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## 2026 C/CAG Call for Projects

**Issued May 11, 2026**

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 4 (OBAG 4) County & Local Program, MTC Community Action Resource and Empowerment - Technical Assistance (CARE TA), and Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) 40% Fund.

Approximately **\$24.1 million** in OBAG 4 funding is available for project nominations, along with **\$2.1 million** from the Transportation for Clean Air program and **\$1.3 million** from MTC's Community-Based Transportation Plan Technical Assistance program for San Mateo County. This brings the total funding available through the call for projects to an estimated **\$27.5 million**.

### **Before you Apply**

Before preparing your application materials, project sponsors are encouraged to review the information below carefully to determine project eligibility, required application materials, and key program requirements. Below is a step by step guide to help project sponsors navigate through the process.

### **Step 1 — Determine funding source for your project**

The 2026 C/CAG Call for Projects includes multiple funding programs with different eligibility requirements, project types, and application materials. Applicants should first determine which funding source(s) best align with the scope, phase, and objectives of their proposed project. Some projects may be eligible for multiple funding sources and may submit a combined funding request if all applicable program requirements are met.

### **Step 2 — Confirm project eligibility**

Before preparing an application, applicants should confirm:

- The proposed project type is eligible under the funding source being requested
- The project can meet required delivery timelines
- The sponsor can provide the required local match
- The project is consistent with applicable local and regional plans
- The project can comply with federal-aid delivery requirements, if applicable

Applicants uncertain about project eligibility are strongly encouraged to coordinate with C/CAG staff prior to submission.

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### Step 3 — Determine required forms

The 2026 C/CAG Call for Projects includes multiple funding programs with distinct eligibility requirements and application materials. Depending on the funding source(s) being requested, applicants may be required to submit different combinations of application forms and supporting documentation.

The table below summarizes the required application materials for each funding program combination. Additional program-specific eligibility requirements and guidance are provided in the sections that follow.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>C/CAG Application</b>	<b>MTC Base Application</b>	<b>TFCA Cost Effectiveness Worksheet</b>
OBAG 4 Only	Required	Required (all sections)	For any projects requesting \$2M or more in OBAG 4 funds
CARE TA Only	Required	Required (selected sections only)	Not required
TFCA Only	Required	Required (selected sections only)	Required
OBAG 4 + CARE TA	Required	Required (all sections)	For any projects requesting \$2M or more in OBAG 4 funds
OBAG 4 + TFCA	Required	Required (all sections)	Required
CARE TA + TFCA	Required	CARE sections only	Required

### Step 4 — Review minimum match requirements

Projects must meet the minimum required local contribution based on project location.

<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Minimum Local Match</b>
MTC Equity Priority Community (EPC) or Tier 1 C/CAG Equity Focus Area	11.47%
Tier 2 C/CAG Equity Focus Area	15%
All Other Areas	20%
If applying for TFCA Funds only	10%

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### Step 5 — Attend workshop/office hours

C/CAG staff will host applicant workshops, virtual office hours, and public workshops to review program requirements, answer applicant questions, provide technical guidance, and discuss project eligibility and competitiveness. Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate early in the process.

### Step 6 — Submit by deadline

**Applications must be submitted electronically to C/CAG by June 30, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. PT.**

## Application Guidelines & Important Dates

### MTC Community Action Resource and Empowerment Technical Assistance (CARE TA)

The CARE TA advances high-priority, community-identified mobility solutions originating from Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs). The primary objective of this technical assistance is to move community-driven project concepts towards implementation by advancing them towards 100% design, ready for construction. CARE TA applications may be submitted as standalone requests or in combination with OBAG 4 applications. Eligible projects must:

- Originate from a CBTP or comparable community-driven process.
- Be located within, or clearly serve, an Equity Priority Community (EPC).
- Demonstrate meaningful community engagement and support; and
- Consist of capital transportation projects.

#### Eligible Project Types

Technical assistance to advance projects from planning/conceptual phase to PS&E (Plans, Specifications, and Estimate) phase, including public and stakeholder engagement.

### Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) 40% Fund

There is approximately \$2.1M available for TFCA eligible bikeway and bike parking projects. Funding recommendations utilizing TFCA funds are subject to the submission and approval of an acceptable work plan and cost effectiveness (C-E) calculations worksheet, as required by the Air District. **For any projects requesting \$2M or more in OBAG 4 funds, project sponsors are required to complete the cost effectiveness calculations worksheet and submit it along with the other application materials.**

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### Eligible Project Types

Bicycle Facilities: include installation of new bicycle paths/lanes/routes and secure bike parking, such as lockers and racks

## **One Bay Area Grant 4 (OBAG 4) County & Local Program Fiscal Years 2026-27 through 2029-30**

The One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG 4) establishes the policy framework and commitments for investing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds for a four-year period covering federal fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 through FY 2029-30. 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 \(PDAs\)](#) and [Transit Oriented Communities \(TOCs\)](#); and places near public transit that are planned for new homes, jobs, and community amenities.

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. OBAG 4 funds will be distributed over a four-year period, from FY 2026–27 through FY 2029–30. Eligible projects must direct investments to Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and incorporate relevant policy initiatives, including regional safety and Vision Zero policies, as well as strategies outlined in Plan Bay Area 2050, while also meeting federal programming requirements.

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

Successful grant applications should address how the project relates to the OBAG 4 Program Principles, and Program Categories for the following program categories  
OBAG 4 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.

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### OBAG 4 Eligible Project Types:

#### Project Examples

- Local planning grants for Plan Bay Area 2050+ Growth Geographies or Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs).
- Transportation demand management programs.
- Mobility Hub planning and implementation.
- Parking reduction and curb management programs.
- Shared micromobility capital projects.
- Bicycle and pedestrian access to open space and parklands
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements and programs
- Safety projects, local roadway safety plans (LRSP), and Vision Zero planning activities
- Complete streets and sustainable streets improvements
- Streetscape projects to encourage biking, walking, and transit use
- Local streets and roads preservation projects on the federal-aid system
- Rural road improvements on the federal aid system
- Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) or participatory budgeting (PB) processes in Equity Priority Communities (in addition to CBTP and PB processes administered through the Regional Programs).
- Implementation of projects identified through CBTPs or PB processes
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan implementation.
- Transit capital improvements, including vehicles for new or expanded service.
  
- Transit station improvements such as plazas, station access improvements, bicycle parking, or parking management for Transit Oriented Development (TOD).
- Local actions to advance implementation of the Transit Transformation Action Plan, including local transit priority projects and mapping and wayfinding elements consistent with MTC standards.
- Cost-effective, technology-driven active operational management strategies for local arterials and highways (for highways, when used to augment state or federal funds and developed/implemented in coordination with MTC).
- Mobility management and coordination projects that meet the specific needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities and enhance transportation access for populations beyond those served by one agency or organization within a community

MTC requires that a minimum of 80% 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

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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 for OBAG 4 guidelines from MTC.

### **C/CAG OBAG 4 Guidelines**

In addition to the prescribed MTC guidelines, C/CAG has included additional local programming polices as part of the OBAG 4 County and Local Program.

The following is a summary of the C/CAG OBAG 4 guidelines included in the Call for Projects process:

Project Phase Eligibility	<b>Projects eligible for OBAG 4 cannot be a design only project.</b> Project funds may cover some design cost, but project must include a fully funded construction phase.
Local Match Requirement	11.47% local match for projects wholly or mostly within an Equity Priority Community or C/CAG Equity Focus Area (Tier 1), 15% local match for Tier 2 EFA, 20% local match for all other projects
Minimum/Maximum Grant Size	Required minimum grant size of \$750,000 and place a maximum grant size at \$4,000,000.
<a href="#"><u>C/CAG Equity Focus Area</u></a>	Additional points will be awarded to projects located in a C/CAG Equity Focus Area (Tier 1 & 2).

### **Project Sponsor and Project Requirements**

Bay Area cities, counties, transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments, and CTAs are eligible to apply for OBAG 4 County & Local Program funds. Cities and counties must meet the following requirements to receive program funding:

- Adopted & HCD-certified for 2023–31 RHNA cycle; maintained throughout OBAG 4 period
- Submit Housing Element APR to HCD by April 1 each year throughout program period
- Comply with Housing Accountability Act, surplus lands, ADU, and density bonus laws
- Current LRSP (or equivalent) per HSIP guidelines; updated within five years
- Maintain certified Pavement Management Program (StreetSaver or equivalent)

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- Participate in statewide local streets & roads needs assessment surveys
- Provide annual traffic count data to MTC
- Demonstrates consistency with Complete Streets Policy and Transit Priority Policy for Roadways

For each project, sponsors must provide the following:

- A Complete Streets Checklist for each distinct project location using the Complete Streets web portal (located at [complete-streets.mtcanalytics.org](http://complete-streets.mtcanalytics.org)). Sponsors are required to submit their Complete Streets Checklist for review and approval. 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 4 webpage (available at [Supplemental Project Inputs for Air Quality Improvement Calculations Version 1.2 | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)) 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 [MTC\\_Template\\_Resolution\\_Local\\_Support.docx](#))
- 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.

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### **Evaluation Criteria**

To prioritize projects that align with regional plans and policies, C/CAG is required to use the following criteria established by 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 4 deadlines, and federal and state delivery requirements

A copy of the detailed scoring criteria can be found in Attachment 2.

### **Project Application**

The C/CAG OBAG 4 Call for Projects Guidelines, program goals, screening requirements, and scoring criteria are available at [One Bay Area Grant \(OBAG\) 4 Program | C/CAG](#)

Applications are due by **June 30, 2026, 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](mailto:jlacap@smcgov.org)

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### **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:

- Friday, May 15th, 2026 from 10:30am-12pm. Click [here](#) to register.

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:

- Tuesday, May 26, 2026 from 2-3:30p.m. Click [here](#) to register.
- Wednesday June 3, 2026, from 1-2:30p.m. Click [here](#) to register.
- Monday June 8, 2026, from 1-2:30p.m. Click [here](#) to register.

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

### **Public Workshop**

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

- Tuesday May 19, 2026, from 6-7:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to register

### **Schedule**

Call for Projects Issued	May 11, 2026
<b>Applications Due</b>	<b>June 30, 2026, at 12p.m. PT</b>
Selection Panel Reviews Applications	July 2026
C/CAG Committees Review Project Nomination List	Late August & September 2026
C/CAG Board considers Project Nomination List	October 8, 2026
OBAG 4 prioritized nominations due to MTC	October 30, 2026
MTC Commission approves OBAG 4 program of projects	January 2027

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### **Attachments**

Additional information from MTC regarding regional OBAG 4 requirements and policies can be found at:

1. OBAG 4 County & Local Program Project Selection and Programming Policies (MTC Resolution No. 4740 Revised, Appendix A)
2. One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 4 Program Project Scoring Criteria