

\$63 Million in Transportation Funding for Alameda County

Alameda CTC is implementing the OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) Program that was adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in May 2012. The OBAG program supports California's climate law, SB 375, which requires a Sustainable Communities Strategy to integrate land use and transportation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. OBAG is funded by federal funding sources.

Alameda CTC is estimated to receive \$63 million over four fiscal years (FY 2012-13 through FY 2015-16) from the OBAG program for transportation investments in Alameda County. Per the OBAG requirements, Alameda CTC must use 70 percent of the funds to support Priority Development Areas (PDAs).

Overall OBAG Program Goals

- Support the Sustainable Communities Strategy by linking transportation dollars to land use decisions.
- Target transportation investments to support PDAs.
- Select transportation projects for OBAG funding based on an approved PDA Investment and Growth Strategy to be developed and adopted by the Alameda CTC.

One Bay Area Grant Requirements:

- Adoption of Complete Streets resolution: January 31, 2013
- Adoption of PDA Investment and Growth Strategy: May 1, 2013
- Submission of State certified housing element: January 31, 2013
- Public education and outreach: Ongoing



Eligible Types of Investments:

- Local streets and roads preservation
- Bike and pedestrian investments
- Transportation for Livable Communities
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Priority Conservation Areas
- Planning



OBAG Grants:

- Public agencies are eligible to apply for federal funds.
- Minimum grant size: \$500,000
 - *Smaller grants on a case by case basis*

Alameda County Program Implementation

To implement the OBAG program, Alameda CTC will follow the implementation schedule below and will provide final program recommendations by June 2013 to MTC.

Alameda CTC OBAG Implementation Schedule	
Date	OBAG Items to Alameda CTC Board and Committees
September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall OBAG approach, policy discussion, and feedback from Commission and Committees Complete Streets draft policy
October 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Draft OBAG Program Guidelines Draft PDA Strategic Plan Final Complete Streets Policy
November/ December 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft OBAG Program guidelines and project and program selection criteria and process Draft Final PDA Strategic Plan
December 2012/ January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final OBAG Program adoption including guidelines and project and program selection criteria and process
January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDA Growth and Investment Strategy update Report on Complete Streets Policy approvals by jurisdictions Update on programming
February 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Draft PDA Growth and Investment Strategy Draft Update on programming
March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Draft PDA Growth and Investment Strategy to Commission Update on programming
April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final PDA Growth and Investment Strategy Adoption by Alameda CTC and submission to MTC Draft OBAG programming recommendation
May/June 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Commission approval of OBAG programming and submission to MTC

Alameda CTC public outreach activities for OBAG: The Alameda CTC will conduct numerous outreach activities, consistent with the OBAG requirements, during the development of the Alameda County OBAG Program. Outreach activities include:

- Social media coverage of outreach: Facebook and Twitter.
- Presentation of OBAG efforts to Alameda CTC Commission, two standing committees, and four community advisory committees.
- Publication of OBAG efforts on Alameda CTC website, in the Executive Director's Report and in e-newsletter publications.
- Distribution of the OBAG fact sheet at the Alameda CTC table at public events.
- Outreach to Alameda CTC Community and Technical Advisory Groups involved in the development of the Countywide and Transportation Expenditure Plans.
- Outreach to contacts for the Countywide and Transportation Expenditure Plan processes.
- Press releases to inform media of Alameda County OBAG implementation activities.

For more information, see the [Alameda CTC Outreach Schedule](#) that summarizes outreach activities on a monthly basis for fiscal year 2012-2013 or contact Tess Lengyel, Deputy Director of Policy, Public Affairs and Legislation at 510-208-7428 or tlengyel@alamedactc.org.