



Sonoma County Transportation Authority
Regional Climate Protection Authority

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\$28 million available in Sonoma County for transportation-related projects

Eligible recipients encouraged to submit applications for One Bay Area Grant 2 funding by January 13

SANTA ROSA, CA – Earlier this year, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved the second round of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) by passing Resolution 4202.

(http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/RES-4202_approved_0.pdf). Known as OBAG 2 for short, the second round of OBAG funding available for Sonoma County provides more than \$28 Million for transportation improvements.

This week the SCTA is released its Call for Projects to fund projects over the next five years.

Project types eligible for this transportation funding include:

- Local Streets and Roads Maintenance
- Streetscape Enhancements
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- Priority Conservation Areas
- Transportation Planning

MTC requires that 50% of the funding spent in Sonoma County be within or support Priority Development Areas (PDAs). A map showing the Sonoma County PDAs can be found here: <http://arcg.is/2fSfCTE>

In the last round of federal transportation funding SCTA, the cities and the County received about \$26 Million to implement projects such as the Petaluma Boulevard Road Diet, Safe Routes to Schools Educational Program, purchase of a full set of SMART rail cars, the annual County Road Improvement Program, bicycle path improvements in Cotati/Rohnert Park, a sidewalk gap closure project in Cloverdale and more.

For OBAG 2, eligible project sponsors must have a master agreement with Caltrans to receive federal transportation funding and must also meet all the minimum requirements as established in MTC's Resolution 4202 and the SCTA application instructions. If an applicant does not meet these requirements they must partner with an agency that does. All projects are subject to an 11.47% local funding match requirement. Because Sonoma County is a self-help county with a ¼ cent sales tax measure (also known as Measure M) that can be used for matching funds, local dollars can be leveraged over 7:1 in some cases. Below is a table showing the types of federal funding available through OBAG 2 and the amount available for each type.

Type of Funding	Amount
Surface Transportation and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement Programs	\$22,867,000
Priority Conservation Area Program	\$2,050,000
Federal Aid Secondary Program (County. only)	\$3,264,000
Total OBAG	\$28,181,000

All necessary application materials may be found at the SCTA website <http://scta.ca.gov/projects/funding/>. It is also recommended that project applicants review the MTC website for additional information <http://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/fund-invest/federal-funding/obag-2>.

SCTA's One Bay Area Grant schedule

July 27, 2016	Grant program with revisions approved by MTC
November 15, 2016	SCTA releases Call for Projects
January 13, 2017	Completed applications due to SCTA
February 2017-April 2017	Advisory Committees Review/Approval
May 8, 2017	SCTA Approves Program of Projects
October 1, 2018	Funds available

(For a more detailed schedule of decision milestones, please see OBAG 2 Schedule on SCTA website)

The following documents can be found at: <http://scta.ca.gov/projects/funding/>

- OBAG 2 Application
- OBAG 2 Application Instructions (includes Priority Development Area map)
- OBAG 2 Outreach activities
- OBAG 2 Schedule

Applications for funding must be prepared by eligible project sponsors and delivered **to Seana Gause (seana.gause@scta.ca.gov) no later than close of business January 13, 2017.**

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