

San Francisco Bay Trail

Steering Committee

October 4, 2021

Agenda Item 6.a.

SF Bay Trail Program Funding

Subject: SF Bay Trail Program Funding Recommendations

Recommended project funding list resulting from the call for projects under the current SF Bay Trail Grant Program for consideration of approval.

Background: The current Bay Trail Grant Program is funded through Block Grant #6 from the State Coastal Conservancy's Bay Program utilizing \$1.4 million from Proposition 68 as pass-through grants to local jurisdictions. Of this total, \$955,000 is specifically reserved for Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC's) as defined by Proposition 68, leaving \$445,000 for non-SDAC areas.

Staff issued a call for projects under the Bay Trail Grant Program in February 2021. A total of 10 letters of interest were submitted, which consisted of 3 SDAC requests and 7 non-SDAC requests. Staff reviewed the 10 letters of interest with the Coastal Conservancy, and 6 projects were invited to submit grant applications in April 2021. As a result of these applications, staff is recommending funding approval for the following 3 projects in SDAC areas (Table 1) and 3 projects in Non-SDAC areas (Table 2). (See separate summary sheet for detailed project information).

Table 1: SDAC Recommended Grant Award List

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Type	Funds Requested
East Bay Regional Park District	Martinez Bay Trail - Phase II	Construction	\$200,000
City of San Rafael	Bay Trail Extension on Grand Avenue	Construction	\$240,000
Solano Transportation Authority	Bay Trail/Vine Trail Gap Closure Project	Construction	\$400,000
Total Funds Requested			\$840,000

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Table 2: Non-SDAC Recommended Grant Award List

Applicant	Project Name	Grant Type	Funds Requested
City of Sausalito	Bridgeway Bike Lane Project	Design	\$67,214
East Bay Regional Park District	EBRPD -Point Molate Bay Trail	Construction	\$150,000
City of Richmond	Richmond -Point Molate Bay Trail	Construction	\$150,000
Total Funds Requested			\$367,214

All of six of the projects focus on implementing new segments of the Bay Trail spine with five construction projects and one design project. Each of the projects scored highly under the approved scoring/evaluation criteria with scores ranging from 73 to 84 points. All SDAC project applications that were received were funded. The City of Alameda, the City of Millbrae, and two private citizens submitted letters of interest for non-SDAC projects, but these were not recommended to move forward to the grant application. The two City of Alameda projects were considered maintenance or widening projects and the determination was to focus on projects that would result in new Bay Trail segments. The Millbrae feasibility study has overlap with another planned feasibility study for the same area, so this project was not recommended to move forward in order to avoid duplicative efforts. The Gilman Street Project in Berkeley proposed by two private citizens did not have the support of the agency with jurisdiction over the project area.

The funds that would be committed to these six projects would total \$840,000 from the SDAC pot and \$367,214 from the Non-SDAC pot (see Table 3 below). \$115,000 was identified from the SDAC funds and \$77,786 from the Non-SDAC funds as residual funds as uncommitted.

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Table 3: Total SDAC and Non-SDAC Committed Funds

	SDAC	Non-SDAC	Combined
Total Funds	\$955,000	\$445,000	\$1,400,000
Funds Requested	\$840,000	\$367,214	\$1,207,214
Remaining Funds	\$115,000	\$77,786	\$192,786

Given the limited SDAC geography and resulting uncommitted funds, staff are actively working with local agencies to identify further potential grant candidates. Staff have identified the City of Richmond's Cutting Boulevard as a potential as a strong SDAC candidate project, which is part of the City of Richmond's Ferry-to-Bridge-to-Greenway Complete Streets Network. Staff are also considering a future commitment of non-SDAC funds for the Sears Pt/Tubbs Tolay Gap Closure project with Sonoma County Regional Parks. Staff intend to bring these candidates to the next committee meeting for further consideration.

Issues:

None

Recommended Action:

The SF Bay Trail Steering Committee is requested to approve funding for three projects in SDAC areas ([Table 1](#)) and three projects in Non-SDAC areas ([Table 2](#)) as reported.

Attachments:

[List Attachments]

Reviewed:



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