MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program:

Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E)

Policy Advisory Council

September 23, 2025



CARE Funding Categories



Project Development to Advance Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Project(s) (Category 1) OBAG: \$13M

- Advancing a CBTP concept to a fundable, viable project.
- Technical Assistance for Project Development (i.e preliminary engineering, environmental work)



Implementation of High-Priority Neighborhood Project(s) (Category 2) \$6.5M

- Utilizing a Participatory
 Budgeting Process or similar
 robust engagement
- Examples: Bus stop enhancements, quick-build pedestrian/bicycle/transit improvements



Community Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E) (Category 3) \$3.5M

- "Power" is the ability to define reality for yourself and for others.
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for/from/with community based organizations through direct grants and learning action lab.

How: Power-building and Engagement (Pb+E)



- Leadership and Capacitybuilding in Transportation and Housing
- Multi-Sector Partnerships and Collaboration Development
- Community Solutions

What: Eligible Project Categories

- Capacity Building (\$50K/project)
- Civic leadership development programs, youth outreach and training, multilingual community planning, disability access and engagement, community- based organization regional network
- Multi-sector Partnerships and Collaboration
 Development (\$100K/project)
- Community-Agency bridge building, community dialogue and mediation hub, collaborative needs assessment

- Community
 Solutions (\$250K/project)
- Cultural placemaking, collaborative housing and transportation pilots

Approximately \$1.3 million available in grant funding. In addition, technical assistance and support provided for all categories.

Pb+E Approach and Process

We are here.











WINTER 2024

- CARE Guidelines with Categories:
- 1 Project Development
- 2 Participatory Budgeting
- 3 Power-building and Engagement

WINTER 2024/25 – SPRING 2025

Community
 Advisory
 Working
 Group (CAWG)
 Work

SUMMER – EARLY FALL 2025

- Call for Projects
- Outreach
- Evaluation and Award

WINTER 2025/26

- Community-Based Organization On-Boarding
- Launch Learning Action Lab

DECEMBER 2026 - SPRING 2027

• End of the Grant Program

Applicant and Project Eligibility

- Community-based organizations (CBO) 501 (c) (3) nonprofit serving people in MTC's Equity
 Priority Communities or similar
- CBOs without 501(c)(3)
 designation may partner with a
 fiscal sponsor
- Non-profit/CBO with experience working on housing, transportation, or climate issues



Scoring Criteria Includes:



Application Steps and Key Milestones

PARTICIPATE

Optional information session(s), office hours (Starting September 2)

SUBMIT APPLICATION

September 26 – October 9, 2025

AWARD NOTIFICATIONS

November 24, 2025

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

March 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026

(8-month delivery window)



MTC Programming and Allocation Committee: November 12, refer Draft "Program of Projects" to Commission MTC Commission: November 19, action item to approve on "Program of Projects"