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NOTICE OF CALL FOR PROJECTS FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR ALAMEDA COUNTY PROGRAM MANAGER FUND

To All Interested Parties:

Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is pleased to announce a call for projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) County Program Manager funding.

Alameda CTC is responsible for planning, funding, and delivering transportation projects and programs within Alameda County. This includes the programming of certain federal, state and local transportation funds, including TFCA County Program Manager funding, a local fund source of the Bay Area Air District (Air District). As the TFCA program manager for Alameda County, Alameda CTC is responsible for programming 40 percent of the four-dollar vehicle registration fee that is collected in Alameda County for this program. Projects funded through the Air District's Regional TFCA program are not eligible to receive additional funding from this County TFCA source.

Approximately \$789,000 of TFCA is available for programming this cycle. Application forms and resources are available for view and download from Alameda CTC's website: https://www.alamedactc.org/funding-opportunities.

Applications are **due by 5:00 p.m. Friday**, **July 18**, **2025**. Following the due date, this solicitation may be reopened to allow for enough eligible and cost-effective projects to be identified and to fully program the amount of funds available this cycle.

1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants/project sponsors are public agencies, including the Cities, County, and transit operators.

2. Eligible Project Types

In general, eligible projects are to be located within Alameda County and are to result in the reduction of motor vehicle emissions.

Eligible project types include:

- Bike lanes and bike parking
- Bike sharing
- Projects that provide first- and last-mile connections (e.g., shuttle and feeder bus operations)

- Transit signal priority
- Transportation demand management, transit incentive and ridesharing programs
- Alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, including electric vehicle charging
- Infrastructure improvements that reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips (e.g., bus rapid transit infrastructure, pedestrian access improvements)
- Adaptive/actuated signal coordination and upgrade projects may be eligible on a case-by-case basis, subject to a policy waiver approval granted by the Air District Board

For capital projects, TFCA is limited to funding the construction phase. For programs and shuttle operations, up to two years of funding may be awarded per cycle.

3. Project Requirements

<u>Air District's TFCA policies</u>: Projects awarded funding are to conform to the provisions of the Air District's current TFCA County Program Manager Fund Policies, including project eligibility and cost-effectiveness, funding agency credit/logo usage, insurance, and monitoring and reporting requirements. Refer to the Air District's TFCA Policies provided with the application materials for more details regarding this fund source and the specific requirements for each eligible project type.

<u>TFCA cost-effectiveness</u> is based on the estimated reduction of specific criteria pollutants: reactive organic gases, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter (ROG, NOX, and PM 2.5). The evaluation is based on California Air Resources Board emissions factors and pursuant to Air District requirements and guidance. Due to the cost-effectiveness limitations identified in the Air District Board-adopted TFCA Policies, the maximum TFCA award amount can vary greatly from project to project but is generally between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

<u>Surplus emissions reduction</u>: The Air District requires TFCA-funded projects to achieve surplus emissions reductions, i.e., reductions beyond what are required through existing regulations, ordinances, contracts, or other legally binding obligations and mitigations. Projects that result from or implement any existing emissions reductions requirements are likely ineligible to receive TFCA funding.

<u>Timely Use of Funds</u>: Per the Air District's "readiness" policy, project sponsors will be required to complete the following actions in a timely manner:

- Execute a funding agreement with Alameda CTC within three months of receipt from Alameda CTC. (For a capital project, complete the environmental phase prior to the funding agreement execution.)
- 2. Start construction, procurement, or program/shuttle operations by December 2026. (Later start dates may be considered on a case-by-case basis.)
- 3. Submit progress reports and requests for reimbursement twice per fiscal year.
- 4. Expend the TFCA funds within two years of the Commission funding award unless a longer time period is requested in the application or a subsequent time extension is approved (4 years maximum to expend).

- 5. Submit a final request for reimbursement within three months of project completion.
- 6. Submit a final report within three months of project completion or following the end of the established project evaluation period.

<u>Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP)</u>: TFCA projects must be consistent with the current Alameda CTP.

<u>Countywide Bikeways Network (CBN)</u>: Bike facility projects demonstrating a direct benefit to the CBN will need to meet Alameda CTC's All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Policy.

<u>A complete funding plan</u> is required for a project to receive TFCA funds. If TFCA is awarded to a project with other pending grants, the TFCA fund may need to be canceled should the sponsor fail to receive those grants and fulfil the funding shortfall through other sources.

4. Funding Availability and Limitation

Approximately \$789,000 of available TFCA funding reflects the remaining unprogrammed balance from Alameda CTC's FY 2025-26 TFCA expenditure plan and distribution formula (adopted in February 2025) after the recent adoption of the 2026 Comprehensive Investment Plan in May 2025.

The suggested minimum funding request is \$50,000 per project, but exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

5. Application Process and Resources

Eligible applicants may submit up to three (3) applications for FY 2025-26 TFCA funds. The following FY 2025-26 TFCA application materials are available for download from Alameda CTC's website at: https://www.alamedactc.org/funding-opportunities

- Application Resources:
 - Air District TFCA County Program Manager Policies
 - TFCA Project Types & Codes
 - Attributes of Cost-effective TFCA Projects
 - Additional Resources
- TFCA Application Forms:
 - Base Application (Word)
 - Applicable Project Information Form (Word)
 - o Project Budget, Funding, Schedule (Excel)

Complete applications are **due to Alameda CTC by 5 p.m. Friday**, **July 18**, **2025** via email to staff contacts listed below.

Complete applications are to include the Base Application, applicable Project Information Form, and Project Budget / Funding / Schedule worksheet files in their original formats. Include the required project map attachment in PDF. For any other

attachments (optional) that are large files, such as relevant reports or studies, provide a link/URL in the space provided in the application.

Sponsors interested in applying are encouraged to contact Alameda CTC staff to discuss potential TFCA cost-effectiveness before starting an application. To see if a project would be a good fit for TFCA prior to applying, read this Notice carefully to check if the project meets the basic eligibility, complete the applicable Project Information Form, and submit it with a request for a "pre-application review" via email to the staff contacts below as early in the process as possible and no later than Friday, July 11.

6. Schedule

June 13, 2025	Alameda CTC releases TFCA Call for Projects
July 18, 2025	TFCA Applications due to Alameda CTC
Fall 2025	Alameda CTC adopts the final FY 2025-26 TFCA program of projects (scheduled for October) and submits to the Air District
Fall/Winter 2025	TFCA recipients adopt resolutions of local support and enter into funding agreements with Alameda CTC

The approved TFCA funding will be memorialized into Alameda CTC's Comprehensive Investment (CIP). Any FY 2025-26 TFCA funds that remain unprogrammed as of November 2025 will be returned to the Air District.

7. Staff Contacts

For questions regarding this TFCA call for projects, please contact:

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