

## Introduction

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants are intended to strengthen the economy, promote equity, and protect the environment. The results of these grants should improve mobility and lead to the programming and implementation of transportation improvement projects. Along with a strong focus on transportation, these projects should also emphasize safety, jobs, housing, sustainable communities, and public participation.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016, Caltrans will award approximately **\$9.8 million** for the following Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants:

- Strategic Partnerships
- Sustainable Communities

NOTE: These grants are for transportation planning, not for development of environmental documents or actual construction. Most projects previously eligible for Transit Planning, Environmental Justice, and Community-Based Transportation Planning are still eligible for the new Grant Program.

## FY 2015-2016

### Grant Award Key Dates

#### Applications Due:

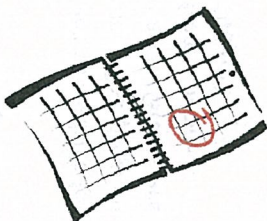
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#### Preliminary Grant Award:

March 2015

#### Official Grant Award:

April 2015



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including the grant application form,  
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[www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html)



## Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

This brochure provides  
information on  
transportation planning  
grants offered through the  
Caltrans Division of  
Transportation Planning.

## Strategic Partnerships

Consistent with the intent of partnership planning and to achieve the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives, the Strategic Partnerships Grants fund planning projects that encourage regional agencies to partner with Caltrans to identify and address statewide/interregional transportation deficiencies in the state highway system, strengthen government-to-government relationships, and result in programmed system improvements.

An estimated **\$1.5 million** will be available for the FY 2015-2016 grant cycle. The program requires a **20% non-federal local match**. Grants are available in amounts ranging from a minimum of **\$100,000** to a maximum of **\$500,000**.

### Example Project Types:

- Studies that identify interregional or statewide mobility and access needs
- Corridor studies and corridor performance/preservation studies
- Studies that evaluate issues involving ground access to international borders, seaports, airports, intermodal facilities, freight hubs, and recreational sites
- Studies for relinquishment of state routes
- Statewide research or modeling tools
- Transportation demand management plans
- System investment prioritization plans

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## Sustainable Communities

To achieve the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives, the Sustainable Communities Grants fund transportation planning projects that identify and address mobility deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system, encourage stakeholder collaboration, involve active public engagement, integrate Smart Mobility 2010 concepts, ultimately result in programmed system improvements.

An estimated **\$8.3 million** will be available for the FY 2015-2016 grant cycle. The program requires a **11.47% local match**. Grants are available in amounts ranging from a minimum of **\$50,000** to a maximum of **\$500,000**.

### Example Project Types:

- Studies that advance a community's effort to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gases
- Studies that assist transportation agencies in creating sustainable communities
- Community to school studies or safe routes to school plans

- Studies that advance a community's effort to address the impacts of climate change and sea level rise
- Jobs and affordable housing proximity studies
- Context-sensitive streetscapes or town center plans
- Complete street plans
- Bike and pedestrian safety enhancement plans
- Traffic calming and safety enhancement plans
- Corridor enhancement studies
- Health equity transportation studies
- Climate change adaptation plans for transportation facilities
- Transit plans, surveys and research
- Studies that evaluate accessibility and connectivity of the multimodal transportation network
- Transit marketing plans
- Social service improvement studies
- Student Internships (Only for Rural Agencies)
- Studies that address environmental justice issues in a transportation-related context