

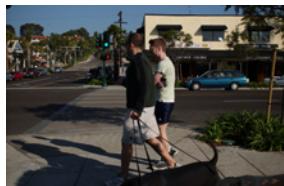
SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

Funding incentives to showcase exemplary smart growth land development around the region.

Ready-to-go projects will show how public infrastructure funding can be used to encourage smart growth development.

Eligible projects include bicycle, pedestrian, and facility improvements, and streetscape enhancements.



\$17 Million Offered For Local Smart Growth Projects

SANDAG is offering local communities funding support to develop projects that integrate smart growth land uses and transportation facilities.

The agency is launching a Pilot Smart Growth Incentive Program using \$17 million of federal Transportation Enhancement funds. The program promotes one of the basic principles in the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) to encourage smart growth development through the use of incentives.

There is a \$2 million cap per project. Eligible projects include: bicycle and pedestrian paths and bridges; on-street bike lanes; pedestrian plazas; pedestrian street crossings; and pedestrian bulb-outs or traffic circles. In addition, other potential projects are transit stop amenities, and streetscape enhancements such as median landscaping, street trees, lighting, and street furniture. Beginning in 2008, a more comprehensive \$280 million smart growth incentive program will be funded through the local TransNet half-cent sales tax program.

The purpose of the pilot program is to showcase exemplary smart growth land development around the region. The program is designed to promote a mix of well-designed, higher intensity development in the existing urbanized areas, community and town centers, and rural villages, supported by infrastructure that encourages alternatives to driving alone.

How Much Local Funding Is Required?

Grant requests should range between

\$200,000 and \$2 million per project. The project selection criteria favors projects that include additional funding from other sources.

How Will Projects Be Evaluated?

The primary goal of the Pilot Smart Growth Incentive Program is to deliver a set of ready-to-go projects that will serve as models for how public infrastructure funding can be used to encourage smart growth development. To achieve that goal, the evaluation criteria focus on constructability, the qualities and characteristics of the existing or planned land uses and transportation facilities in the project area, the qualities of the project itself, and available matching funds.

Applicants should check with SANDAG for help in determining project eligibility. Regardless of the project type, SANDAG is looking for capital projects that are well-designed, increase transportation options, result in community benefits, and are part of a community's broader revitalization and development efforts.

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