

City County Association of Governments of San Mateo County Board Meeting

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Strategic Consulting



Overview of Firms

More than 25 years of
experience working in
Washington, DC.

Specialize in
representing local
governments.

Extensive experience
and knowledge on
federal sustainability
programs.

Helped secure over \$1
billion in federal grants
and appropriations for
clients.

Our Government Affairs Approach

Develop full understanding of our clients and their priorities.

Work collaboratively each year to set an agenda of federal priorities.

Hold strategy meeting in fall prior to next year.

Match your priorities with federal funding and legislative opportunities.

Set up process to make you effective and successful -- You are your best advocates.

Organize regular meetings with your House and Senate offices and with key federal agencies.

Meet monthly to discuss progress, strategy, next steps.

Our 2023 Focus for C/CAG

- Congressional Appropriations.
- Federal Grants.
- Track legislation of interest.

FY 2024 C/CAG Federal Appropriations Requests

- \$480,000 for San Mateo County Laundry-to-Landscape Pilot Project.
- \$800,000 for San Mateo County E-Bike Strategic Plan.
- \$1.53 million for San Mateo County Sustainable Streets Pilot.
- \$450,000 for San Mateo County Carbon Neutrality Plan.
- \$1.2 million for Multi-Agency Adaptive Signal Timing.

Status of FY 2024 Appropriations Requests

- Rep. Mullin requested funding for Sustainable Streets Pilot.
- House Appropriations Subcommittees will begin consideration of legislation in May.
- Don't know yet which projects Senators will request.
- Senate appropriations subcommittees will likely begin consideration of legislation in May/June.
- Timing of funds will depend upon ability of divided Congress to pass budget.

Climate in DC

- Divided government.
- Republicans now have majority in House.
- House will cut FY 2024 funding – don't know how much.
- Significant resources for local governments remain through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

Key Themes for Expanded Opportunities

- Provide substantial investment in underserved communities: Rural, lower income, communities of color, tribes.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants.
- Create American jobs and American businesses.

DOT Opportunities

- RAISE Grants – \$7.5 B, includes \$75 M / year for planning.
- SMART Grants -- \$500 M for demonstrations that incorporate innovative technologies or data uses to improve transportation efficiency and safety.
- Reconnecting Communities -- \$1 B
- PROTECT Grants -- \$1.4 B for resiliency
- Safe Streets for All -- \$5 B for safety especially cyclists and pedestrians
- Healthy Streets Grants -- \$500 M for cool or porous pavements, tree cover
- Bridge Discretionary Grants -- \$12.5 B
- Airport Terminal Program -- \$5 B
- Carbon Reduction Program -- \$6.4 B
- Charging and fueling Infrastructure -- \$7.5 B (\$2.5 B competitive grants)

Transit and Para-Transit: \$39 Billion Increase

- Formula Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - \$3.2 Billion.
- Competitive Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - \$2 Billion.
- Low-No Emission Bus Competitive Grants - \$5.625 Billion.
- Transit Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Formula Grants) - \$2.2 Billion goes through states for small and rural communities.

EPA Programs

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund -- \$27 billion
- Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds -- \$23.4 billion
- Western Water -- \$7.1 billion
- EPA Stormwater and Sewer Overflow Grants -- \$1.4 B
- Clean School Bus Program -- \$7.5 billion
- Brownfields Revitalization -- \$1.5 billion
- Solid Waste Infrastructure and Recycling Grants -- \$275 million

Resilience

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grants (\$8.7 billion)
- Wildfire Management (\$8.25 billion)
- Investments in Resilience through the Army Corps of Engineers (\$7 billion)
- Western Water (\$3.8 billion)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (\$3.5 billion)
- Weatherization (\$3.5 billion)
- Cybersecurity (\$1.3 billion)
- FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) -- \$1B.

Broadband

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (\$42.45 billion)
- Affordable Connectivity Program (\$14.2 billion)
- Digital Equity Planning, Capacity and Competitive Grants (\$2.75 billion)
- Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (\$2 billion)
- Rural Broadband Programs at Department of Agriculture (\$2 billion)
- Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program (\$1 billion)
- Private Activity Bonds (\$600 million)

Other Upcoming Federal Opportunities

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants – \$550 M for deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and practices – San Mateo County receiving \$330 K.
- State Energy Programs -- \$500 million.