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**One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) County & Local Program
Call for Projects
Fiscal Years 2022-23 to 2025-26
Issued May 11, 2022**

The City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) is pleased to announce a Call for Projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) County & Local Program.

Funding is available for projects through a competitive Call for Projects process, co-administered by C/CAG and selected by MTC in coordination with C/CAG and the other Bay Area County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) in the Bay Area. MTC is responsible for the call for projects oversight and final project selection.

The One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program is the policy and programming framework for investing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), and other funding programs throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established the OBAG program in 2013 to strengthen the connection between transportation investments and regional goals for focused growth in Priority Development Areas (PDAs); places near public transit that are planned for new homes, jobs, and community amenities.

Approximately **\$32.6 million** in OBAG 3 funding is available for project nominations and \$900,000 for Measure M Safe Routes to School funding for San Mateo County. The OBAG 3 Program funding will be available over a four-year horizon, from FY 2022-23 through FY 2025-26. Eligible projects must focus investments in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and incorporate recent policy initiatives such as regional safety/vision zero policies and other strategies from Plan Bay Area 2050 and addresses federal programming requirements.

Grant applications will be divided into two categories: Small and Large Projects

Available OBAG 3 Funding:

Project Type	Approximate Available OBAG 3 Funding Amount	Maximum Grant Amount Per Project*
Small Projects (Total Project Cost less than or equal to \$1million)	\$11,000,000	\$1,000,000
Large Projects (Total Project Cost greater than \$1million)	\$21,000,000	\$5,000,000

*Local match required

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) County & Local Program Call for Projects Guidelines

Successful grant applications should address how the project relates to the OBAG 3 Program Principals, and Program Categories for the following program categories:

OBAG 3 Program Principles are:

- Preserve effective program features from prior OBAG cycles to support regional objectives.
- Strategically advance Plan Bay Area 2050 implementation through OBAG investments and policies.
- Incorporate recent MTC policy initiatives and adapt to the current mobility landscape.
- Advance equity and safety through policies and investments.
- Address federal planning and programming requirements.
- Coordinate with complementary fund sources to develop a comprehensive regional investment strategy.

OBAG 3 Program Categories & Eligible Project Types:

Category	Objective	Project Examples
Planning & Program Implementation	Carry out federal performance-based planning and programming and deliver OBAG 3 projects and programs	
Growth Framework Implementation	Support and assist local efforts to create a range of housing options in PDAs and select PBA 2050 Growth Geographies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local PDA Planning grants (in addition to those funded through the Regional Program) • Local planning grants for other new PBA 2050 Growth Geographies
Climate, Conservation & Resilience	Reduce vehicle emissions through accelerated electrification and travel demand management, protect and expand access to open space, and increase resiliency to climate change impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program • Mobility Hub • Parking/Curb Management • Car/Bike Share Capital • Open Space Preservation and Enhancement • Bicycle/Pedestrian Access to Open Space/Parkland • Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP)
Complete Streets & Community Choice	Support improvements to all mobility options, with emphasis on achieving an integrated, efficient, and reliable public transit network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure • Bicycle/Pedestrian Program • Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Non-Infrastructure program • SRTS Infrastructure • Safety project

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Planning efforts • Complete Streets improvements • Streetscape improvements • Local Streets and Roads Preservation • Rural Roadway Improvement Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) or Participatory Budgeting (PB) Process in an Equity Priority Community (EPC) • CBTP/PB Project Implementation
Multimodal System Operations & Performance	Improve and maintain local streets and roads for all users, with emphasis on safety, community support, and Equity Priority Community (EPC) investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Capital Improvement • Station Improvement • Transit Transformation Action Plan Project Implementation • Active Operational Management • Mobility Management and coordination

MTC requires that a minimum of 70% of all OBAG funds be invested in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) in San Mateo County. To be credited towards each county’s PDA minimum investment threshold, a project must be located within or connected to a PDA or be within one mile of a PDA boundary. Projects that are not physically located within one mile of a PDA but have a clear and direct connection to PDA implementation, such as transit maintenance facility improvements, may also be credited towards the PDA minimum investment thresholds. Determinations for such projects will be provided by MTC staff on a case-by-case basis.

See Attachment 1 and 2 for full OBAG 3 guidelines from MTC.

C/CAG OBAG 3 Guidelines

In addition to the prescribed MTC guidelines, C/CAG has included additional local programming polices as part of the OBAG 3 County and Local Program.

The following is a summary of the C/CAG OBAG 3 guidelines included in the Call for Projects process:

Project Phase Eligibility	Projects eligible for OBAG 3 cannot be a design only project. Project funds may cover some design cost, but project must include a fully funded construction phase.
Local Match Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.47% local match for projects wholly or mostly within an Equity Priority Community or C/CAG Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

	<p>Equity Focus Areas with a score of 8 or higher. C/CAG Web Map – bikewalkCCAG.com (tooledesign.github.io)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% local match for all other projects
Minimum/Maximum Grant Size	Required minimum grant size of \$500,000 and place a maximum grant size at \$5,000,000.
C/CAG Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Equity Focus Areas	Additional points will be awarded to projects located in an Equity Focus Area identified in the 2021 Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with a score of 8 or greater. C/CAG Web Map – bikewalkCCAG.com (tooledesign.github.io)
Large/Small Projects Balance	Approximately 65% of the OBAG 3 nomination target will be targeted towards a Large Projects category (more than \$1m) & 35% towards a Small Projects category (less than or equal to \$1m) (Approx. \$21m Large & \$11m small) (<i>pending C/CAG Board approval on 5/12/22</i>)

Project Sponsor and Project Requirements

Bay Area cities, counties, transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments, and CTAs are eligible to apply for OBAG 3 County & Local Program funds. Cities and counties must meet the following requirements to receive program funding:

- Have a general plan housing element adopted and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2023-31 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle by December 31, 2023, and maintain certification throughout the OBAG 3 program period;
- Submit Housing Element Annual Reports to HCD each year by the April 1 deadline throughout the OBAG 3 program period;
- Adopt a resolution self-certifying compliance with state housing laws related to surplus lands, accessory dwelling units, and density bonuses by December 31, 2023;
- Maintain ongoing compliance with the Housing Accountability Act (as determined by MTC staff) throughout the OBAG 3 program period;
- Adopt a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) or equivalent safety plan, as defined by the California Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) guidelines, by December 31, 2023;
- Maintain a certified Pavement Management Program (StreetSaver® or equivalent), updated as prescribed by MTC staff;
- Fully participate in statewide local streets and road needs assessment surveys (including any assigned funding contribution); and
- Provide traffic count data to MTC to support FHWA’s Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) on an annual basis, or as directed by MTC staff.

For each project, sponsors must provide the following:

- A Complete Streets Checklist for each distinct project location using the Complete Streets web application (located at <https://completestreets.mtc.ca.gov/>). This checklist will be updated as part of MTC's Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy update, and sponsors will be required to complete the revised version, available by May 1, 2022. CTAs must make checklists available to their Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) for review prior to project nomination. For projects that have already submitted a Complete Streets checklist for prior cycles of regional discretionary funding, sponsors may be required to complete an updated checklist or complete a second checklist review with their BPAC, as determined on a case-by-case basis by MTC staff.
- For projects eligible for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds, the inputs necessary to assess the emissions benefits and cost-effectiveness of air quality improvements resulting from project implementation. Air quality calculation input forms are provided by project type on the OBAG 3 webpage (available at www.mtc.ca.gov/obag3) under "Partner Agency Resources."
- All projects selected by MTC for funding must provide a Resolution of Local Support, approved by the sponsor's governing body (template resolutions are available at <https://mtc.ca.gov/funding/federal-funding/federal-highway-administration-grants/one-bayarea-grant-obag-3>).
- All projects selected by MTC for funding must submit a project application, through MTC's Fund Management System (FMS), including a copy of the approved Resolution of Local Support.
- Comply with MTC's Regional Project Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606), including identification of a staff position to serve as the single point of contact (SPOC) for the implementation of all FHWA-administered funds within that agency. The person in this position must have sufficient knowledge and expertise in the federal-aid delivery process to coordinate issues and questions that may arise from project inception to project close-out.

Evaluation Criteria

To prioritize projects that align with regional plans and policies, C/CAG is required to use the following criteria from the MTC and give additional weight to projects that:

1. Are located in PDAs or Transit-Rich Areas (TRAs), identified in locally adopted plans for PDAs, or support preservation of Priority Production Areas (PPAs)
2. Are located in jurisdictions with affordable housing protection, preservation, and production strategies, including an emphasis on community stabilization and anti-displacement policies with demonstrated effectiveness
3. Invest in historically underserved communities, including projects prioritized in a Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) or Participatory Budgeting process, or projects located within Equity Priority Communities with demonstrated community support
4. Address federal performance management requirements by supporting regional performance goals for roadway safety, asset management, environmental sustainability, or system performance
5. Implement multiple Plan Bay Area 2050 strategies

6. Demonstrate consistency with other regional plans and policies, including the Regional Safety/Vision Zero policy, Equity Platform, Regional Active Transportation Plan, and the Blue-Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan
7. Demonstrate public support from communities disproportionately impacted by past discriminatory practices, including redlining, racial covenants, urban renewal, and highway construction that divided low-income and communities of color
8. Can be completed in accordance with MTC's Regional Project Delivery Policy (MTC Resolution No. 3606, Revised) and can meet all OBAG 3 deadlines, and federal and state delivery requirements

A copy of the detailed scoring criteria can be found in Attachment 3.

Project Application

The C/CAG OBAG 3 Call for Projects Guidelines, program goals, screening requirements, and scoring criteria are available at <https://ccag.ca.gov/one-bay-area-grant-obag-3-program/>.

Applications are due by **July 1, 2022, by 12:00 p.m. PT**. Late applications will not be considered. One (1) electronic Microsoft Word version of the application shall be submitted via e-mail to C/CAG Staff, Jeff Lacap, at jlacap@smcgov.org

Applications must be completed using the Microsoft Word project application. A copy can be found at: <https://ccag.ca.gov/one-bay-area-grant-obag-3-program/>

Applicant Workshop

C/CAG Staff will be holding a virtual Applicant Workshop to guide jurisdictions through the application process. The workshop will be held on:

- Tuesday May 24, 2022, 1p.m. PT. Register here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIqcO-vqjIuGtIzJMuaJzBierCtjro8y93U>

In addition, virtual office hours will be held by C/CAG Staff to provide additional guidance for project sponsors. Office hours will be held on:

- Wednesday June 1, 2022, from 1-3p.m. PT Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlf--upj8rHNbHP_DlGLmzEnjHqHYctYSF
- Wednesday June 15, 2022, from 1-3p.m. PT: Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tdeGgpzotHtxpdNwm0W_4KSPe2STPqT_I

Workshop and office hours information, including Zoom meeting details, can be found at: <https://ccag.ca.gov/one-bay-area-grant-obag-3-program/>

Public Workshop

C/CAG staff will also hold two public workshops to solicit project ideas for the call for projects, in addition to provide an opportunity for projects sponsors to present project ideas and receive feedback.

- Wednesday May 25, 2022, from 6-7:30 p.m. PT. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcemtpzIjHtH4YP28Mvctxd5eC4OMRxTI8>
- Monday June 13, 2022, from 6-7:30 p.m. PT. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlf-qpqjMiE9TE65t3lSGwO_N7kwheeRP3

Schedule

Call for Projects Issued	May 11, 2022
Applications Due	July 1, 2022, at 12p.m. PT
Selection Panel Reviews Applications	July – August 2022
C/CAG Committees Review Project Nomination List	August 2022
C/CAG Board considers Project Nomination List	September 2022
OBAG 3 prioritized nominations due to MTC	September 30, 2022
MTC Commission approves OBAG 3 program of projects	January 2023

For any questions regarding the OBAG 3 program or application process, please contact Jeff Lacap at jlacap@smcgov.org

Appendices

Additional information from MTC regarding regional OBAG 3 requirements and policies can be found at: <https://ccag.ca.gov/one-bay-area-grant-obag-3-program/>

1. OBAG 3 County & Local Program Call for Projects Guidelines (MTC Resolution No. 4505, Appendix A-1)(<https://ccag.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Attachment-1-Call-for-Projects-Guidelines.pdf>)
2. OBAG 3 Project Selection and Programming Policies (MTC Resolution No. 4505, Attachment A) (<https://ccag.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Attachment-2-Project-Selection-and-Programming-Policies.pdf>)
3. One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 3 Program Project Scoring Criteria (<https://ccag.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Attachment-3-OBAG-3-Scoring-Criteria.pdf>)

