



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2020 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program Application Workshop



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Background: Alameda CTC

- **July 2010:** First stages of merger between ACCMA and ACTIA
- **February 2012:** As a joint powers authority, Alameda CTC took on combined roles of former agencies
- **Mission** is to plan, fund and deliver transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility to foster a vibrant and livable Alameda County



Local Sources: Measures B, BB and Vehicle Registration Fee

- **1986:** Voters approved Measure B ½ cent sales tax
- **2000:** Voters reauthorized Measure B
- **2010:** Voters approved Vehicle Registration fee of \$10/year
- **2014:** Voters approved Measure BB
 - Increased to 1 cent
 - Authorized collection for 30 years



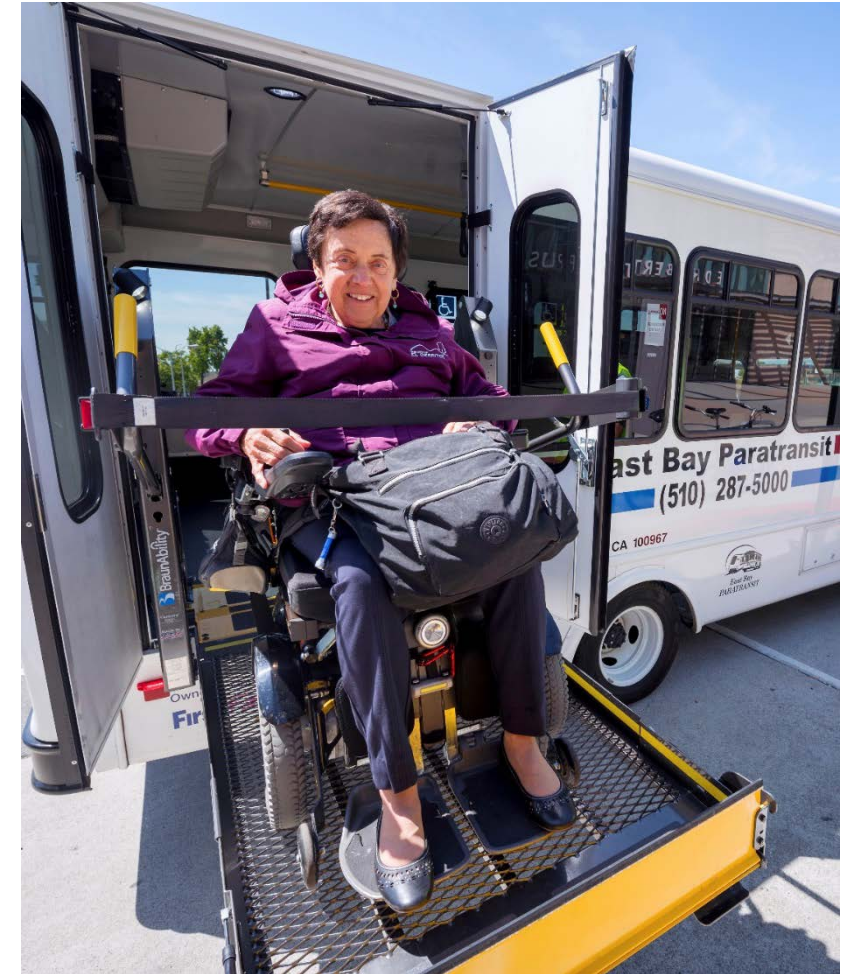
Paratransit Program Funding

- Allocations from the transportation expenditure plans to Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities
 - Measure B 10.45%
 - Measure BB 10.00%
- Three types of funding
 1. DLD funding for East Bay Paratransit (Measure B: 5.53%; Measure BB: 6.00%)
 2. DLD funding for city-based paratransit programs (Measure B: 3.39%; Measure BB: 3.00%)
 3. Discretionary funds for coordination and filling gaps (Measure B: 1.43%; Measure BB: 1.00%)



Program Objectives

- Enhance mobility for Alameda County's older residents and people with disabilities, whether for work, recreation, social or other types of trips
- Program funds range of services, including:
 - Pre-scheduled trips
 - Same day trips
 - Wheelchair-accessible trips
 - Travel Training
 - Specialized services for vulnerable populations
- Provide outreach and information throughout the County
 - Increasingly important as the senior population grows



Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program

- Funds projects and programs through a competitive process to meet needs that are ***not*** being adequately met through ADA-mandated Paratransit or City-based programs
- Focused on mobility management types of activities
- Designed to complement DLD funding, which is dedicated to more traditional trip-provision services



Mobility Management (1 of 2)

- Mobility management activities aim to:
 - Enhance people's travel options and access to services
 - Promote awareness and education
 - Effectively communicate/disseminate information to the public
 - Improve coordination and partnerships
 - Address critical gaps in the transportation system for seniors and people with disabilities
 - Encourage seniors and people with disabilities who are able to use fixed-route public transit to do so
 - Meet needs cost effectively and efficiently

Mobility Management (2 of 2)

- Examples include:
 - Travel Training
 - One-Call/One-Click type programs; Information and Referral
 - Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Programs
 - Projects that provide critical, same-day accessible transportation service

Eligible Applicants (1 of 2)

- Eligible applicants (direct recipients) are limited to the following jurisdictions and transit agencies:
 - Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City
 - County of Alameda
 - Transit agencies Altamont Corridor Express (ACE), Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), Livermore Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA), Union City Transit, and San Francisco Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

Eligible Applicants (2 of 2)

- East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD)
- Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC)
- Non-profit organizations (if the non-profit provides letter(s) of support from local agency and/or transit provider to confirm service coordination and project support)
- Entities that are not identified above as eligible direct recipients may be eligible to receive funds as sub-recipients by partnering with an eligible direct recipient that is willing to pass through the funds to a sub-recipient. Exceptions allowing other entities to directly receive funds may be granted by Alameda CTC on a case-by-case basis.

Eligible Projects (1 of 2)

- Funding will support mobility management activities including:
 - Travel Training
 - Trip planning assistance to improve access
 - One-Call/One-Click type programs; Information and Referral
 - Door-through-Door/Volunteer Driver Programs
 - Projects that provide critical, same-day accessible transportation service throughout Alameda County
 - Coordination of service provision at the planning area level or countywide (separate from the cost of traditional trip provision, e.g. the administration costs for a planning area-wide program)
 - Transportation programs that fill unique and/or critical needs and gaps that are not filled through traditional trip-provision models

Eligible Projects (2 of 2)

- **Capital Projects/Procurement**

- Capital improvements and equipment purchases are eligible if directly related to the implementation of a project within an eligible category, including but not limited to:

- Transit stop improvements that support improving access to public transit for seniors and/or people with disabilities
 - Accessible vehicle and equipment purchase
 - Capital projects to improve accessibility at shuttle stops.

- Eligible projects must conform to the Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO)-adopted *Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures – Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Paratransit) Program Implementation Guidelines*

Programming/Allocation Priorities

- Priority (in no particular order) is given to projects as follows:
 - Identified as a countywide and/or regional priority in a relevant plan or needs assessment
 - Identified projects that provide service across jurisdictional boundaries.
 - Projects that provide critical, same-day accessible transportation service throughout Alameda County
 - Other priorities as recommended by PAPCO



Evaluation Framework (1 of 2)

- PAPCO has supported projects and programs that:
 - Demonstrate **effectiveness** at meeting mobility management goals
 - Project sufficient **demand** for the program/service/project
 - Are **ready** for implementation
 - Provide service **across jurisdictional boundaries**
 - Demonstrate **coordination** and collaboration
 - Are effective, according to adopted performance measures and past **performance** (where applicable) or projected performance supported by substantive evidence of potential for success

Evaluation Framework (2 of 2)

- Are **cost effective**
- **Leverage** funds (including DLD reserves)
- Have been identified as a priority in relevant countywide or regional **plans** or needs assessments such as the:
 - Assessment of Mobility Needs of People with Disabilities and Seniors in Alameda County (June 2017)
 - MTC Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) (February 2018)
 - Alameda Countywide Transit Plan (June 2016)
- Support **equitable** distribution of resources throughout the County

Grant Size

- The maximum grant size is \$250,000 per fiscal year
- There is no minimum grant size



Matching Requirements (1 of 2)

- Matching requirements for applicants are as follows:
 - Programs: 12% local match for DLD recipients, and 5% for non-DLD recipients
 - Plans and Studies: 50% local match
 - Shuttle and transit operations: 50% local match
 - “In-kind” costs are not eligible as match sources



Matching Requirements (2 of 2)

- Matching funds must be expended concurrently and proportionally to Alameda CTC's administered funds allocated to the program or project.
- DLD recipients must demonstrate a commitment to using their DLD reserves and new Measure BB DLD funds.
- Matching funds contributed to a project beyond minimum requirement may increase competitiveness of application.

Letter(s) of Support

- All applicants must work in coordination with other service providers in their planning area.
- Non-profit organizations **are required** to provide letter(s) of support from local agency and/or transit provider to confirm service coordination and project support.
 - All applicants encouraged to provide letters from partners to demonstrate community support and coordination.
- To establish partnerships, contact information for Measure B/BB recipients of paratransit Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funds can be accessed on the “Grants” webpage.

Monitoring/Performance Measures

- Progress reports will be required every six (6) months illustrating program/project progress and funds spent.
- Applicants must identify program/project goals, deliverables, and performance measures that will be reported on in these progress reports.



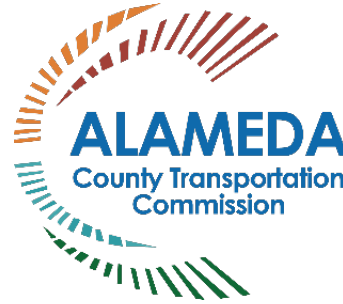
Application and Resources

- Online Application and resources are available on Alameda CTC's "Grants" webpage:

https://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/4000

Schedule

Date	Target
November 6, 2018	2020 Paratransit Program Call for Projects released
November 13, 2018	Application Workshop
December 14, 2018	Applications Due
Winter 2018 – Spring 2019	Alameda CTC, with PAPCO oversight and approval, develops 2020 Paratransit Program recommendation
Late Spring 2019	Alameda CTC adopts final 2020 Paratransit Program
July 1, 2019	Funding period commences



Thank You

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