



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, June 14, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Citrus Tower
3390 University Avenue, Suite 450
Riverside, CA 92501**

Please Note Meeting Time

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The Planning Directors Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (Patty Nevins, Chair)**
- 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time members of the public can address the Planning Directors Committee regarding any items with the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

4. MINUTES

- A. Summary Minutes from the May 10, 2018, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.**

Requested Action: 1. Approve Summary Minutes from the May 10, 2018, Planning Directors Committee meeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update *Andrea Howard, WRCOG* P. 5

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

B. Grant Writing Assistance Program Update *Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG* P. 23

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Proposed New TUMF Policy for TUMF Calculation *Christopher Gray, WRCOG* P. 73

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

B. TUMF Program Member Agency Development Agreement Review *Christopher Gray, WRCOG* P. 77

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

C. SCAG Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Data Review Assistance *Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG* P. 79

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

D. Experience Regional Innovation Center Feasibility Analysis Update *Andrea Howard, WRCOG* P. 81

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Planning Directors Committee meetings.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members

Members are invited to announce items/activities which may be of general interest to the Planning Directors Committee.

9. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee (PDC) was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice-Chair Keith Gardner at WRCOG's Office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

Rebecca Deming, City of Beaumont
Joanne Coletta, City of Corona
Siri Champion, City of Eastvale
Deanna Elliano, City of Hemet
Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee
Rick Sandzimier, City of Moreno Valley (9:17 a.m. arrival)
Cynthia Kinser, City of Murrieta (9:08 a.m. arrival)
Steve King, City of Norco
Doug Darnell, City of Riverside
Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto
Matt Bassi, City of Wildomar
Keith Gardner, County of Riverside (Vice-Chair)
Dan Fairbanks, March Joint Powers Authority
Shane Helm, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Staff present:

Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation
Casey Dailey, Director of Energy and Environmental Programs
Andrea Howard, Program Manager
Tyler Masters, Program Manager
Daniel Ramirez- Cornejo, Program Manager
Anthony Segura, Staff Analyst
Daniel Soltero, Staff Analyst
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Jeff Murphy, City of Murrieta
Eduardo Sida, City of Perris
Christina Bartscher, City of Riverside
Matt Peters, City of Temecula
Brandon Rabidou, City of Temecula
Alexa Washburn, National Community Renaissance

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. MINUTES - (Menifee / Hemet) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Item 4.A was approved. The Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, and Temecula, and the Riverside Transit Agency were not present.

A. Summary Minutes from the March 8, 2018, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the March 8, 2018, Planning Directors Committee meeting.*

5. CONSENT CALENDAR - (Wildomar / Riverside) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Item 5.A – 5.C was approved. The Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, and Temecula, and the Riverside Transit Agency were not present.

A. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Experience Regional Innovation Center Feasibility Analysis Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Proposed New TUMF Policy for TUMF Calculation

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Community Gardens Best Practices

Andrea Howard introduced Eduardo Sida, City of Perris, who presented an overview on the City's work to reach its goal of growing a total of 31 sustainable and edible urban gardens across the City.

Mr. Sida shared that the City of Perris has a population of approximately 76K. Of this 76K, 73% are Hispanic/Latino and shared a statistic that one out of every two Hispanics/Latinos are prone to diabetes. Additionally, 25% of Perris residents live below the poverty level.

The City currently has only 16 markets that carry fresh produce. In 2013, the City adopted an initiative called, "Live Well Perris." This initiative promotes healthy diets and nutrition by sponsoring physical fitness programs and activities through the adoption of City design and planning principles that support healthy neighborhoods into its built environment. Perris currently has community gardens in various locations, including elementary schools and the City Hall, which is home to the Grow Perris demonstration garden.

Funding for Perris' gardens has come from a variety of sources, including the WRCOG BEYOND Program and grants from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Aetna Foundation. In 2016, the City joined the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge. This funding is going towards the City's goal within the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge of building 31 gardens across the city; currently the City has 21 sites secured to create these community gardens.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Small Cell Towers: Preliminary Findings of Municipal Design, Operation, and Administrative Guidelines and Requirements of Small Cell Deployment within California

Tyler Masters reported on the preliminary findings of Small Cell Deployment within California, explaining that Small cells are low powered nodes that provide cellular service and are often used by telecommunication companies to support service speed and data transfer. As of December 2017, a total of 12 million small cells deployed worldwide and it is anticipated that there will be as many as 70 million by the year 2025.

To address small cells, municipalities commonly adopt standards for such elements such as size, appearance, design, and location, and develop license agreements to work with telecommunications providers to place small cells on vertical infrastructure, such as streetlights, for a fee.

There are multiple models for administering and operating small cells: municipally administered, private third-party administered, and public third-party administered.

Staff presented a list of small cell contracts within 74 jurisdictions within California. The list can be used as a tool to help negotiate better pricing within our region, one of the fastest growing counties in the country.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Regional Housing Element: 21 Elements Case Study

Alexa Washburn presented a new case study on regional housing elements, in follow-up to a presentation at the last Planning Directors Committee meeting. The model presented, 21 Elements, is from San Mateo County where jurisdictions created a regional framework to guide development of individual plans, by establishing regular Technical Advisory meetings, and creating a toolkit with plug-and-play templates.

Some of the key partners that were involved were California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), San Mateo County Department of Housing, City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, San Mateo Department of Health and all 21 participating jurisdictions.

Alexa reported that some of the hot topic areas during the collaboration were Impact fees, short term vacation rentals, second unit ordinances, community outreach, new legislation, and displacement.

21 Elements resulted in streamlined approval by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, increased regional collaboration, cost savings, and certified housing elements for all 21 participating jurisdictions.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christopher Gray announced that in June, WRCOG will be hosting a workshop on SB 743, which will at most coincide with the Planning Directors and Public works Committee meetings. Staff will be notifying all Committee members with details in the coming weeks.

Cynthia Kinser announced she will be retiring in July, and introduced Jeff Murphy, who will be taking her place.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Contact: Andrea Howard, Program Manager, ahoward@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6751

Date: June 14, 2018

The purpose of this item is to provide updates on noteworthy actions and discussions held in recent standing Committee meetings, and to provide general project updates.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.
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Attached are summaries of actions and activities from recent WRCOG standing Committee meetings that have taken place since the May 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

Prior Action:

June 4, 2018: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

1. WRCOG Committees Activities Matrix (Action items only).
2. Summary recaps from recent Committee meetings.

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Item 5.A

WRCOG Committees and Agency
Activities Update

Attachment 1

WRCOG Committees Activities Matrix
(Action items only)

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<u>WRCOG Committees</u> <u>Activities Matrix</u> <u>(Action Items Only)</u>		<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>Administration & Finance Committee</u>	<u>Technical Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Planning Directors Committee</u>	<u>Public Works Committee</u>	<u>Finance Directors Committee</u>	<u>Solid Waste Committee</u>
Date of Meeting:	5/7/18	5/9/18	5/17/18	5/10/18	5/10/18	5/10/18	Did not meet	Did not meet
Current Programs / Initiatives:								
Regional Streetlights Program	n/a	n/a	Received and filed.	Received and filed.	n/a			
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs	Adopted WRCOG Resolution Number 10-18;	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) / Western Community Energy	Received and filed.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
TUMF	1) Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Wildomar for the Construction Phase of the Bundy Canyon Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$7,485,000; 2) authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Wildomar for the Planning, Engineering and Right-of-Way Phases of the Bundy Canyon Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,882,000; 3) authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Wildomar for the Planning and Engineering Phases of the Palomar Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$898,517; 4) authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Wildomar for the Construction Phase of the Clinton Keith Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,048,860; 5) authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Wildomar for the Engineering Phase of the Clinton Keith Road Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,260,140.	n/a	1) Recommended that the Executive Committee approve an option that would have WRCOG verify all project TUMF fees and verify exemptions; 2) directed staff to complete a comprehensive update to the TUMF Calculator Tool by August 2018; 3) directed staff to complete the TUMF Administrative Plan update with the process for implementing an option that would have WRCOG verify all project TUMF fees and verify exemptions by August 2018.	Received and filed.	1) Recommended that the Executive Committee approve an option that would have WRCOG calculate all project TUMF fees and verify exemptions; 2) directed staff to complete a comprehensive update to the TUMF Calculator Tool by August 2018; 3) directed staff to complete the TUMF Administrative Plan update with the process for implementing an option that would have WRCOG calculate all project TUMF fees and verify exemptions by August 2018.			
Fellowship	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
New Programs / Initiatives:								
EXPERIENCE	Received and filed.	Received and filed.	Received and filed.	Received and filed.	n/a			

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Item 5.A

WRCOG Committees and Agency
Activities Update

Attachment 2

Summary recaps from recent
Committee meetings

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting Recap May 7, 2018

Following is a summary of key items from the last Executive Committee meeting. To review the full agenda and staff reports for all items, click [here](#). To review the meeting PowerPoint presentations, click [here](#).

New WRCOG Leadership Nominations Confirmed

- The Executive Committee approved the nomination of the following elected officials to serve in the Agency's leadership positions for Fiscal Year 2018/2019:
 - Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair
 - Councilmember Bonnie Wright, City of Hemet, Vice-Chair
 - Councilmember Laura Roughton, City of Jurupa Valley, 2nd Vice-Chair
- Nominations will be confirmed at the WRCOG General Assembly & Leadership Address on June 21, 2018.

Western Community Energy (WCE) Website is Live

- "Western Community Energy," the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program being pursued for implementation in Western Riverside County, now has a fully operational website.
- A CCA provides for local elected officials to determine electricity rates for their residents and businesses and allows for communities to have a choice in where they get their energy from. WRCOG's CCA Feasibility Study and results from 10 operational CCAs in California show cost savings for CCA customers as well.
- The new website, Westerncommunityenergy.com offers a wealth of information and includes a series of video FAQ's, with staff responses to commonly asked questions.
- Staff continues to be available to conduct outreach and provide presentations on WCE upon request.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/2019 Agency Draft Budget Moving Through Committees

- Staff are in the midst of preparing the FY 2018/2019 budget.
- A balanced, draft budget has been presented to the WRCOG Administration & Finance, Technical Advisory, Finance Directors, and Executive Committees for a first review.
- Each Committee will receive a second review, before the final budget is presented to the General Assembly on June 21, 2018, for adoption.

Proposed New Policy for TUMF Fee Calculations

- Staff are exploring opportunities to lower the burden to local jurisdictions related to TUMF fee calculations and reduce or eliminate fee calculation errors.
- The staff-preferred option would involve WRCOG staff taking full responsibility for calculating all project fees and verifying exemptions in a manner similar to how schools, water districts, and other non-jurisdiction agencies do. This would reduce local agency staff burdens, would eliminate the need for annual audits of members, and would eliminate the responsibility for agencies to "make up" the difference when fees are incorrectly calculated.
- The Public Works, Administration & Finance, and Technical Advisory Committees will review options and make a recommendation for consideration by the Executive Committee in the next few months.

Potential Full Consolidation of RCHCA Staff and Operations with WRCOG

- The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) was formed for the purpose of planning for, acquiring, and managing approximately 40,000 acres of habitat for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR).
- In 2015, the Executive Committee and RCHCA's Board of Directors approved a five-year Agreement that transferred the duties of administration and management of RCHCA activities to WRCOG. To date, the arrangement has worked well and has resulted in significant savings to the Agency.
- Staff has been given direction to develop documents that would now fully integrate the RCHCA into WRCOG in order to further improve staff efficiencies.

Local Assistance Provided to Member Agencies through Grant Writing Assistance

- WRCOG's Grant Writing Assistance Program funds professional grant writers to augment WRCOG member agencies staff time to compete for state, federal, and private grants.
- Grants received to date show a greater than 10-1 return on the Agency's expenditures.
- For more information on the Program, and to find out what grant writing assistance can be provided to WRCOG member agencies, visit our [website](#).



Western Riverside Council of Governments
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Recap
May 9, 2018

Following is a summary of major items discussed at the May 9, 2018, Administration & Finance Committee meeting. To review the full agenda and staff reports, please click [here](#). To review the meeting PowerPoint Presentation, please click [here](#).

Agreement for IT Assistance

- The Committee recommend that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with TWINTEL Solutions, Inc., as to form, to provide Information Technology and Audio / Visual services in an amount not to exceed \$114,000 annually.

Draft FY 2018-2018 Agency Budget

- WRCOG presented a second report to the Admin & Finance Committee on the Agency's Proposed Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- The Budget is balanced with total Agency revenue for FY 2017/2018, plus transfers from other departments for overhead, projected to be \$58.9M, against total Agency expenditures of \$53.6M.
- The Committee approved the Draft Budget and forwarded it to the Executive Committee for consideration in June. The General Assembly will consider the final Budget on June 21.

Experience Regional Innovation Center

- The Experience Center is envisioned to be a regional center that would focus on innovation across a variety of fields such as agriculture, green tech, education, etc.
- The Experience concept is examining and exploring local and national models to gain insights on potential uses such as educational, community-serving, research, and economic development.
- A Steering Committee, consisting of Executive Committee members, staff from member jurisdictions and stakeholders, have met for three of the six planned meetings.
- The final meeting, scheduled for August 2018, will review study findings, terms of governance, operations and partnerships.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Recap May 17, 2018

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting. To review the full agenda and staff reports for all items, click [here](#). To review the meeting PowerPoint presentations, click [here](#).

Update from California League of Cities

- Beginning in 2020, all new homes will be required to have solar.
- It appears that enough signatures will be gathered and certified to place a repeal of SB1 on the ballot for voter consideration in November. Efforts are underway to educate the public on SB 1.
- U.S Communities Lunch & Learn, *Save Time and Money*– June 13, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Eastvale Community Center, 13820 Schleisman Rd. Eastvale, Ca. For more information contact Rob Fiorilli at rfiorilli@uscommunities.org.
- CalPERS had a meeting on AB 1912, and will likely take a support position on this bill. The League is asking that letters be sent to CalPERS asking them to not support.

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Upcoming Events

- June 21, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.: WRCOG will host its 27th Annual General Assembly & Leadership Address featuring Steve Forbes at Morongo, free for WRCOG member jurisdictions. RSVP [here](#).

Next Meeting

- **The Technical Advisory Committee is DARK in June.** The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will convene on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in WRCOG's office, located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee Meeting Recap May 10, 2018

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- The item will continue to be considered by WRCOG’s committees.

Community Gardens Best Practices

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Regional Housing Element

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- The model presented, 21 Elements, is from San Mateo County where jurisdictions created a regional framework to guide development of individual plans, by establishing regular convenings, and creating a toolkit and plug-and-play templates.

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Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the WRCOG Planning Directors Committee will convene on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at WRCOG's office, located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Public Works Committee Meeting Recap
May 10, 2018**

Inland Empire Transportation Cybersecurity Research Initiative

- Christopher Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation, introduced an initiative to analyze the current regulatory environment, management, and resources available to manage cybersecurity issues related to surface transportation facilities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.
- California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) researchers presented the tasks and deliverables, in this collaborative effort with WRCOG, which include steps to: review applicable policies and regulations, survey on emerging technologies in the Inland Empire, identify potential cybersecurity issues, interview transportation leaders, and develop the framework for a long-term cybersecurity strategy.
- Committee members were provided with an introductory survey to begin collecting data for the effort.
- For more information, please contact Christopher Gray at cgray@wrcog.us.

Active Transportation Plan – Final Report

- Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, presented the Active Transportation Plan for final review. Over the last two years, staff has provided numerous updates on the Plan, which will serve as a resource to member agencies focused on enhancing non-motorized infrastructure in the region.
- The Committee recommended that the Executive Committee approve the Western Riverside County Active Transportation Plan.
- For more information, please contact Christopher Tzeng at ctzeng@wrcog.us.

TUMF Program Communications Review

- Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided an update on the review of current WRCOG communications strategy for the TUMF Program.
- On-call planning consultant, Fehr & Peers, conducted interviews with stakeholders, reviewed the WRCOG website, and Annual Report to determine how well WRCOG is communicating on the TUMF Program and how to make the process more effective and efficient.
- Staff from Fehr & Peers presented the findings and recommendations of the communications review which included creating a TUMF fee calculator tool and interactive website with information on TUMF Network projects.
- For more information, please contact Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo at dramirez-cornejo@wrcog.us.

Proposed New TUMF Policy for TUMF Calculation

- Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided an update on the two preferred options to avoid TUMF calculation errors, which included WRCOG calculating TUMF for all new development projects and verifying exemptions.

- Committee members identified several concerns with changing TUMF calculation protocol including, but not limited to, timing of calculation responses and specific calculation processes if WRCOG staff were to do all calculations.
- The Committee revised language of the requested actions to have WRCOG staff verify TUMF for all new development projects rather than calculate.
- The Committee requested that additional information be provided with regard to a process for implementing an option that would have WRCOG calculate and collect all project TUMF fees.
- The Committee directed staff to update the TUMF Calculator Tool by August 2018, which would allow stakeholders to generate estimates of calculations for new development projects.
- For more information, please contact Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo at dramirez-cornejo@wrcog.us.

Grant Writing Assistance Program Update

- Christopher Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation, discussed recent activities and awards associated with WRCOG's Grant Writing Assistance Program.
- The Grant Writing Assistance Program has resulted in more than \$1 million in awarded funding and twelve applications.
- For more information, please contact Christopher Gray at cgray@wrcog.us.

Riverside County Traffic Analysis Model (RIVTAM) Update

- Christopher Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation, provided a report on the status of the RIVTAM update. WRCOG has commenced the procurement process and the RIVTAM update will kick-off this summer.
- WRCOG is currently in the negotiation process with the selected consultant and anticipates entering into an agreement in the coming weeks.
- For more information, please contact Christopher Gray at cgray@wrcog.us.

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Grant Writing Assistance Program Update

Contact: Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager, ctzeng@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6711

Date: June 14, 2018

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the Grant Writing Assistance Program.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

WRCOG provides assistance to member jurisdictions to fund local projects through the Grant Writing Assistance Program. This Program assists member jurisdictions on an as-needed basis, as funding is available, and covers the cost of hiring professional grant writers to develop proposals for competitive, external funding.

Grant Writing Assistance Program Overview

Through the Grant Writing Assistance Program (Program) WRCOG manages a bench of consultants to help jurisdictions prepare grant applications in five program areas: Active Transportation; Caltrans Sustainable Transportation and Adaptation Planning; Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities; electric vehicle and alternative fuel readiness, or funding related to Clean Cities activities; and any new planning grant opportunities. The Program aims to strengthen the region's overall competitiveness for statewide funding and to provide needed supplemental support to jurisdictions prevented from seeking grant funds due to limited capacity and/or resources.

Grant Writing Assistance Program at Work

WRCOG has allocated \$700,000 toward the Program, of which \$110,000 has been used to date, yielding \$1.8 million in awarded grants for the region. For more information on Program logistics, please refer to the Guidelines provided as Attachment 1. Additionally, Attachment 2 to this report provides an overview of Assistance provided through the Program to date.

Grant Opportunities Summary Table

In addition to offering grant writing assistance, WRCOG provides regular updates on various grant opportunities that may be of interest to jurisdictions with the goal of returning as much grant funding to member agencies as possible. In the Grant Opportunities Summary Table (Attachment 3), there are two tables: Table 1 provides possible grant opportunities which WRCOG may be able to provide grant writing assistance for, while Table 2 provides additional opportunities which are not eligible for assistance through WRCOG, though they may be of interest to members. The table lists both the estimated "Level of Difficulty" to provide an indication of the level of support needed to develop applications, and the "Success Rates" indicating the number of applications awarded in relation to the number of applications submitted.

Prior Action:

May 10, 2018: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

1. Grant Writing Assistance Program Guidelines.
2. Grant Writing Assistance Provided Summary.
3. Grant Opportunities Summary Table.

Item 5.B

Grant Writing Assistance Program
Update

Attachment 1

Grant Writing Assistance Program
Guidelines

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WRCOG Grant Writing Assistance Program Guidelines

Program Overview: The WRCOG Grant Writing Assistance Program (Program), launched in September 2017, is designed to assist members in preparing proposals for grant opportunities. WRCOG allocated funding for an initial pilot of the Grant Writing Assistance Program for its members. To provide a Program that best assists WRCOG members, WRCOG staff convened a Focus Group of member agency staff to provide feedback on Program specifics and develop Program Guidelines, which were approved by the WRCOG Executive Committee on September 11, 2017.

Grant Writing Consultants: WRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March 2017 for consultants to serve on a “bench” to provide grant writing assistance to WRCOG member agencies. The bench of consultants is available to members on a first-come, first-served basis when funding opportunities for the selected grants become available. The consultants will assist members with the grant application process only, not with subsequent award management or project implementation. The following consultants were selected to assist our member agencies with grant preparation:

- Alta Planning + Design
- Blais & Associates
- KTUA
- National Community Renaissance
- WSP

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Program Guidelines: The Guidelines define the parameters of the Program, including the following items:

1. Eligible grants;
2. Expectation of member agencies accepting assistance;
3. Linkage to other WRCOG programs;
4. Screening process; and
5. Process to request grant writing assistance.

#1 - Eligible grants: For this pilot, the Program focuses on a few select grant opportunities. Eligible grants are as follows:

- [Active Transportation Program](#)
- [Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program](#) (Transportation Planning Grants & Adaptation Planning Grants)
- [Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program](#)
- [Clean Cities](#) related grants
- New planning grant opportunities

To maintain flexibility with the Program, “new planning grant opportunities” are included so that other grant opportunities related to planning may be considered. This category enables members to request assistance if any grant opportunities that focus on planning grants become available – such as those that help fund General Plans, Specific Plans, or Community Plans.

*Ineligible Grants: The Program is **not** intended to assist infrastructure grant opportunities, i.e., TIGER, HSIP, FASTLANE, etc.*

Assistance with Clean Cities grants is available for WRCOG Clean Cities Coalition members only. Assistance is available for grant opportunities related to Clean Cities activities, such as electric vehicle charging stations and city / county fleet purchasing. Funding for assistance with these grants will be allocated from Coalition funds. WRCOG administers the Coalition on behalf of participating member agencies which pay specific Coalition dues. This Program can increase the Coalition’s effectiveness by assisting Coalition members attain grant funding.

#2 - Expectation of member agency accepting assistance: WRCOG member agencies must submit a formal request using the [Application for Grant Writing Assistance](#) form to WRCOG. WRCOG will only authorize a consultant to provide assistance if a WRCOG member agency submits an Application to WRCOG for the eligible grant opportunities listed above.

In order for the Program to run effectively and utilize funds efficiently, the member agency accepting grant writing assistance must agree to the following:

- Define project parameters and provide consultant a basic project description
- Dedicate sufficient resources:
 - Obtain all necessary material on the information checklist provided by the consultant
 - Attend kick-off meeting to ensure consultant has needed information to prepare grant application
 - Respond to inquiries from the consultant in a timely manner
- Be the responsible party for grant submittal, including signatory on application and actual submittal of the application

It is expected that once the member agency is awarded the assistance for a grant application, and the consultant is selected to assist, all parties will participate in a kick-off meeting to discuss the proposal and share necessary information to begin work on the grant application. The consultant will prepare the grant application and all necessary exhibits, tables, etc., for review by the member agency staff. The member agency will then provide comments to be addressed by the consultant, and the consultant will then revise the application based on comments provided. Finally, the consultant will provide the member agency staff with a final draft for review and submittal.

#3 - Linkage to other WRCOG programs: To qualify for assistance through the Program, projects must meet the following specific criteria. First, grant proposals receiving assistance must show a nexus to the core components of WRCOG's [Economic Development and Sustainability Framework](#) (Framework). The Economic Development and Sustainability Framework is a foundational document for planning in Western Riverside County consisting of six core components adopted by the Executive Committee. In addition, grant proposals must also demonstrate a nexus to a regionally significant plan, such as WRCOG's [Subregional Climate Action Plan](#), the Western Riverside County Active Transportation Plan, and/or the RCTC Long-Range Plan. Lastly, a grant proposal is preferred to be multi-jurisdictional, but is not mandatory – this is to align with many grant opportunities that favor larger, regional projects.

#4 - Process to request grant writing assistance:

1. Member agency submits an Application, formally requesting grant writing assistance with a specific grant. WRCOG will leave it to the discretion of the member agency how this request is made, whether it is through the elected body, WRCOG representative, or other party to act on behalf of the City. WRCOG will assume that if it receives a request for assistance from a member agency representative, that representative is authorized to act on behalf of the member agency.
 - a. WRCOG prepared a [Grant Writing Assistance Interest Form](#) (Interest Form), to enable jurisdictions to indicate potential interest in receiving support for a specified grant funding category/categories, tentatively reserving a place in line for grant writing assistance. This is in lieu of the varying time tables for each grant opportunity and the first-come first-served nature of the assistance.
 - b. An Interest Form is not required, but recommended for those wishing to apply for assistance with grant opportunities which become available later in the Program cycle.
2. WRCOG staff will review the applications within seven calendar days and determine whether the request meets the guidelines, as noted below.
3. If the Application meets the criteria set in these Guidelines, WRCOG will work with the applicant to select a proper consultant from the list of pre-approved consultants.
4. Kick-off meeting will be held with agency and consultant.

#5 - Screening process: In order to ensure funds for the Program are utilized effectively and efficiently, an Application must be submitted to WRCOG for review. Upon receipt the Application will be reviewed to ensure Program criteria, as outlined above, are met, demonstrating a nexus to the Framework as well as a regionally significant plan, and the project will generate a competitive application, as assessed by such factors as being multi-jurisdictional. WRCOG and consultants will also confirm, based on timing of Application receipt, whether there is sufficient time to develop a competitive grant application.

The criteria set in these Guidelines, serve as basic standards for proposals to be evaluated. The selection of proposals for grant writing assistance will be at the discretion of WRCOG based on available funding, and WRCOG reserves the right to decide which proposals receive grant writing assistance.

Tentatively, no member will receive assistance on more than two grants. This is a soft limit as it will be based on the number of applications received.

Nothing in this Program will be construed as limiting member agencies from hiring other consultants to prepare grants on their behalf.

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Grant Writing Assistance Provided
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Assistance Summary - PROVIDED					
Jurisdiction	Description	Grant Program Applying for:	Anticipated Award	Funding Requested	Funding Awarded
Lake Elsinore	City-wide Active Transportation Plan.	Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant - Sustainable Communities	Winter 2018	\$200,000	\$175,000
All	Summary table provided to all WRCOG member agencies on bi-weekly basis.				
Banning	City is applying to attain funding for expansion of the City's CNG facility.	MSRC Natural Gas Infrastructure Grant	Winter 2018	\$225,000	\$225,000
WRCOG	Develop localized guidelines, thresholds, and mitigation measures related to SB 743 for jurisdictions of Western Riverside County.	SCAG Sustainable Planning Grant	Spring 2017	\$200,000	\$200,000
WRCOG	WRCOG and SBCTA submitted a joint application for climate adaptation funding from Caltrans for development of a regional Climate Adaptation Toolkit.	Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant - Adaptation Planning	Winter 2018	\$500,000	\$683,431
WRCOG	Regional effort to research and evaluate emerging technologies that could change the way cities develop and operate in the future.	Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant - Sustainable Communities	Winter 2018	\$500,000	TBA
WRCOG	WRCOG submitted an application to update their Climate Action Plan.	Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant - Sustainable Communities	Winter 2018	\$200,000	\$344,900
County	SR-74/Winchester Land Use/Transportation Study	Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant - Sustainable Communities	Winter 2018	\$133,000	\$133,000
Hemet	City is interested in attaining funding to enhance City's Mobility Hub and future TOD opportunities, and active transportation enhancements.	Urban Greening Grant and Active Transportation Program Cycle IV	Spring/Summer 2018	TBD	
Eastvale	City is submitting an application to attain funding for an Active Transportation project.	Active Transportation Program - Cycle IV	Summer 2018	TBD	
Jurupa Valley	City is planning to submit applications to attain funding for three Safe Routes to School projects.	Active Transportation Program - Cycle IV	Summer 2018	TBD	
Temecula	City is submitting an application to attain funding for an Active Transportation project.	Active Transportation Program - Cycle IV	Summer 2018	TBD	

Assistance Summary - PENDING					
Jurisdiction	Description	Grant Program Applying for:	Anticipated Award	Funding Requested	Funding Awarded
Norco	City-wide Active Transportation Plan.	SCAG Sustainable Planning Grant	Fall 2018	TBD	
March JPA	JPA is interested in funding for a sidewalk gap.	TBD			

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Grant Opportunities Summary Table

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**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Grant Opportunities and Forecast
May 31, 2018**

(New is noted for grants added in the past 14 days)



The grant opportunities beginning on the next page are part of WRCOG's emphasis to return as much grant funding to member agencies as possible. To that end, WRCOG may be able to assist member agencies with grant writing for the grant programs listed in Table 1. Please also see Table 2 for additional opportunities for your agency that cannot be facilitated by WRCOG, but might be of interest.

To help clarify the level of effort needed to develop the proposals, we have created a key for ready reference.

Key: Level of Difficulty (LOD)	
Simple	A simple level of difficulty indicates an application that may take 8 hours or less to develop, and can likely be accomplished "in-house" with minimal effort/allocation of internal resources.
Medium	A medium level of difficulty indicates an application process that will take a more substantial allocation of internal resources to accomplish, and might possibly require outside assistance (20-70 hours to develop application).
Complex	A complex level of difficulty indicates a VERY competitive opportunity, with a small success rate and intensive grant-development and positioning.

Additionally, we have included the "Success Rates" for each opportunity (if known). This statistic is indicated in **blue** in the "Notes" column, and provides the number of applications awarded in relation to the number of applications submitted (if known).*

*Success rates are not listed for "On the Horizon/NOFAs Not Released" section of Table 2.

Please contact Chris Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, at (951) 405-6711 for more information about grant writing assistance.

TABLE 1
Grant opportunities that may be eligible for WRCOG-assisted grant writing

No.	Deadline	Name of Grant	Name of Agency/Type	Source of Funds	Maximum Funding	Match Requirement	Notes
The grants that might be eligible for WRCOG grant-writing assistance are:							
1	07/31/18 Transportation Improvements	Active Transportation Program. To increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking, and provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users. Eligible Project Types: • Community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, Safe Routes to School, or active transportation plans in disadvantaged communities. • Bikeways and walkways that improve mobility, access, or safety for non-motorized users. • Improvements to existing bikeways and walkways. • Elimination of hazardous conditions on existing bikeways and walkways. • Installation of traffic control devices to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. • Safe Routes to School projects that improve the safety of children walking and bicycling to school. • Secure bicycle parking at employment centers, park and ride lots, rail and transit stations, and ferry docks and landings for the benefit of the public. • Recreational trails and trailheads, park projects that facilitate trail linkages or connectivity to non-motorized corridors, and conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails.	California Transportation Commission (CTC)	State	\$100 million	Not required.	http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/atp/ Success Rate: 11% 456 applications received; 50 applications funded at State level. LOD: Medium – Complex The effort is not extremely difficult, but it is time-intensive.

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No.	Deadline	Name of Grant	Name of Agency/Type	Source of Funds	Maximum Funding	Match Requirement	Notes
2A	Expected Fall 2018 Planning	SB 1 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program. To develop local plans that encourage sustainable infrastructure improvements to reduce GHG, Vehicle Miles Traveled, and increase safety, and/or provide access to Public Transit. • Sustainable Communities: Formula funds for MPOs. • Sustainable Communities Competitive: Eligible project types (not limited to): - o Community to school studies or safe routes to school plans. - o Studies that advance a community's effort to address the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise. - o Complete street plans. - o Transit planning studies related to accessible transit, paratransit, mobility management, etc. - o First Mile/Last Mile project development planning. - o Land use planning activities in coordination with a transportation project. • Strategic Partnerships: To fund transportation planning studies of interregional and statewide significance in partnership with Caltrans. • Strategic Partnerships Transit: Funds multimodal planning studies with a focus on transit, in partnership with Caltrans, of regional, interregional and statewide significance.	Caltrans	State	Sustainable Comm. Comp.: Minimum: \$50,000 for DAC; \$100,000 for all others; Maximum: \$1,000,000 Strategic Partnerships including Transit: Minimum: \$100,000; Maximum: \$500,000 (MPO \$1 million)	11.47%	http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html Partnerships are highly encouraged Success Rate: 34% 127 applications were received; 43 were funded. LOD: Medium

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Grant opportunities that may be eligible for WRCOG-assisted grant writing

No.	Deadline	Name of Grant	Name of Agency/Type	Source of Funds	Maximum Funding	Match Requirement	Notes
2B	Expected Fall 2018 Planning	SB 1 Adaptation Planning Grant. For climate change adaptation planning. Example of plans: • Climate vulnerability assessments. • Extreme weather event evacuation planning. • Resilience planning. • Transportation infrastructure adaptation plans. • Natural and green infrastructure planning (e.g. wetlands restoration along transportation corridors to protect transportation infrastructure from flooding and storm impacts). • Integration of transportation adaptation planning considerations into existing plans, such as climate mitigation or adaptation plan, Local Coastal Program (LCP), Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), General Plan or other related planning efforts. • Evaluation of or planning for other adaptation strategies, such as: ○ Providing transit shelters with shade, water, or other means of cooling in locations expected to see temperature increases. ○ Planning for distributed energy and storage to provide decentralized energy system for safeguarding against loss of power and impacts to electric vehicles due to climate-related grid disruptions.	Caltrans	State	Minimum: \$100,000 Maximum: \$1 million	11.47%	http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html Partnerships are highly encouraged Success Rate: 57% 21 applications were received; 12 were funded LOD: Medium

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No.	Deadline	Name of Grant	Name of Agency/Type	Source of Funds	Maximum Funding	Match Requirement	Notes
3	Expected Fall 2018 Housing	Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities. To fund projects) that result in: the reduction of GHG emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and increased accessibility of housing, employment centers and key destinations through low-carbon transportation options such as walking, biking and transit. Eligible <u>Capital Projects</u> in Last Round (subject to change): • Affordable Housing Development (loan) (Bricks and Mortar). • Housing-Related Infrastructure (grant) (Required as Condition of Approval). • Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure (grant). • Transit, Bike Lanes, Sidewalks. • Transportation-Related Amenities (grant). • Bike Parking, Repair Kiosks, Urban Greening, Bus Shelters. Eligible <u>Programs</u> (3 Year Grants) in Last Round: • Active Transportation Programs. • Transit Ridership Programs. • Criteria Air Pollutant Reduction Programs. Project areas must include a Qualifying Transit, defined as a transit line serving the public that is operated by a public entity, or operated as a grant recipient from a public entity. All Project Areas MUST also include a Transit Station/Stop, which is served by at least one Qualifying Transit line departing 2 or more times during Peak Hours.	Strategic Growth Council	State	Maximum loan or grant or combination for Project Area is \$20 million with a minimum award of at least \$1 million for TOD Project Areas and at least \$500,000 for ICP and RIPA Project Areas. Single Developer - \$40 million.	Not required	http://sgc.ca.gov/Grant-Programs/AHSC-Program.html Success Rate: 29% 85 full applications received; 25 applications awarded. LOD: Complex

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Grants which are not eligible for WRCOG grant writing assistance, but may be of interest

No.	Deadline	Name of Grant	Name of Agency/Type	Source of Funds	Maximum Funding	Match Requirement	Website
Grants which are not eligible for WRCOG grant writing assistance.							
1	Ongoing/ Reviewed quarterly Sports	Baseball Tomorrow Fund. - Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities. - The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. - Grants are designed to be flexible to enable applicants to address needs unique to their communities.	Baseball Tomorrow Fund	Private	No maximum. Average award is \$40,000	50%	www.baseballtomorrowfund.com Success Rate: 10% Approximately 400 applications are received annually; approximately 40 are funded. LOD: Medium
2	Rolling Deadline Transportation	Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration. To accelerate the use of innovation in highway transportation projects. NOTE: Applications accepted on a rolling basis until funding is no longer available. Applicants should apply when the eligible project is ready to authorize within 12 months.	Federal Highway Administration	Federal	\$1 million	20%	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/grants/ Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Medium

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3	Opened 09/01/17 Accepted first-come, first-served for one year. Economic Development	CDBG Economic Development (ED) Over the Counter. Funding to non-entitlement cities and counties. Projects consist of financial assistance to a single business or a large number of assisted businesses served by common infrastructure. The most common form of an OTC project is a single business with a single project where funds are provided as a loan from the jurisdiction/grantee to and eligible borrower.	California Housing and Community Development	State	\$10 million	Not stated.	http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/nofas.shtml#current Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Medium
4	Ongoing Economic Development	EDA Disaster Supplemental. To help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued, under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as a result of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and of wildfires and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2017. Eligible for activities related to disaster recovery, including economic recovery strategic planning grants and public works construction assistance .	Economic Development Agency	Federal	None stated.	50%	https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term= Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Complex

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5	Applications being accepted for Concept Proposals. Deadline has not been set but expected to be June/July 2018 Water	Groundwater Grant Program Round 2. For grants, and loans, for planning and implementation projects that prevent or cleanup the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water. Examples of implementation projects include, but are not limited to: • Wellhead treatment; • Installation of extraction wells combined with treatment systems; • Centralized groundwater treatment systems; • Source area cleanup; • Groundwater recharge to prevent or reduce contamination of municipal or domestic wells; • Groundwater injection to prevent seawater intrusion; and • Groundwater well destruction.	State Water Resources Control Board	State	Planning: \$100,000 to \$2 million. Implementation: \$500,000 to \$50 million for projects that prevent or clean up contamination of an aquifer. Implementation for drinking water treatment up to \$5 million and septic-to-sewer implementation projects are eligible up to \$8 million if these projects directly benefit a DAC or EDA.	50%. May be waived or partially waived for DACs	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/groundwater_sustainability.shtml Success Rate: Data is not available. LOD: Medium

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6	06/05/18 Emission Reduction	Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (CMP). To obtain emission reductions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Particulate Matter (PM10) and Reactive Organic Gases (ROG) from heavy-duty vehicles and other equipment operating in California as early and as cost-effectively as possible. The CMP provides financial incentives to assist in the purchase of cleaner-than-required engine and equipment technologies to achieve emission reductions that are real, surplus, quantifiable and enforceable. Project will fund: • Infrastructure; • On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicles, including Emergency Vehicles (Fire Apparatus); and • Off-Road Equipment.	South Coast Air Quality Management District	Regional	The “Step 1” cost effectiveness limit, \$30,000 per weighted ton of emissions reduced, applies to projects that bring vehicles and equipment up to current standards. The “Step 2” cost effectiveness limit, \$100,000 per weighted ton of emissions reduced, applies to projects that are zero-emission or meet the cleanest certified optional standard applicable (by source category).	Not required	http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/business-detail?title=heavy-duty-engines Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Medium

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7	06/07/18 Law Enforcement	Community Policing Development. To develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. Topic Areas: Areas: • Incorporating Community Policing into Contemporary Broken Windows Theory Applications • Supporting First Amendment Rights: The Community Policing Approach • Partnerships to Address Labor Trafficking • Online Law Enforcement Training • Supporting First-Line Supervisors • Field-Initiated Law Enforcement Microgrants • Open Topic Area • Tribal Training and Technical Assistance • Invitational Applications: Must be invited.	U.S. Department of Justice	Federal	• Incorporating Community Policing (1): up to \$500,000 • Supporting 1st Amendment Rights (1): up to \$500,000 • Partnerships to Address Labor Trafficking (1): up to \$500,000 • Online LE Training (4): \$250,000 each • Supporting 1st-Line Supervisors (1): up to \$300,000 • LE Microgrants (18): \$100,000 each • Open Topic Area (7): up to \$300,000 • Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (1): up to \$300,000	Not required.	https://cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2450 Success Rate: Data is not available at this time. LOD: Medium

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8	06/08/18 Restoration and Watershed Protection	CA Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 Proposal Solicitation. To fund multi-benefit projects that protect and enhance coastal resources. Projects must entail the construction or acquisition of capital assets and/or activities that are incidentally but directly related to construction or acquisition, such as planning, design and engineering. There are four categories: 1. Water Sustainability 2. Protect and Enhance Anadromous Fish 3. Wetland Restoration 4. Urban Greening	CA Coastal Conservancy	State	Not stated.	Not required.	http://scc.ca.gov/grants/proposition-1-grants/ Success Rate: 33 applications received, and 9 applications were funded. Success rate was 27%. LOD: Medium
9	06/08/18 Mental Health Training	Mental Health Awareness Training Grant. 1. Train individuals (e.g., school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, veterans, armed services members and their families) to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental disorders; 2. Establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals; 3. Train emergency services personnel, veterans, law enforcement, fire department personnel; and 4. Educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder.	Department of Health and Human Services	Federal	\$125,000 per year for three years	Not required.	https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sam-18-009 Success Rate: N/A. This is a new program. LOD: Complex

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10	06/12/18 Housing	Choice Housing Planning Grant. To support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. • Planning Grants: Two-year grants that assist communities with severely distressed public or HUD-assisted housing in developing a successful neighborhood Transformation Plan and building the support necessary for the plan to be successfully implemented. • Planning and Action Grants: Three-and-a-half year planning grants that demonstrate a commitment to "doing while planning."	Housing and Urban Development	Federal	• Planning and Action Grants: \$1.3 million • Planning Grants: \$350,000	5%	https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomg/mt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy18cnp Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Complex

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11	06/12/18 Emission Reduction	Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. For projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating at or servicing goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Eligible Diesel Vehicles, Engines and Equipment: Projects may include, but are not limited to, diesel emission reduction solutions from the following heavy-duty diesel emission source types: • Buses; • Medium-duty or heavy-duty trucks; • Marine Engines; • Locomotives; and • Nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in: - o Construction; - o Handling of cargo (including at a port or airport); - o Agriculture; - o Mining; or - o Energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). There are numerous eligible vehicles, engines/equipment and various diesel emission reduction solutions listed in the guidelines.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Federal	\$ 2.7 million however 2-8 awards are anticipated.	Varies based on project.	https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants#rfp Success Rate: Data is not available at this time. LOD: Complex

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12	06/13/18 Water	Prop 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program. For both PLANNING and IMPLEMENTATION grants under the following two categories: • The Watershed Restoration Grant Program focuses on water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. • The Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program focuses on water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. All Proposition 1 grants funded by CDFW under this Solicitation must fall within the following priorities: • Watershed Restoration Grant Program - o Central Valley Salmon Resilience and Recovery - o Large-Scale Wildfire Recovery Response Restoration Project Implementation • Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program - o Improve Water Quality - o Improve Habitats in the Delta - o Scientific Studies - o Planning for Multi-Benefit Restoration through Regional Partnerships	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife	State	Not stated.	Not required.	https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Restoration-Grants Success Rate: 2017: 113 applications received; 39 projects were funded. Success rate was 35%. LOD: Complex

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No.	Deadline	Name of Grant	Name of Agency/Type	Source of Funds	Maximum Funding	Match Requirement	Website
13	06/18/18 Transportation	Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative. To develop model deployment sites for large-scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment. Examples of projects: • Advanced traveler information systems; • Advanced transportation management technologies; • Infrastructure maintenance, monitoring, and condition assessment; • Advanced public transportation systems; • Transportation system performance data collection, analysis, and dissemination systems; • Advanced safety systems; • Integration of intelligent transportation systems with the Smart Grid and other energy distribution and charging systems; • Electronic pricing and payment systems; or • Advanced mobility and access technologies.	U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal	\$12 million	50%	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/advtranscongmtfs.cfm Success Rate: Data is not available on success rate; however, ten projects were funded. LOD: Complex

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14	06/18/18 Transportation	Low or No Emission Grant Program (LoNo). For the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities. Eligible projects include: • Purchasing or leasing low or no emission buses; • Acquiring low or no emission buses with a leased power source; • Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment for low or no emission buses; • Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses; or • Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses.	Federal Transit Administration	Federal	None stated.	15 percent for leasing or acquiring a transit bus. 10 percent of the cost of transit bus related equipment or facilities that are attributable to compliance with the Clean Air Act.	https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/lowno Success Rate: 129 applications were received; 51 projects were funded. The success rate was 40%. LOD: Complex

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15	06/20/18 Homeless Youth	Street Outreach. To provide street-based services to runaway and homeless, and street youth, who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, severe forms of trafficking in persons, or sex trafficking. Projects will: • Implement outreach intervention strategies to keep youth safe and help them leave the streets; • Provide approaches to identify and end sexual exploitation and human trafficking situations; • Coordinate and sustain partnerships in order to expand access to services that respond to the needs of youth experiencing homelessness; • Establish and/or strengthen the integration of comprehensive services that enhance protective factors; • Provide preventive services that enhance protective factors, such as connection to schools, vocational services, friends, and caring adults; and • Identify and provide services to youth who are victims of any type of sexual victimization and severe forms of human trafficking.	Department of Health and Human Services	Federal	\$150,000 per budget period. Minimum \$90,000	10%	https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-YO-1353 Success Rate: Unknown. LOD: Medium

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16	06/20/18 (Optional Concept Proposal due 5/21/18) Environmental Mitigation	Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program. To mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified state transportation facilities. Project Categories: 1. Urban Forestry - projects are designed to offset vehicular emissions of carbon dioxide. 2. Resource Lands - projects provide for the acquisition or enhancement of resource lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to, resource lands within or near the right-of-way acquired for transportation improvements. 3. Mitigation Projects Beyond the Scope of the Lead Agency - responsible for assessing the environmental impact of the proposed transportation improvement.	CA Natural Resources Agency	State	Awards are generally limited to \$500,000. Awards of up to \$1 million may be made for acquisition projects.	Not required.	http://resources.ca.gov/grants/environmental-enhancement-and-mitigation-eem/ Success Rate: 46 applications received. 13 projects were recommended for funding. Success rate: 28%. LOD: Medium

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17	06/21/18 Rail	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program. To fund projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of passenger and freight rail. An applicant must submit an eligible project under one of the following four tracks: • Track 1—Planning; • Track 2—PE/NEPA; • Track 3—FD/Construction; or • Track 4—Safety Programs and Institutes. Projects eligible for funding under this grant program include: • Deployment of railroad safety technology (PTC/rail integrity inspection systems). • Capital projects. • Highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects. • Rail line relocation and improvement projects. • Regional rail and corridor service development plans and environmental analyses. • Any project necessary to enhance multimodal connections or facilitate service integration between rail service and other modes. • The development and implementation of a safety program or institute.	U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal	There are no minimum or maximum thresholds.	20%. Selection preference to applications where the proposed Federal share of total project costs is 50 percent or less.	https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P1079 Success Rate: N/A. This is a new program. LOD: Medium

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18	First-come, first-served until 06/29/18 or until funds are exhausted. Air Quality	Natural Gas Infrastructure Program. To assist in the construction of natural gas refueling infrastructure within the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Examples of previously funded projects: 1. City of Los Angeles: (\$350,000) To provide a time-fill CNG fueling station to provide fuel to ten (10) CNG vehicles. In addition, a limited fast-fill dispenser would be provided in order to provide "spot" fueling as needed. 2. Riverside Transit Agency (\$1 million) The project consisted of three phases: 1) Planning, design, and technical specification development; 2) installation of underground gas lines; and 3) procurement, construction, and installation of station equipment.	Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee	State	• Maximums vary depending on the entity and fuel. • The geographical minimum is \$500,000 per county.	50%	http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org/rfp/view/natural-gas-infrastructure-funding-opportunities Success Rate: Not applicable as this is a first-come, first-served incentive program. LOD: Medium

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19	06/30/18 Water	Drinking Water for Schools. To improve access to, and the quality of, drinking water in public schools. All projects must be located at schools within, or serving, a disadvantaged community (DAC). Eligible projects include but are not limited to: • Installation or replacement of water bottle filling stations or drinking water fountains with or without treatment devices capable of removing contaminants present in the school's water supply; • Installation of point-of-entry (POE), or point-of-use (POU) treatment devices for water bottle filling stations, drinking fountains, and other fixtures that provide water for human consumption, including up to three years of: replacement filters, operation and maintenance (O&M), and monitoring of POE or POU devices; • Installation, replacement, or repairs of drinking water fixtures and associated plumbing appurtenances that are necessary to address lead contamination identified by a school's public water system pursuant to the Lead Sampling of Drinking Water in California Schools program and that requires a corrective action.	CA State Water Resources Control Board	State	School: \$25,000/\$100,000 Entities: \$25,000/\$1 million	Not stated as required.	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/schools/ Success Rate: N/A. This is a new program LOD: Medium

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20	07/02/18 GHG Reduction	Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Adaptation grant. To support multi-benefit projects that use natural systems to assist communities in adapting to the impacts of climate change impacts. Examples of the kinds of projects eligible for funding include, but are not limited to: • Nature in Cities Projects that create more sustainable and livable communities by improving natural areas and expanding green spaces. Projects may reduce urban heat island effects, improve air quality, increase walkability, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and create safe public green spaces and trails. • Wetland Restoration Projects that restore coastal and riparian wetlands. Wetland restoration can reduce risk of coastal flooding from sea level rise. Floodplain restoration can reduce river flooding caused by increased storms. • Nature-Based Solutions for Shoreline Protection Projects that increase shoreline resilience to sea level rise while restoring ecological function and creating habitat. NOTE: 75% of the funding will be awarded to DACs.	CA Coastal Conservancy	State	There are no minimum or maximum.	Not required.	http://scc.ca.gov/climate-change/climate-ready-program/ Success Rate: The Conservancy has awarded \$7.3 million for 42 projects. LOD: Medium

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21	07/09/18 Veteran Housing	Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program. To provide loans for the development of affordable multifamily rental housing containing permanent supportive housing units, and affordable housing units, for veterans and their families.	CA Housing and Community Development	State	\$10 million (LOANS)	Not required. Points will be awarded for leverage of development funding.	http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/vhhp.shtml Success Rate: Unknown. LOD: Medium

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22	07/17/18 Water	Water Marketing Strategy Grant. To establish or expand water markets or water marketing activities between willing participants, in compliance with state and Federal laws. • Funding Group I: For water marketing strategies that can be completed within two years from the date of award because they are relatively smaller in scope or less complex. Applicants in this funding group will conduct outreach, planning and scoping activities, and develop a water marketing strategy appropriate to the scope of their proposal. • Funding Group II: For more complex water marketing strategies that will require up to three years to complete because they are broader in scope (i.e., involve more partners, address a larger geographic area, or are more complex because the water marketing activities are more complex). • Projects must address each of the three following elements: - o Outreach and Partnership Building - o Scoping and Planning Activities - o Development of a Water Marketing Strategy	Bureau of Reclamation	Federal	• Funding Group I: Up to \$200,000 for a project that can be completed within two years. • Funding Group II: Up to \$400,000 for a project that can be completed within three years.	50%	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/watermarketing.html Success Rate: Nine projects were funded in 2017. 10-12 agreements are expected this round. LOD: Medium

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23	07/19/18 Transportation	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grant (BUILD) formally TIGER. For capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. • Capital projects: 1. Highway, bridge or other road projects eligible under title 23, United States Code; 2. Public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; 3. Passenger and freight rail transportation projects; 4. Port infrastructure and investments; and 5. Intermodal Projects. • Planning: dedicated funding for the planning, preparation, or design of eligible BUILD projects. • Research demonstration or pilot projects if they will result in long-term, permanent surface transportation infrastructure that has independent utility.	U.S. Department of Transportation	Federal	\$25 million Minimum: \$5 million except rural applicants \$1 million.	20%	https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants Success Rate: Success rate is between 6% and 9%. LOD: Complex

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24	07/19/18 Emission Reduction	Clean Transportation Incentives Zero- and Near Zero-Emission Freight Facilities Project. Projects that deploy emission reducing technologies used in freight movement and freight facilities. • Eligible vehicle and equipment types include on-road trucks, cargo handling equipment, marine vessels, locomotives, and others including supporting infrastructure. • Freight facility improvements and equipment such as preferential queuing, renewable energy generation and storage and education and outreach efforts that highlight economic benefits and transition to a zero-emission freight facility. • Freight facilities, for the purpose of this Solicitation, include warehouses, distribution centers, seaports, freight airports, intermodal rail yards, cold storage warehouses, rail yard, ports of entry, and other freight facilities.	CA Air Resources Board	State	Not stated.	50%	https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/solicitations.htm Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Complex

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25	07/31/18 Water	Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects. Small-scale on-the-ground efficiency projects. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to: • Canal Lining/Piping • Municipal Metering • Irrigation Flow Measurement • Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Automation • Irrigation Measures	Bureau of Reclamation	Federal	\$75,000	50%	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/ssweg.html Success Rate: 57 projects were funded in 2017. Success rate unknown. LOD: Medium

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26	08/1/18 Clean Vehicles and Mobility Strategies	MSRC Local Government Partnership Program. To accelerate transition to cleaner vehicles and mobility strategies. For an MSRC funding contribution greater than \$50,000, the following are eligible project categories: • Light-duty Zero Emission Vehicle Purchases or Leases • Medium & Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Purchase • Near-Zero Emission Heavy-Duty Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchases & Repowers • Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVSE) Installation • Alternative Fuel Refueling Infrastructure New Construction or Expansion Smaller jurisdictions are also entitled to request MSRC funds for the following additional eligible project categories: • Traffic Signal Coordination and Synchronization Projects. • Bicycle Active Transportation Projects. • First Mile/Last Mile Strategies. - o When implementing a project(s) from this subsection, jurisdictions are required to provide total project co-funding of at least 50%.	Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee	State	This is not a competitive program. The program sets aside a pro-rata share of MSRC funding for each city and county within the South Coast AQMD who participate in the AB 2766 motor vehicle registration fee program. • The maximum amount of funding any single city or county will receive is \$3,000,000.	Dollar for dollar up to \$3 million in MSRC funding. However, cities and counties that receive an annual allocation of AB 2766 Subvention Funds less than \$50,000 are eligible to receive an MSRC Partnership match of \$50,000.	http://www.cleantransportationfunding.org/rfp/view/2017-local-government-partnership-program Success Rate: N/A. This is a new program. LOD: Medium

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27	08/09/18 Arts	Our Town. For projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes. Successful Our Town projects ultimately lay the groundwork for systemic changes that sustain the integration of arts, culture, and design into strategies for strengthening communities. To apply, choose a program area: - Place-Based Projects. Through arts engagement, cultural planning, design, and/or artist/creative industry support, these projects contribute to improved quality of life in local communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. - Knowledge Building Projects. These projects build and disseminate knowledge about how to leverage arts, culture, and design as mechanisms for strengthening communities. These grants are available to arts service or design service organizations, and/or other national or regional membership, policy, or university-based organizations. These projects require a partnership that will facilitate the knowledge sharing and/or exchange.	National Endowment of the Arts	Federal	- Place-Based Projects - \$25,000 to \$200,000. - Knowledge Building Projects - \$25,000 to \$200,000.	1:1	https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction Success Rate: Unknown. LOD: Medium

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28	08/31/18 Transportation – Safety	Highway Safety Improvement Program. To achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. All proposed projects must lead to the construction of safety improvements. There are six application categories: • AC #1 – Common Benefit/Cost Ratio (BCR) Application • AC #2 – Set-aside for High Friction Surface Treatment • AC #3 – Set-aside for Guardrail Upgrades • AC #4 – Set-aside for Horizontal Curve Signing • AC #5- Set-aside for Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements • AC #6 – Set-aside for Tribes	Department of Transportation	State	Maximum per agency: • AC #1 - \$10 million • AC #2 - \$10 million • AC #3 - \$1 million • AC #4 - \$250,000 • AC #5 - \$250,000 • AC #6 - \$250,000 Maximum for a single project: \$10 million Minimum for a single project: \$100,000	10%. This ratio can be 100% if all countermeasures of the project are eligible for 100% federal reimbursement per Section 4.2 of the Local Roadway Safety Manual (LRSM).	http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/applynowHSIP.htm Success Rate: 213 applications received; 182 applications funded. Success rate 85%. LOD: Medium

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29	10/01/18 Habitat Preservation	Habitat Conservation Fund. To protect fish, wildlife, and native plant resources, to acquire or develop wildlife corridors and trails, and to provide for nature interpretation programs and other programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas. There are seven activity areas: 1. Deer/Mountain Lion Habitat 2. Rare, Endangered, Threatened, or Fully-Protected Species Habitat 3. Wetlands 4. Riparian Habitat 5. Anadromous Salmonids and Trout Habitat 6. Trails 7. Wildlife Area Activities This is the last round of funding.	CA State Parks	State	\$350,000 for individual application or \$500,000 for a regional application.	50%	http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21361 Success Rate: Varies by program type. LOD: Medium
30	04/10/20 Hydrogen Fueling	Implementation of Hydrogen Refueling Stations. To expand the availability of hydrogen refueling infrastructure in the South Coast AQMD region by making available a source of co-funding that can be accessed by the MSRC's strategic partners. MSRC will provide funding that can be used to improve the financial viability of a candidate hydrogen refueling station that has already undergone vetting by the Energy Commission or SCAQMD, or is being proposed by a public agency or industry stakeholder that will undergo evaluation by the MSRC, Energy Commission, or SCAQMD.	Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee	State	Minimum \$500,000 per county	Not stated.	http://cleantransportationfunding.org/node/1865 Success Rate: Unknown. LOD: Medium

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31	First Come; First Served until December 31, 2020 Homelessness	Stand Down Grant. To support local Stand Down events that assist homeless veterans by providing a wide variety of employment, social, and health services. - Funds must be used to enhance employment and training opportunities or to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless veterans through paid work. - Basic services such as showers, haircuts, attention to health concerns, and other collaborative services. - Grant funds may only be used to support allowable SD costs such as: - The purchase of food, bottled water, clothing, sleeping bags, one-person tents, backpacks filled with non-perishable foods, hygiene care kits, and over-the-counter reading glasses; - Vouchers may be purchased for minor time-limited legal services, consumer credit counseling services, food, phone cards, and gasoline gift cards for homeless veteran participants. - Special one-time costs for the duration of the SD event such as rental facilities and/or tents, electricity, equipment, portable toilets, and communications or internet access. - The purchase of janitorial supplies.	U.S. Department of Labor	Federal	\$7,000 for a one-day event and \$10,000 for a multi-day event	Cost share calculations are based on the number of expected homeless veterans to be served using VETS' SD funds compared to the overall number of participants expected to be served.	https://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/StandDown/index.htm Success Rate: Unknown at this time. LOD: Medium

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On the Horizon/NOFA not yet released.							
1	TBD Emission Reduction	Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Trust. \$381 million to California for NOx mitigation. Application and program details currently under development Workshops available in February and March.	California Air Resource Board	Private	TBD	TBD	https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/vw_info/vw-diesel-info/vw-diesel-info.htm
2	Spring 2018 Water	Groundwater Sustainability Program. For grants, and loans, for planning and implementation projects that prevent or cleanup the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water. Examples of implementation projects include, but are not limited to: • Wellhead treatment; • Installation of extraction wells combined with treatment systems; • Centralized groundwater treatment systems; • Source area cleanup; • Groundwater recharge to prevent or reduce contamination of municipal or domestic wells; • Groundwater injection to prevent seawater intrusion; and • Groundwater well destruction.	CA State Water Resources Control Board	State	Planning: \$100,000 to \$21 million. Implementation: \$500,000 to \$50 million.	50%	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/groundwater_sustainability.shtml

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3	Spring 2018 Water	Basin Studies LOI. To evaluate the ability to meet future water demands within a river basin and to identify adaptation and mitigation strategies to address the potential impacts of climate change.	Bureau of Reclamation	Federal	Unknown	50%	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/basp/index.html
4	Spring 2018 Water	Title XVI Construction. Funding for planning, design, and construction of congressionally authorized water recycling and reuse projects.	Bureau of Reclamation	Federal	\$4 million	75%	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/index.html
5	Spring 2018 Water Studies	Title XVI Feasibility Studies. Funding for development of new Title XVI feasibility studies for recycled water infrastructure.	Bureau of Reclamation	Federal	\$150,000 for feasibility studies to be completed within 18 months. \$450,000 for feasibility studies to be completed within 3 years.	50%	https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/title/index.html

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6	Fall 2018 Trails	Recreational Trails Program. For both non-motorized and motorized RECREATIONAL TRAILS and trail-related facilities. Eligible projects types are: acquisition, development or a combination of acquisition and development.	California State Parks	State	\$50,000 minimum/ \$1.5 million maximum	12%	http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324
7	Fall 2018 Libraries	Copycat Grant. Intended to help libraries easily implement tried-and-tested programs and extend the impact of previously funded LSTA projects. State Library staff will make available case studies and information about a variety of projects that are impactful and easily replicable, that can be accomplished in six to eight months, and that align with the State Library's LSTA Five Year Plan 2018-2022. Libraries will then have the opportunity to apply for funds to implement a selected project in their community.	California State Library	State	TBD	TBD	http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/

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8	Winter 2018 Recycle	Household Hazardous Waste – Small Projects. To assist local governments in implementing safe HHW programs, which may include public education, source reduction, reuse, recycling, load checking and collection components.	CalRecycle	State	• \$50,000 for individual applicants. • \$75,000 for rural area counties (population of 200,000 or less) or regional and JPA applications.	Not required.	http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Home/HazWaste/Grants/30thCycle/default.htm

** Information presented is based on past guidelines. Requirements may change when new guidelines are published.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Proposed New TUMF Policy for TUMF Calculation

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Date: June 14, 2018

The purpose of this item is to provide the options that have been developed to avoid TUMF calculation errors.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

WRCOG's Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program is a regional fee program designed to provide transportation and transit infrastructure that mitigates the impact of new growth in Western Riverside County. Each of WRCOG's member jurisdictions and the March JPA participates in the Program through an adopted ordinance, collects fees from new development, and remits the fees to WRCOG. WRCOG, as administrator of the TUMF Program, allocates TUMF to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), groupings of jurisdictions – referred to as TUMF Zones – based on the amounts of fees collected in these groups, and the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA).

Proposed TUMF Calculation Policy

WRCOG periodically finds errors in calculating TUMF due to a number of issues, such as land use designation, calculation worksheets, credit agreements, and interpretations regarding exemptions.

WRCOG is often notified of errors in calculating TUMF after a developer has received a building permit or certificate of occupancy. Most recently, for example, during the annual TUMF review for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, WRCOG discovered that local agency staff miscalculated TUMF for several gas stations. In response, WRCOG staff distributed clarifying emails to member agencies and determined that there were additional miscalculations even after this clarifying email was distributed. Staff has also encountered other recent instances in which development projects that should have been exempted from TUMF were actually assessed TUMF, necessitating refunds.

Several years ago, staff amended the TUMF Administrative Plan to encourage local agencies to ask WRCOG to vet their calculations and determinations. The concept was that if this option was voluntary, local agencies might ask WRCOG for additional assistance to limit the number of miscalculations and misinterpretations. The following language was therefore added to the TUMF Administrative Plan in Section III.B.3 (Balance Due):

If first vetted through WRCOG staff in writing, the calculation is not subject to additional review.

However, it does not appear that this process fully resolves the various outstanding issues as WRCOG continues to find TUMF miscalculations and incorrect interpretations of the Administrative Plan. Most concerning is that, ultimately, the participating jurisdiction is ultimately responsible for TUMF in instances where TUMF is not collected when it should be, or is under collected.

Staff presented to the below preferred options to the Public Works and Technical Advisory Committees in April and May for review.

Option	Staff resources currently available	Avoids calculation errors	Shifts fee calculation responsibility
Option #1 - Calculate all project TUMF fees and verify exemptions	Yes	Yes	Yes
Option #2 - Calculate all non-residential TUMF fees and all categories in the Fee Calculation Handbook, verify exemptions	Yes	Partially	Partially

Option #1 – Calculate all project TUMF fees and verify exemptions: Staff would note that the implementation of Option 1 would not be unprecedented. Member agencies have notified staff that certain school and water districts calculate fees for development projects. Staff believes that this can be implemented electronically and therefore, developers would not have to physically go to WRCOG for calculation of fees. Staff believes that the development of a checklist that can be signed by WRCOG electronically would be sufficient to verify fees. The checklist would contain applicant information, land use designation and a disclaimer that all relevant documentation has been submitted to WRCOG. Option 1 removes responsibility – and liability – from the jurisdiction in instances where fees are not assessed appropriately. Over the past few years, WRCOG has incurred significant staff time and legal counsel expenses dealing with issues related to miscalculations of TUMF and misinterpretation of TUMF exemptions.

Option #2 – Calculate all non-residential TUMF fees and all categories in the Fee Calculation Handbook, verify exemptions: Since the majority of TUMF calculations for residential uses are straight forward and residential TUMF makes up sixty percent of annual revenues, Option 2 could be feasible with the current staffing resources. Under this option WRCOG will verify all exemptions and calculate TUMF fees for new, non-residential development projects only. This option would ensure that all new, non-residential development is being assessed TUMF correctly and consistently throughout the WRCOG subregion. Similar to Option 1, a checklist would be sufficient for WRCOG to sign off on calculations to provide back to developers.

This item was presented to the Executive Committee on May 7, 2018, for informational purposes. Below are items that were discussed by staff after receiving questions from Executive Committee members:

- **Staff resources:** Staff's interpretation is that the implementation of Option 1 could be accommodated with the current staffing resources. It is important to note that, currently, staff spend considerable time (upwards of 30 hours per week) responding to fee calculation questions from member agencies, and it is anticipated that the need for these questions would be eliminated through Option 1, thereby offsetting new staffing needs that would arise from the implementation of Option 1. If there are upticks in the rate of development, additional staff may be required. However, if additional staff is required, salaries and benefits would be taken from the 4% administration portion of the TUMF collections that are remitted to WRCOG.
- **TUMF Credit Agreements:** Member agencies would continue to have the option of executing TUMF Credit Agreements with developers. Implementation of Option 1 would ensure that a developer does not pay TUMF on a development project that has an active and valid TUMF Credit Agreement, which would prevent refunds.
- **TUMF Program efficiency:** Currently, staff receives questions from the development community and member agencies. Often times, these questions are regarding the same development project. Implementation of Option 1 would provide developers a central location to ask any questions regarding TUMF calculations. It should also be noted that developers would continue to have the option to appeal any TUMF calculations as outlined in the TUMF Administrative Plan.

At the May 10, 2018, Public Works Committee (PWC) meeting, staff presented two preferred options related to a potential change in the calculation of TUMF for new development projects. The options included WRCOG calculating all or a portion of all TUMF obligations for new development in the subregion and verify all TUMF exemptions. The PWC recommended that WRCOG review, not calculate, all TUMF obligations for new

development and verify all TUMF exemptions. Additionally, the PWC requested that staff review the potential option of WRCOG calculating and collecting all TUMF obligations for new development.

At the May 17, 2018, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, staff presented this item and the recommendation from the PWC. Among the TAC members, there was a general consensus that WRCOG should verify all TUMF calculation and exemptions.

Staff will be providing an update through the Committee structure with the process that WRCOG would follow to verify all TUMF calculations and exemptions. This update will also include an outline of the process that would be required if the TUMF calculation and collection was administered by WRCOG. Staff's interpretation is that regardless of the option approved by the Executive Committee, staff will begin to provide a greater detail of oversight on TUMF calculations.

TUMF Calculator Tool

WRCOG and its TUMF consultant are in the process of completing a comprehensive update to a TUMF Calculator Tool that would provide developers the opportunity to receive estimates of TUMF obligation for projects. The TUMF Calculator Tool would be updated to reflect the TUMF schedule approved by the Executive Committee in July 2017. Additionally, the TUMF Calculator Tool would include all categories of the TUMF Calculation Handbook. TUMF obligation estimates would be based on individual project characteristics and would create a printer friendly report.

This tool would be key to providing developers the opportunity to use an interactive tool to estimate TUMF obligations and include these estimates for budgeting total costs of projects.

Prior Action:

May 7, 2018: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

Transportation Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget under the Transportation Department.

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None.

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Staff Report

Subject: TUMF Program Member Agency Development Agreement Review

Contact: Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710

Date: June 14, 2018

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the review of Development Agreements executed by member agencies prior to implementation of the TUMF Program.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

As part of its on-call planning consultant bench, WRCOG tasked PlaceWorks to provide support to determine the total number of development agreements executed by WRCOG member jurisdictions and developers with exemptions from the TUMF. Prior to implementation of the TUMF Program, agencies and developers entered into Development Agreements that provided certainty to the developer that their project will be isolated from the adoption of a regional mitigation fee program, in this case TUMF.

These agreements were permitted to continue with the exemption through the initial term of the agreement. The TUMF Administrative Plan contains the following provision:

Development Projects which are the subject of a Public Facilities Development Agreement entered into pursuant to Government Code section 65864 et seq, prior to June 30, 2003, wherein the imposition of new fees are expressly prohibited, provided that if the term of such a Development Agreement is extended by amendment or by any other manner after June 30, 2003, the TUMF shall be imposed.

WRCOG and PlaceWorks contacted member agencies to request information on all Development Agreements previously reported to WRCOG. It was determined that a majority of the Development Agreements with TUMF exemptions have completed construction or the TUMF exemption has expired. However, there are several Development Agreements that will be expiring in the next year and WRCOG will meet with these member agencies to discuss the project.

Staff will be distributing the list of active Development Agreements to the members of the Planning Directors and Public Works Committees by the end of June.

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

Transportation Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget under the Transportation Department.

Attachment:

None.



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Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SCAG Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Data Review Assistance

Contact: Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager, ctzeng@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6711

Date: June 14, 2018

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the SCAG RTP / SCS data review assistance WRCOG is providing to its member agencies.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

SCAG is in the process of developing the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP / SCS) and 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). One of the key components of the plans' development is socio-economic data (SED). SCAG is currently in their "Local Input Process" of obtaining feedback from jurisdictions on the SED forecasts. WRCOG has offered assistance to member jurisdictions in the review of the SED forecasts.

Data Review Assistance

Beginning in early 2018, WRCOG staff discussed the possibility of offering technical assistance to member jurisdictions in the review of SED for the SCAG RTP / SCS through WRCOG's on-call planning bench. A request form was disseminated to the Planning Directors Committee in March 2018 offering technical assistance on a variety of matters as it relates to SCAG's SED forecasts. WRCOG requested member jurisdictions submit request forms by April 2018.

The jurisdictions listed below requested technical assistance. WRCOG has reviewed the requests and will reach out to each jurisdiction individually to determine the level of assistance WRCOG is able to provide.

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| • Banning | • Hemet | • Riverside |
| • Beaumont | • Menifee | • San Jacinto |
| • Eastvale | • Norco | • Temecula |

Prior Action:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment:

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

Planning Directors Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Experience Regional Innovation Center Feasibility Analysis Update

Contact: Andrea Howard, Program Manager, ahoward@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6751

Date: June 14, 2018

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the Feasibility Analysis for Experience, the concept of a regional innovation center, which would provide a host of community resources, promote sustainable practices, and showcase the assets and capabilities of the subregion.

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file.

Background

Western Riverside County is one of the fastest growing subregions in the State of California and the United States. During past WRCOG visioning efforts, subregional leaders identified six interrelated components critically important to achieving a premier quality of life in Western Riverside County, and incorporated these into the WRCOG Economic Development & Sustainability Framework (the Framework), which serves as a guide to grow strategically and achieve a vibrant and livable community. The six Framework goal areas pertain to: 1) Economic Development; 2) Water and Wastewater; 3) Education; 4) Health; 5) Transportation; and 6) Energy and the Environment.

In 2016, staff introduced the concept of Experience, envisioned as a vibrant, regional center with a variety of visitor attractions that could also serve as a sustainability demonstration center, innovation hub, business incubator, and more. The aim of Experience is to showcase the assets and capabilities of inland southern California while serving community needs and advancing the Framework goal areas. Experience would be designed to draw audiences for a variety of purposes by including such elements as an education center, community farm, water efficient garden, walking loop, amphitheater, farm-to-fork café, and other public assets. Once at Experience, visitors would be exposed to best practices in water and energy, emerging technology, employment prospects, and more. Experience would borrow inspiration from similar concepts from across the globe including, but not limited to:

- Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) – Los Angeles, CA
- The Frontier Project – Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Southern California Edison Energy Education Center – Irwindale, CA
- Alegria Farms – Irvine, CA

Feasibility Analysis

On October 2, 2017, the Executive Committee authorized staff to enter into a contract not to exceed \$249,823, with PlaceWorks consultants to perform a comprehensive Feasibility Analysis of the Experience concept. The Analysis scope includes thorough research of relevant models, a demand analysis for the center and program elements, analysis of up-to four potential sites, analysis of governance options and partnership opportunities,

financial analysis, and a final Feasibility Analysis with recommendation(s). Additionally, the Analysis would review potential funding partners and mechanisms to ensure a viable implementation plan for Experience, should it be found feasible to move forward.

Staff and consultants held an internal kick-off meeting on October 16, 2017, to discuss the goals and visions, as well as potential sites to include in the Analysis, and the formation of an advisory Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is scheduled to convene six times during the course of the Analysis to weigh in on the process and findings through August 2018, when the Analysis is scheduled to conclude. The Steering Committee is composed of members from the Executive Committee, who volunteered to serve in this role, in response to an email solicitation to all members. Additionally, staff invited a variety of stakeholders, including member agency staff, utility partners, and university representatives, to participate on the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee Meeting #3

On Monday, March 19, 2018, the Steering Committee convened for its third meeting. The meeting included a presentation from University of California, Riverside (UCR) and Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) on partnership opportunities for Experience, with a particular focus on educational institutions at all levels (K-12 to University). UCR has several programs and research areas which could be synergistic with Experience, including sustainability innovations through the Bourns College of Engineering – Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT). Similarly, EMWD shared success stories piloting various educational partnership models.

Meeting participants then reviewed and refined the Experience Mission Statement, the first draft of which was borne out of discussions in the first Steering Committee meeting. Finally, participants engaged in a thoughtful discussion on the program elements to include in the next phase of the Experience analysis. Meeting notes are included as Attachment 3.

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

The Steering Committee was originally scheduled to meet for the fourth time in May, but due to Steering Committee participant conflicts, the next meeting has been postponed to June. The list below summarizes the topics and provides dates for each of the remaining Steering Committee meetings.

- June 18, 2018: Meeting #4, Demand analysis and site evaluation criteria
- July 23, 2018: Meeting #5, Alternative governance, operations, and partnerships
- August 20, 2018: Meeting #6, Final recommendations

Educational Tours

Experience is drawing inspiration from a wide variety of programs and facilities to refine the concept of a site that will best address the opportunities and challenges unique to the WRCOG subregion. Following the presentations from three other model organizations and a tour of the Frontier Project during the February 26, 2018, Steering Committee meeting, staff arranged tours at two facilities for Steering Committee members. On May 11, 2018, immediately following an unrelated WRCOG trip to the Bay Area, staff and Committee members toured the Port Workspaces, a co-working space in Oakland that has repurposed an abandoned mall to create an affordable means for entrepreneurs to grow their small businesses. On May 16, 2018, staff arranged a tour of the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, which offers business mentorship and state-of-the-art equipment to bring innovations in Cleantech to market and fosters economic development for the City of Los Angeles.

Meetings with Host Site Jurisdictions

To support the analysis, staff and consultants have met one-on-one with each of the host site jurisdictions: Eastern Municipal Water District and the City of Perris, the City of Temecula, and the City of Riverside. Information gathered at these meetings will be incorporated into the demand analysis currently underway and subsequent phases on the Feasibility Analysis. At the June 18, 2018, Steering Committee meeting, the project

team will present on the demand analysis findings. At the July 23, 2018, Steering Committee meeting, the project team and jurisdictional staff will present on the host site options.

Staff will provide regular updates to WRCOG Committees for the duration of the Analysis.

Prior Actions:

June 4, 2018: The Executive Committee received and filed.

May 17, 2018: The Technical Advisory Committee received and filed.

May 9, 2018: The Administration & Finance Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

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Feasibility Study for EXPERIENCE A Regional Innovation Center

Steering Committee Meeting #3 Summary
March 19, 2018 | 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Project Contact: Andrea Howard, Program Manager, ahoward@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6751

Steering Committee:

Executive Committee Members: Council Member Debbie Franklin, City of Banning; Council Member Adam Rush, City of Eastvale; Council Member Laura Roughton, City of Jurupa Valley; Council Member Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta; Mayor Rusty Bailey, City of Riverside; Council Member Kevin Bash, City of Norco; Director Ron Sullivan, Eastern Municipal Water District; Dr. Judy White, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools

Member Agency Staff: Clara Miramontes, City of Perris; Grace Williams, City of Perris; Brian Muhu, City of Perris; Al Zelinka, City of Riverside; Rafael Guzman, City of Riverside; Lea Deesing, City of Riverside; Sherry Shimshock, City of Riverside; Luke Watson, City of Temecula; Matt Peters, City of Temecula; Paul Jones Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD); Jolene Walsh, EMWD; Danielle Coates, EMWD; Melanie Nieman EMWD; Mike Barney, Riverside County Office of Education; Rohan Kuruppu, Riverside Transit Agency

Regional Stakeholders: Joanna Chang, Southern California Edison; Ana Aceves, Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas); Jennifer Vaughn, SoCal Gas; Melisa Marks, SoCal Gas; Alexandra Orozco, University of California, Riverside (UCR); Nicole Davis, UCR; Dianne Leibrandt, Riverside University Health System – Public Health

Staff and Consultants: Rick Bishop, WRCOG; Jennifer Ward, WRCOG; Andrea Howard, WRCOG; Anthony Segura, WRCOG; Cynthia Mejia, WRCOG; Huyen Bui, WRCOG; Alexa Washburn, National CORE; Karen Gulley, PlaceWorks; Eric Carbonnier, HMC Architects

Experience – Concept and Origin:

WRCOG envisions that Experience would draw audiences for a variety of purposes by including such elements as an education center, community farm, water efficient garden, walking loop, amphitheater, farm-to-fork café, and other public assets. Once at Experience, visitors would be exposed to best practices in water and energy, emerging technology, employment prospects, and more.

In 2010, WRCOG adopted the Sustainability Framework, which recognized six interrelated goal areas for achieving a high quality of life and regional economic growth: transportation, water and waste water, energy and environment,



economic development, health, and education. Experience would be a physical space to explore and grow the subregion's work to advance the Framework Goals.

Meeting #2 Review:

The Steering Committee held its second meeting on February 26, 2018. At the meeting, representatives from three Southern California model facilities—the Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies at Cal Poly Pomona, the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), and the Cucamonga Valley Water Districts' Frontier Project—presented an overview of their programs and fielded questions from attendees regarding logistics and operations.

Attendees shared their reflections of the meeting. Sherry Shimshock noted the speakers' stories conveyed the importance of having a clearly defined mission, and identified financial partners who are in alignment with that mission. Director Sullivan, recounted the speakers' emphasis that the facilities be made sufficiently large for future demand, with the ability to accommodate upwards of 300 people. Other commenters noted that the partnership LACI has with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), is a potential model to emulate, in which there is long-term shared occupant in the building with a complementary mission. Council Member Franklin commented that the speakers showcased the diversity of the possibilities for Experience.

Opportunities for Collaboration

University of California, Riverside (UCR)

Alexandra Orozco and Nicole Davis of UCR presented on some of the existing initiatives occurring across UCR, including activities led solely by the University and in partnership with local, regional, and national agencies. As part of an effort to capitalize on the relocation of the California Air Resource's Board (CARB) to a Riverside facility adjacent to the University, UCR commissioned a strategic report on how to attract additional new ventures and employment opportunities for graduating students. The report revealed that the University's sustainability efforts (clean air, clean and green energy, synergy between technology and engineering, transportation, and health care) are the key area for University to focus on. The plan recommended focusing on leveraging these themes, focusing on retaining local talent and working collaboratively with local partners

UCR has several initiatives geared toward retaining local talent, including a newly launched Highlander Venture Investment Fund, mentorship and classroom programs for aspiring entrepreneurs, and the Excite Incubator – a collaboration with the University, City and County. UCR is also leading several sustainability-minded projects, including the Innovative Corridor, an active research and demonstration area underway in the City of Riverside to test transportation technologies developed out of the Bourns College of Engineering. Nicole shared that there is a great deal of momentum stemming from the University's existing programs and research, their network of partners, and the synergy they have cultivated with the existing and planned regional assets. The University's vision is to establish a green tech park for collaboration, events, laboratories, and test beds—something not unlike some of the ideas that have emerged for Experience. Both Alexandra and Nicole emphasized that there are ample opportunities to partner with the University, particularly in areas related to sustainability.

Al Zelinka shared that CARB's future facilities will be developed on an 18-acre site near campus, at Iowa and University Avenue, in a \$416 million LEED Platinum net-zero-energy building to house 400-500 engineers and scientists conducting emissions testing and research for the State of California and beyond, opening in the spring of 2021. The facility will be in the City of Riverside's newly established Innovation Corridor and on University Avenue, where much of the UCR transportation technology testing occurs.

Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside (RCOE)

Mike Barney of RCOE shared that the agency is constantly trying to build the ability to demonstrate the strength of the region's education system across all levels and programs from K-12 to University and traditional education models to technical trade schools.

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD)

Paul Jones, General Manager of EMWD, a water, waste water and recycled water provider covering a 550 square-mile area, serving seven cities and unincorporated portions of the County in Western Riverside. EMWD is considered an industry-leading water supplier and water resource manager, focused on sustainability—EMWD generates approximately 50% of the energy consumed by its facilities and has a \$290 million annual budget and 620 employees.

EMWD has several educational initiatives and partnerships working with both higher education and K-12, and focused outreach with disadvantaged communities. Higher education partnerships include Mount San Jacinto College for training certified operators; collaboration with the California State University San Marcos, Temecula, on the administration of the Environmental Leadership Institute; research on rate structures and water quality as well as internships with UCR; and Master Gardeners programs through the University of California Cooperative Extension; hosting Fellows through the CivicSpark Program, an extension AmeriCorps; field trips, training, and activities with 11 K-12 school districts; and education for business and civic leaders through the Water Leaders Academy.

EMWD has identified a few of the region's primary challenges, including a deficit of trade school education opportunities, which can prepare young people for meaningful and well-paying jobs. Additionally, Mr. Jones identified need for training for the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curriculum, and growth potential career paths. Mr. Jones also highlighted many of the region's strengths and noted that a Perris location for the Experience facility offers myriad benefits, including the ability to positively influence future growth as the region is currently only 38 percent built-out.

Mission Statement for Experience

The project team introduced a draft Mission statement crafted from input received during the first steering committee meeting. Meeting attendees were asked to provide feedback with the goal of refining the Mission Statement to be 80% complete. To prepare for this, the project team shared a few existing Mission Statements from well-known brands, including Nike, Starbucks, and the Lyle Center, to convey the goal, in broad terms, of any mission statement. The draft provided at the meeting was:

“Experience is a place that connects our public, private, nonprofit, and education leaders to harness knowledge capital, attract growth industries, accelerate technologies, and spur economic development. Experience draws and inspires our community to learn and be engaged in innovations to improve our world.”

Meeting attendees shared input on the draft. General comments included the idea that the first and second sentences might be broken apart to have one serve as the foundation of a Mission and the other of the Vision statement; ensuring that the Mission is simple enough that it is easily understood by a variety of audiences; and additional refinement of specific wording choices, including using the word or concept of “synergy,” “place,” and “sustainability” in some way. The project team will spend time reflecting on the ideas presented and will prepare a revised version with the Committee in the future.

Indoor/Outdoor Programming

The project team initiated a discussion of the general programming elements that might be included in the demand analysis of the Feasibility Analysis. Ten indoor space elements were presented for feedback: Rotating Display or Demonstration Area, Training Center for the Trades, Student-Oriented Education / Learning Area, Meeting / Event Space, Co-Working Area, Administrative Core, Labs / Fabrication / Prototype Area, Welcome Center, Food, and Office Space. In addition, four potential outdoor space elements were presented for feedback: Regional Resiliency Demonstrations and Innovations, Community Areas, Event Space, and Urban Agriculture.

There was a general consensus among participants that most elements were essential for inclusion in the analysis. A Training Center for the Trades was not strongly suggested for inclusion. Office Space for Lease was not strongly supported initially, but staff noted the capacity for leased office space to generate revenue that offsets operation costs and urged further investigation of this idea. Similarly, incubation space and co-working space was strongly supported by some, but not all. The project team will review the list with the consultants performing the demand analysis to assess the final elements for inclusion in the analysis.

The discussion of programming instigated a complementary discussion to identify the potential “customer,” or end user for Experience. Meeting participants identified the following entities as likely customers for Experience: general public, students, businesses seeking best practices information, and private sector partnerships.

The meeting slides, including speaker slides, are included as an attachment to this summary.

Action Items

Based on the discussion of the Mission Statement, staff and consultants will work on revising the Mission Statement and drafting a complementary Vision statement.

Next Meeting

Meeting #4, originally scheduled for May 21, 2018, has been rescheduled to June 18, 2018, due to conflicts with several Steering Committee participants.