



C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 Call for Projects

C/CAG CMEQ Committee
November 30, 2020

State Transit Assistance (STA) County Block Grant Overview

- In 2018, MTC established the STA County Block Grant program to be administered by County Transportation Agencies (CTA's)
- Previously, MTC distributed funding via 1) Bay Area Northern County small transit operators, 2) regional Paratransit, 3) the regional Lifeline Transportation Program, and 4) MTC regional coordination programs.
- New Block Grant Program allows counties to determine how to invest in paratransit services and lifeline transportation needs
- CTA's submit annual distribution policy to MTC

C/CAG STA County Block Grant Framework

- Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018-19, C/CAG has continued with the historical distribution:
 - 37% to Samtrans Paratransit Program
 - 63% to Lifeline Transportation Program
- Estimated \$3.3 million in STA funding is available for the C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 beginning Fiscal Year 2021-22

C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program

Cycle 6 - Eligibility

- Program aimed to support projects that improve mobility for low-income residents
- Public agencies and non-profits require a pass-through funding agreement with a transit agency (i.e. SamTrans)
- 20% local match requirement
- Project examples include:
 - New, continued or expanded fixed-route transit service
 - Shuttle service
 - Transit stop improvements
 - Purchase of transit passes

C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 - Prioritization

Once projects are screened for eligibility:

- Priority given to projects that directly address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) or other substantive local planning effort involving focused engagement to low-income populations in Communities of Concern
- Cost-effective
- Ready to be implemented

C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 – Communities of Concern Map



Source: MTC

C/CAG Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 – Draft Schedule

Event	Date
C/CAG CMP TAC Review of Call for Projects and Schedule	November 19, 2020
C/CAG CMEQ Committee Review of Call for Projects and Schedule	November 30, 2020
C/CAG Board Approval of Call for Projects and Schedule	December 10, 2020
Call for Projects Issued	December 11, 2020
Applicant Workshop	Week of December 14, 2020
Applications Due	February 19, 2021
Selection Panel Reviews Applications	March 2021
C/CAG Committees Review Selection Panel Recommendations	March 2021
C/CAG Board Considers Recommendations	April 2021



Thank you

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