

2021 Active Transportation Program - Cycle 5



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Goals

- Increase walking and biking
- Increase safety of non-motorized users
- Help regional agencies meet their SB 375 goals
- Enhance public health
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users

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Structure

- Competitive funding program
- Funds distributed into the 3 ATP components
 - ❖ 50% for the Statewide Component
 - ❖ 10% for Small Urban and Rural Component
 - ❖ 40% for Metropolitan Planning Organization Component
- A minimum of 25% of funds in each of the 3 components must benefit disadvantaged communities

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Five Application Types

- Large Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
 - ❖ Total Project Cost of greater than \$7 million
- Medium Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
 - ❖ Total Project Cost of greater than \$2 million and up to \$7 million
- Small Infrastructure or Infrastructure/Non-Infrastructure
 - ❖ Total Project Cost of \$2 million or less
- Non-Infrastructure Only
 - ❖ Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Activities
- Plans
 - ❖ Community-wide bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or active transportation plan that encompasses disadvantaged community

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Eligible Applicants

- Local, Regional, or State agencies
- Caltrans
 - ❖ Caltrans can also partner with other eligible agencies
- Transit Agencies
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies
- Public Schools or School Districts
- Tribal Governments
- Private Nonprofit (recreational trail funding)

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Status

- About \$450 Million Available Each Cycle (Every 2 Years)
- Four Cycles of Projects Selected for Funding (2014-2019)
- Over 800 Projects Funded
- Most Provide Benefits to Disadvantaged Communities
- Almost 100% Delivery Rate
- All the Cycle 1 Projects are Completed or Under Construction

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Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

- Schedule
- No Match Requirement – Points for Leverage
- Large Infrastructure Projects Can Request Pre-Con Only
- Performance Metrics
- Project Selection Process
- Scoring Criteria
 - ❖ **Scope and Plan Consistency**

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Program Challenges

- Very Over Subscribed
- Funding Requests are Getting Larger
- Program Funds all Project Phases
- Measuring Performance

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Highlights from the 2021 Guidelines

- Project Study Report Equivalency
- Scope Changes
- Timely Use of Funds
- Project Reporting

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Santa Barbara County in the ATP

- Submitted 58 applications over the 4 ATP Cycles
- 23 applications funded (40% success)
 - 8 funded through Statewide and 15 in Small Urban & Rural Component
- Trends from Cycle 4:
 - 12 of 14 applications submitted qualified as a DAC – 3 used Regional Definition
 - Average score of 76
 - Safety question tended to be where points were lost

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Active Transportation Resource Center

- ATRC provides resources, technical assistance, and training to partners across California
- Have a mailing list to keep people updated on upcoming trainings, webinars, etc.
- Includes Application Modules, Technical Assistance on Non-Infrastructure Projects, Safe Routes to School Guides, etc.
- <http://caatpresources.org/>
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