

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

Draft Guidelines for Cycle 1 [Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 to FY2025-26]

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MTC's CARE Program Overview

- Successor to MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program
- New transportation-based capacity building, technical assistance, and participatory budgeting grant program for Equity Priority Communities
- **\$21.5M** regional competitive grant program funded by One Bay Area Grant and Regional Early Action Program 2.0 funds
- Responsive to Justice40, Executive Order N-16-22, and MTC's Equity Platform



CARE Centers Community



- **Mission**

Advance high priority community-based, **multi-sector** transportation, housing, and climate initiatives that improve mobility

Support **community leaders** in transformative change in achieving multi-beneficial transportation mobility, housing, and climate outcomes



- **Goals**

Strengthen multi-sector **partnerships** to advance more impactful, intersectional, and innovative initiatives

Build **community power** and engagement

Support intersectional **leadership** and expertise with focus on increasing access to funding and resources to advance Community Based Transportation Plans (CBTP) or MTC's Coordinated Plan



- **Strategies**

Technical Assistance

Capacity Building

Community-level project implementation (plans, programs, capital projects)



Focus Areas and Funding Objectives

This competitive program is anticipated to include up to a total of \$21.5M through OBAG 3 (\$13.5M) and REAP 2.0 (\$8M – pending approval).

Projects must support implementation of Community Based Transportation Plans or Coordinated Plan AND

Must address at least one of the following objectives:



Support Implementation of Community Based Transportation Plans or Coordinated Plan



Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing



Accelerate Infill Housing



Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled



Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Project Eligibility

Applicants are encouraged to apply to one or more of the following categories:



CBTP Project Implementation

Technical Assistance for Project Development

GRANT PROGRAMS

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Advancing a CBTP concept to a fundable, viable project.



High-Priority Neighborhood Project Implementation

“Participatory Budgeting” Project Implementation

Bus stop enhancements, “quick build” pedestrian/ bicycle/transit improvements, streetscape, complete streets, safety improvements.



Community Power-Building and Engagement

Technical Assistance from CBOs

Culturally rooted data gathering and research.

Technical Assistance for CBOs and local gov’t

Leadership development for transit/transportation/ green sector.



Next Steps



Continue to solicit input on the CARE Program and prepare for the Call for Projects process



Prepare Final Guidelines for November Commission action



Launch Call for Projects in coordination with County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) and host information sessions



For more information



Visit MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment Program at:

<https://mtc.ca.gov/planning/transportation/access-equity-mobility/community-action-resource-empowerment-care-program>



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