Clean California Local Grant Program Cycle 2 Award Notice

The Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) was established by the legislature for the purposes of beautifying and cleaning up local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, transit centers, and other public spaces. The program is one component of the overall \$1.2 billion Clean California Program. Cycle 2 of the CCLGP provides approximately \$100 million to awardees throughout the State.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), which has been administering the CCLGP, received 230 applications by the Cycle 2 application deadline of May 31, 2023. The applications sought approximately \$560 million in grant funds, which is more than five times the amount of available funding.

Summary of Awarded Projects

- 42 projects received a Cycle 2 award.
- The 42 projects represent approximately \$100 million in requested grant funds.
- 100% of funds are going towards projects that benefit underserved communities.
- The awarded grants range from \$88,000 to \$5 million, which was the maximum allowable grant amount. There was no minimum award.
- The average grant amount request among both awardees and applicants was \$2.5 million.

Next Steps for Awardees

Awardees are required to execute a Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) with Caltrans before starting any project work that they are seeking reimbursement for through the CCLGP. Templates of the RGA for Tribal awardees and non-tribal awardees are on the CCLGP website. Caltrans will reach out to awardees shortly after the award announcement with more information on next steps.

Background

Caltrans initiated the development of Cycle 2 of the Clean California Local Grant Program by holding two virtual stakeholder workshops focused on soliciting input from local and regional agencies, transit agencies, federally recognized tribal governments, and non-profit organizations on the grant program guidelines. The goals of the workshops were to identify and apply lessons learned from Cycle 1 and receive feedback from new stakeholders. The <u>final CCLGP guidelines</u> describe the policies, standards, criteria, and procedures for the development, adoption, and management of the CCLGP. Following these workshops, Caltrans held three virtual technical application workshops to inform applicants how to complete a successful application and answer any questions. Applications were due May 31, 2023, by 5:00 PM.

Debriefings will be offered to all applicant agencies. The CCLGP will notify applicants of this opportunity and provide details on how to request a meeting.

For additional questions about the program, please contact: <u>CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov</u>.