Gap Grant Cycle 5
Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Purpose of Gap Grant Program

- One of 3 program types funded through Measure B
  - *Also ADA-mandated Paratransit & city-based programs*
  - *These 3 types intended to provide complementary services*
- Gap Grant program intended to meet needs that are **not** being adequately met through ADA Paratransit and city-based programs
  - *Opportunity to be innovative and explore alternative service delivery mechanisms*
  - *Program intended to increase coordination, reduce barriers to accessing services*
  - *Ensure equal mobility options throughout county*

Principles for Gap Grant Cycle 5

- Gap Grant program intended to complement city-based services traditionally funded through a city's pass-through allocation

- Lesson learned from 10 years of Gap program:

  - *Sustainability*: *"Pilots" with no sustainable funding stream require indefinite renewals or we run the risk of cutting services that people depend on*

  - *Equity*: *When program is used to fund indefinite renewals, it can be difficult to achieve geographic equity throughout the county and no funding stream available to try new things over time*

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Gap Grant Cycle 5 Proposal

Funding Categories and Available Funds

1) The majority of gap grant funds will be allocated to two-year grants focused on mobility management types of activities

Gap Grant Cycle 5 also allocates $150,000 each year for two years (total of $300,000) for the following:

2) $50,000 for Implementation Guidelines Assistance

3) $50,000 for local match for non-Alameda CTC grants

4) $50,000 for capital purchase match

1) Two-Year Mobility Management Grants

Purpose/Goals

- Two-year funding cycle to support mobility management types of activities that improve consumers' ability to access services and/or improve coordination between programs.

- Mobility Management promotes:
  - *Improving coordination/ partnerships*
  - *Enhancing travel options and access*
  - *Promoting awareness and education*
  - *Meeting needs cost effectively and efficiently*

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Mobility Management Examples

- Examples:

  - *Programs provided by community-based transportation providers*

  - *Programs that are countywide or cross planning areas*

  - *Travel Training*

  - *Volunteer Driver Programs*

  - *Information and Outreach (esp. on a countywide or cross planning area level)*

Mobility Management Evaluation

- Priority will be placed on projects/programs that:
  - *Do not fit a traditional trip-provision model*
  - *Are coordinated: e.g. countywide, cross-planning area, or cross-city*

- If program benefits only one city, sponsors are encouraged to show sustainable funding after 2-year gap grant period

- Alameda CTC will meet with every current gap grant recipient to evaluate options

Mobility Management Evaluation

Evaluation Criteria

1. *Gap Closure: Needs and Benefits* **20%**

2. *Cost Effectiveness/Efficiency*

3. *Applicant Experience/ Qualifications*

4. *Demand*

5. *Implementation Readiness*

   15% each

6. *Innovation*

7. *Leverage Outside Funds*

   10% each

Mobility Management Evaluation

Other Factors in Evaluation

- Geographic equity will also be considered to determine the final list of recommended projects.

  - *After applications are scored, PAPCO will review the projects recommended for funding to ensure that Program funds are being distributed equitably throughout the County.*

Schedule

February 1, 2013	Gap Grant Call for Projects issued
February 7, 2013	Mandatory Applicant Workshop
March 4, 2013	Application Deadline
March - April 2013	Application reviewed by PAPCO & staff
April 22, 2013	PAPCO makes Gap funding recommendation
May 23, 2013	PAPCO recommendation considered by Commission
June 1, 2013	Resolutions due from recipients
July 1, 2013	Gap Grant program funding available

2) Annual Funding for Implementation Guidelines Assistance

Implementation Guidelines Assistance

- To help city-based programs meet the Implementation Guidelines

    - *Only city-based programs are eligible*

- Total funding available is $50,000

- No individual grant maximum

- Applicants apply for these dollars through the annual Program Plan Review

- More information on evaluation criteria for these funds will be released with the program plan application in early 2013

3) As-Needed Funding for Grant and Capital Matching

A) Grant Matching

- To support Measure B providers or non-profits in acquiring non-Alameda CTC grants (e.g. New Freedom or Federal 5310) by providing funds for the required local match.

- Total funding available is $50,000

- Individual award maximum of $25,000

B) Capital Purchase Matching

- To allow Measure B providers or non-profits to obtain assistance in making a capital purchase. Capital purchases should support other gap-funded projects or improve base program performance

- Total funding available is $50,000

- Individual award maximum = 80% of purchase

As-Needed Funding for Grant and Capital Matching

- Applicants will apply for these dollars in a separate ongoing application

- These will be evaluated on an as-needed basis against appropriate criteria and any other submittals

- Evaluated by PAPCO and Staff using similar criteria to Mobility Management Grants

Implementation Guidelines
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Implementation Guidelines Changes

- Primary changes:

  - *Added service type: Wheelchair Van Program*

    - Required revising taxi program and door-to-door descriptions for clarity

  - *Added grandfathering clause to Door-to-Door and Taxi programs*

  - *"Service Area" has been incorporated into introductory language*

- Clarified language throughout to improve service definitions and make other minor clarifying edits

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