collaborative approach.

Grants are funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). DOC has allocated approximately \$18 million of Proposition 84 funds for round two. The funds awarded will support development, adoption, and implementation of Sustainable Community planning elements throughout the State, including, but not limited to, Climate Action Plans and General Plan amendments.

Applications Deadline February 15, 2012.

For additional information: http://sgc.ca.gov/planning_grants.html

3. Bikes Belong

The Bikes Belong Grant Program strives to put more people on bicycles more often by funding important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build

momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives.

Since 1999, Bikes Belong has awarded 215 grants to municipalities and grassroots groups in 49 states and the District of Columbia, investing \$1.7 million in community bicycling projects and leveraging close to \$650 million in federal, state, and private funding.

Priority is given to: Bicycle organizations, coalitions, and associations—particularly those that have not received Bikes Belong funding in the past and Projects that build coalitions for bicycling by collaborating the efforts of bicycle industry and advocacy.

Bikes Belong participates in **Community Partnership Grants**. These grants will fund collaborations between non-profit organizations, businesses, and government entities on bicycle infrastructure or advocacy projects. For more information and grant criteria, visit the website.

Applications due by February 29, 2012

Committee Decisions in early May, 2012

For additional information: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants>

For upcoming grant cycles: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/schedules-deadlines/>

4) Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA)

Caltrans anticipates appropriation of \$7.2 million annually for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. **SHC Section 2106** stipulates the annual BTA funding level in the approved State budget, with awards announced after enactment. Per **SHC 891.4(b)**, funds are allocated to cities and counties on a matching basis that requires the applicant to furnish a minimum of 10 percent of the total project cost. Maximum grant amount \$1 million.

Announcement Date January, 2012

Application Due Date March, 2012

For additional information

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btawebPage.htm>

5) CALTRANS Transportation Planning Funds.

Caltrans is accepting applications for FY2012-2013 Transportation Planning Grant Program. Transportation Planning Grant funds are available for planning projects that improve mobility and lead to the planning, programming, and implementation of transportation improvement projects. The program categories are list below:

Office of Community Planning <<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/cbtp.html>> for:

§ Environmental Justice

§ Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants

Office of Regional and Interagency

Planning <<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/Grants/grants.html>> for:

§ Partnership Planning

§ Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies

§ Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies

§ Transit Planning Student Internships

Detailed information about each program and eligibility requirements can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

Applications Due by April 2, 2012

For additional information http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grant_files/FY_12-13/Grant_Guide_FY2012-13_FINAL.pdf

6. HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) Projects

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was signed into law on August 10, 2005, established the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as a core Federal-aid program. The overall purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.

Announcement Date Spring 2012

Applications Due Date Summer 2012

For additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/>

General Information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.htm>

Guidelines and Application Tool:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply_now.htm

Guidelines Document:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/Documents/HSIP_Guidelines.pdf

7) Federal Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program

The Safe Routes to Schools Program is a Federal-Aid program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU).

The Program provides funds to the States to substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely. The purposes of the program are:

- to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school

- to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and

- to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity (approximately 2 miles) of primary and middle schools (Grades K-8).

Each State administers its own program and develops its own procedures to solicit and select projects for funding. The program establishes two distinct types of funding opportunities: infrastructure projects (engineering improvements) and non-infrastructure related activities (such as education, enforcement and encouragement programs).

Announcement Date Spring 2012

Due Date Summer 2012

For additional information: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/funding/>
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts_guide.htm
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>
<http://www.casaferoutestoschool.org>

8. Safe Routes to Schools (CA State Program SR2S)

Sister program to above SRTS, targeting k-12. \$45 million total available, maximum grant \$450,000.

Announcement Date December 20, 2011

Due Date March 30, 2012

For additional information

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm>
<http://www.casaferoutestoschool.org/>

9) Alliance for Biking and Walking

Bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations play the most important role in improving and increasing biking and walking in local communities, states, and provinces. Advocacy Advance Grants enable state and local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations to develop, transform, and provide innovative strategies in their communities.

The Advocacy Advance Grants are one-year grants, awarded two times per year (Spring and Summer) to startup organizations and innovative campaigns to dramatically increase biking and walking. Through the Advocacy Advance Partnership with the League of American Bicyclists, the Alliance will provide necessary technical assistance, coaching, and training to supplement the grants.

Deadlines for Inquiry Application: April 25, 2012;

Application deadline for full proposal: June 20, 2012

For further information:

http://www.peoplepoweredmovement.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices/advocacy_advance_grants1/

<http://www.peoplepoweredmovement.org/site/index.php/site/memberservices.C528>

10. The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program – awarded annually

The Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) offers a total of \$10 million each year for grants to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and to nonprofit organizations for projects to mitigate the environmental impacts caused by new or modified public transportation facilities. Eligible projects must be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of the modification of an existing transportation facility or construction of a new transportation facility.

Announcement Date June, 2012

Due Date September, 2012

For further information: <http://resources.ca.gov/eem/>

11. California State Parks: Statewide Park Program

This program will award grants on a competitive basis for the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California. The creation of new parks in neighborhoods will be given priority. These projects will benefit the health of families, youth, senior citizens, and other population groups by meeting their recreational, cultural, social, educational, and environmental needs.

Applications due (estimate) July 1, 2012

Example of application guide: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?Page_id=26500

For further information:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1008/files/spp_application_guide_2009.pdf

12. SCAG Demonstration Projects - no dates announced

Compass Blueprint Planning Services are provided through Demonstration Projects, opportunities for local planning efforts to become regional showcases for great planning. Demonstration Projects enable cities and counties to better evaluate planning options and stimulate sustainable development opportunities. Assistance is free of charge to local partners.

These projects should generally be large in scope and have the potential to be significant at the regional or subregional level. **With the recent passage of Senate Bill 375, this year's program will focus on reducing regional vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and resulting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** while providing the "co-benefits" of community livability, mobility, prosperity and sustainability.

Demonstration Projects might include: greenhouse gas reduction strategies, partial General Plan updates; feasibility studies; visioning workshops; development code and zoning change analysis; transit oriented developments; infill, redevelopment or brownfields; creation or addition to a downtown district; housing projects including multi-family and affordable; mixed use development; and pedestrian infrastructure.

For further information: <http://www.compassblueprint.org/apply>

13. Transportation Development Act, Article 3 – awarded annually on a per capita basis

Transportation Development Act, Article 3 funds are used by cities within Los Angeles County for the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. By ordinance, Metro is responsible for administering the program and establishing its policies.

TDA Article 3 funds may be used for the following activities related to the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities:

- Engineering expenses leading to construction.
- Right-of-way acquisition.
- Construction and reconstruction.
- Retrofitting existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including installation of signage, to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Route improvements such as signal controls for cyclists, bicycle loop detectors, rubberized rail crossings and bicycle-friendly drainage grates.
- Purchase and installation of bicycle facilities such as secure bicycle parking, benches, drinking fountains, changing rooms, rest rooms and showers which are adjacent to bicycle trails, employment centers, park-and-ride lots, and/or transit terminals and are accessible to the general public.

For further information: <http://www.metro.net/projects/tda/>

14. California Coastal Conservancy – applications accepted on continuous basis

To achieve its goals, the Coastal Conservancy may award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code.

Some examples of the kinds of projects the Coastal Conservancy may fund include trails and other public access to and along the coast, natural resource protection and restoration in the coastal zone or affecting coastal areas, restoration of coastal urban waterfronts, protection of coastal agricultural land, and resolution of land use conflicts. The Coastal Conservancy can also provide advice about forming and running a nonprofit.

The stages of a project generally funded by the Coastal Conservancy include pre-project feasibility studies, property acquisition, planning (for large areas or specific sites) and design, environmental review, construction, monitoring, and, in limited circumstances, maintenance.

For further information: <http://scc.ca.gov/applying-for-grants-and-assistance/forms/>

15. Metro Call for Projects – awarded every other year, 2011 Projects Application Deadline has passed

Metro is responsible for allocating discretionary federal, state and local transportation funds to improve all modes of surface transportation. Metro also prepares the Los Angeles County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A key component of TIP is the Call for Projects program, a competitive process that distributes discretionary capital transportation funds to regionally significant projects.

Every other year, Metro accepts Call for Projects applications in seven modal categories (including: Regional Surface Transportation Improvements; Goods Movement; Signal Synchronization and Bus Speed Improvements; Transportation Demand Management; Bikeways Improvements; Pedestrian Improvements; Transit Capital; and Transportation Enhancement Activities). Local jurisdictions, transit operators, and other public agencies are encouraged to submit applications proposing projects for funding.

For further information: http://www.metro.net/projects/call_projects/

16. Land and Water Conservation Fund – no dates announced

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use. Property acquired or developed under the program must be retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

Cities, counties and districts authorized to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas.

Normally an annual program, generally in the Fall. Depends on the National Park Service authorization for funding.

For further information: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id+21360

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