



COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL

February 8, 2021

To: Members of the Board of Directors
From: Andrea West, Interim Clerk of the Board *Andrea West*
Subject: Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program – Project X Tier 1 Grant Program Call for Projects

Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting of February 1, 2021

Present: Directors Bartlett, Chaffee, Harper, Hernandez, Murphy, and Sarmiento
Absent: Director Delgleize

Committee Vote

Following the roll call vote, this item was declared passed 6-0 by the Members present.

Committee Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the fiscal year 2021 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.



February 1, 2021

To: Regional Planning and Highways Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program - Project X Tier 1 Grant Program Call for Projects

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Overview

The Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program provides grants for projects that protect Orange County waterways and beaches from roadway runoff. Staff has updated the program implementation guidelines and is seeking authorization to release the next Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

Recommendations

- A. Approve the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for the Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 Program.
- B. Authorize staff to issue the fiscal year 2021 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 call for projects.

Background

The Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP), also referred to as Project X, provides for the allocation of two percent of annual gross Measure M2 (M2) revenues to improve overall water quality in Orange County. Funding is allocated on a countywide competitive basis to assist jurisdictions in controlling transportation-related pollution. These funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, existing transportation-related water quality programs. Funds are awarded to priority projects that improve water quality in streams, harbors, and other waterways that have a nexus to transportation-related pollution, consistent with the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Ordinance No. 3. The ordinance requires the Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC) to advise the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) on priorities and processes for the use of ECP funds.

On May 24, 2010, the Board approved a two-tiered approach to fund the M2 ECP. The Tier 1 Grant Program consists of funding for equipment purchases and upgrades to existing storm drains and related best management practices. The Tier 2 Grant Program consists of funding for regional, potentially multi-jurisdictional, capital-intensive projects.

The previous Tier 1 call for projects (call) was finalized by the OCTA Board on October 12, 2020, with the approval of \$2,800,000 in ECP Tier 1 funds. The Board programmed funding to support 12 successful project applications (based on the scoring criteria). To date, the Board has approved funding for 189 Tier 1 projects, totaling approximately \$27 million, and it is estimated that nearly 33 million gallons of trash and debris have been captured since inception of the ECP in 2011.

Discussion

OCTA staff worked with local agencies and the ECAC to determine areas of the program guidelines that needed to be adjusted, as well as reviewed issues that emerged out of the previous calls. The proposed modifications to the program guidelines are included in attachments A and B.

The proposed changes were reviewed by the ECAC at the January 14, 2021 meeting. The ECAC voted unanimously to endorse the changes to the CTFP Guidelines and recommended Board approval to issue the fiscal year (FY) 2021 ECP Tier 1 call. A summary of proposed modifications is provided below.

2021 Call Updates

The revisions to the CTFP Guidelines include minor technical changes to the ECP call application schedule. The proposed funding target, subject to Board approval, for the call is \$2.8 million, which is consistent with prior years. While M2 revenues were impacted by the economic downturn emerging from the coronavirus pandemic, this program has been conservatively managed in terms of funding distributions to the Tier I and Tier II programs, and based upon the program's currently projected cash flow, the \$2.8 million call amount appears to be both reasonable and fiscally responsible.

Based on requests from local agencies, the CTFP Guidelines were also modified to clarify that for the Project X Tier I program only, local agencies may spend up to 15 percent of total construction costs to support construction management, project management, and final design combined.

Finally, the updated CTFP Guidelines clarify that only electronic applications will be accepted during this call cycle.

Next Steps

Following Board approval expected on February 8, 2020, staff will notify local agencies of the call. Once the call is issued, staff will offer one-on-one meetings to assist local agencies with the application process. Per the recommendation of the ECAC, in addition to one-on-one meetings, staff will offer a workshop for local agencies as an additional resource. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2021. Applications will be due to OCTA by May 6, 2021, and staff will return to the Board with programming recommendations by late summer 2021.

Awards would be effective with Board approval and become available starting in FY 2021-22.

Summary

OCTA staff is recommending revisions to the ECP Tier 1 CTFP Guidelines and requests authorization to issue a 2021 ECP Tier 1 call, in order to make available approximately \$2.8 million for important projects that will mitigate the impacts of street runoff and improve water quality for Orange County waterways.

Attachments

- A. List of Proposed Revisions to the 2021 CTFP Guidelines for Project X (Chapter 11)
- B. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines Excerpt, Proposed Revisions

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List of Proposed Revisions to the 2021 CTFP Guidelines for Project X (Chapter 11)

No.	Chapter	Section	Page No.	Proposed Change
1	V. Precepts	Precept Number 28	xx	Added the following language: Note: For the Project X Tier 1 Program only, local agencies may also include final design.
2	Chapter 11	Overview	11-1 to 11-3	Minor wording modifications.
3	Chapter 11	Funding Estimates	11-5	Updated reference from 2020 to 2021 and other minor wording modifications.
4	Chapter 11	2021 Tier 1 Call for Projects	11-6	Updated 2020 references to 2021 and clarified that the deadline for the 2021 Tier 1 call for projects is Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
5	Chapter 11	Exhibit 11-1 (Tier 1 Scoring Criteria)	11-7 - 11-8	Minor wording modification. Removed the note that "overmatch bonus points can only be granted to project with a cash match." Statement is no longer necessary, as cash is the only form of match now accepted by the program.
6	Chapter 11	Application Process	11-11	Revised language to specify that OCTA will only accept electronic application packages and clarified appropriate application submittal and document formatting requirements. Also, clarified that application revisions may be allowed, if they are made prior to the application deadline.
7	Chapter 11	Eligible Expenditures	11-12	Clarified the eligible expenditures, specifically the following language for construction management costs: For construction management, project management and final design (for Project X Tier 1 projects only), combined costs cannot exceed 15 percent of total construction cost.
8	Chapter 11	Ineligible Expenditures	11-12	Clarified that Environmental Cleanup Program Project X Tier 1 funds are not to be used for planning but can be used for final design, subject to the eligible expenditure requirements.

Acronyms

CTFP – Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program
OCTA – Orange County Transportation Authority

Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines Excerpt

Proposed Revisions

Intersection Capacity Utilization (ICU) calculations shall use 1,700 vehicles per hour per lane with a .05 clearance interval.

25. OCTA shall consider matching fund credit(s) for an implementing agency's proposed projects current and applicable environmental clearance expenditures. OCTA will review and consider these expenditures on a case-by-case basis at the time of funding approval.
26. An approved CTFP project may be determined ineligible for funding at any time if it is found that M2 funding has replaced all or a portion of funds or commitments that were to be provided by other sources such as: development conditions of approval, development deposits, fee programs, redevelopment programs or other dedicated local funding sources (i.e., assessment districts, community facilities districts, bonds, certificates of participation, etc.). Appeals may be made in accordance with Precept 39.
27. OCTA may fund environmental mitigation, up to 25 percent (25%) of the total eligible project cost by phase, as required for the proposed project contained in the environmental document. Participating environmental mitigation expenditures are eligible for funding under certain programs, but not all.
28. Construction Engineering, Construction Management, Materials Testing, Engineering Support and/or Project Management shall not exceed 15 percent (15%) of the total eligible project cost based upon the engineers' estimate. The cap is applied to the sum of eligible expenses, contract change orders (within the scope of work), equipment and materials (e.g. eligible traffic signal equipment). [Note: For the Project X Tier I program only, local agencies may include final design.](#)
29. Contract change orders are only eligible for reimbursement of work due to unforeseen changed conditions within the original scope of work and not exceeding 10 percent (10%) contingency provided in the application cost estimate.
30. OCTA shall evaluate "whole" projects during the initial review process. Subsequent phase application reviews shall not include prior phases in the evaluation unless locally funded and pledged as a match and are subject to OCTA verification. The criteria for ranking project applications is included in these guidelines as part of each program component chapter.
31. Projects that receive competitive CTFP funds shall not use other M2 competitive funds as a local match source. Lead agencies may request project consolidation. The TAC and Board must approve consolidation requests. OCTA shall use the weighted average match rate of the consolidated project's individual segments.
32. OCTA shall conduct a SAR of all active CTFP projects. All agencies shall participate in these sessions through a process established by OCTA. Currently, OCTA administers the SAR through OCFundtracker. OCTA's intent is to: 1) verify project

Chapter 11 – Environmental Cleanup Program (Project X)

Overview

The ECP, herein referred to as Project X, provides ~~for~~ M2 revenues to improve overall water quality in Orange County from transportation-generated pollution. Specifically, ~~the~~ OCTA's Ordinance No. 3 (Ordinance), dated July 24, 2006, provides that 2 percent (2%) of gross M2 revenues be dedicated to protecting Orange County beaches and waterways from the conveyance of urban runoff associated with transportation-generated pollution. Project X ensures that funds will be used on a countywide competitive basis to meet federal Clean Water Act standards for controlling transportation-generated pollution by funding nationally recognized Best Management Practices (BMPs).

As required by the Ordinance, an Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee (ECAC), representing a broad cross-section of the water quality community, was formed in October 2007 to provide guidance on program design and funding. The goal of Project X is to fund projects on a countywide, competitive basis. This will assist the County of Orange and Orange County cities in reducing transportation-related water quality pollution by meeting Clean Water Act standards for local waterways and beaches.

Proposed projects must demonstrate a direct nexus (connection) to a reduction of transportation-related pollution as developed and defined by the ECAC in conformity with the Ordinance. All proposing agencies must demonstrate an understanding of how their proposed projects meet the following transportation pollution nexus definition:

- Transportation-related activities can be a contributor of pollutants and/or impairments to receiving waters via aerial deposition, storm, and non-storm water discharges. Transportation-related activities are associated with the operation, construction, and maintenance of public roads, highways, and other ground transportation systems.
- The conveyance of transportation-related pollutants to surface and groundwater can occur from precipitation, runoff, and leachate entering or discharging from public roads, highways, and other ground transportation systems via drainage systems, such as catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, retention basins, or storm drains. The quality and quantity of these discharges vary considerably and are affected by hydrology, geology, land use, season, and sequence and discharge of hydrologic events.
- Pollutant sources can encompass right-of-way, properties, facilities, and activities related to motor vehicles, highway maintenance, construction site runoff, maintenance facility runoff, illegal dumping, spills, and landscaping care. Pollutant categories include but are not limited to metals (such as copper, lead, and zinc), organic chemicals and compounds (hydrocarbons), pesticides, sediment, nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), litter, oxygen demanding substances (decaying

vegetation, animal waste, and other organic matter), groundwater dewatering discharges, and pathogenic material.

Project X funds are designed to supplement, not supplant, existing water quality programs. Proposed projects must improve and not replace existing pollution reduction efforts by an eligible party. Funds will be awarded to the most competitive projects with the highest benefit to water quality.

The intent of the Project X is to provide funding for water quality projects that do not replace existing transportation water quality expenditures. In other words, if a project has components which would replace features already in place or which would fulfill project specific mitigation, those components would not be eligible for funding consideration. Some upgrades and expansions may be eligible with appropriate supporting justification.

Proposed projects, which support compliance with the 2015 adopted Trash Provisions, are eligible for Project X funding provided the funds ~~would~~do not replace established and programmed funds and the funds are not applied to any mandated project design features or required mitigation measures.

The eligibility of the project and its components will be determined during the evaluation process. Contact Alfonso Hernandez at (714) 560-5363, or AHernandez@octa.net with questions.

Tier 1 Grant Program

Overview

The Tier 1 Grant Program is designed to mitigate the more visible forms of pollutants, such as litter and debris, which collect on ~~the~~ roadways and in the catch basins (storm drains) prior to being deposited in waterways and the ocean. It consists of grant funding for Orange County local governments to purchase equipment and upgrades for existing catch basins and other related BMPs (i.e., “street-scale” low flow diversion projects). Examples include screens, filters, and inserts for catch basins, as well as other devices designed to remove the above-mentioned pollutants. To date, [ten](#) Tier 1 calls for projects have been held. Through this process, many of the opportunities for street-scale BMPs have been fulfilled. Water quality projects, regardless of technology, are eligible for Tier 1 funding provided they have a verifiable benefit to water quality and fall within the maximum per project programming cap. The intent of this funding program is for project applicants to complete the work generally within one year from the letter agreement execution [date](#).

Tier 1 Project Types

Tier 1 projects funded in the past include the following types. A description of each project type is provided below:

- 1) Automatic Retractable Screen and other debris screens or inserts: screen or insert units prevent debris from entering the storm drain system.
- 2) Irrigation system retrofits to reduce runoff: these projects decrease runoff from highway medians by using more efficient irrigation systems and/or replacing existing landscape to reduce the amount of water used in irrigation.
- 3) Continuous Deflection Separator (CDS): CDS units screen, separate, and trap debris, sediment, oil, and grease from storm water runoff.
- 4) Linear Radial Gross Solid Removal Device (GSRD): GSRDs are certified full capture systems which efficiently remove large solids from runoff water flows.
- 5) Marina Trash Skimmer: these devices draw in floating debris, such as plastics, bottles, paper, oil sheen, and driftwood. The installation of marina trash skimmers will reduce the amount of trash and debris reaching the open ocean.
- 6) Bioswales and Bioretention systems: pollutants and sediments are captured and subsequently removed from stormwater runoff.
- 7) Trash Boom: a floating boom placed across a channel captures trash and debris that have reached flood channels from being further conveyed to downstream receiving waters.

Pre-Application Process

In order to ensure the best use of M2 funds and assist eligible jurisdictions with the Tier 1 Grant Program, applicants may engage in a pre-application process with OCTA staff in project planning, cost estimate development, and determination of likely projected competitiveness. Specific meeting times will be established once the call is initiated. After the call for projects deadline and submittal of the grant application, applicants will not be able to change the content of the application or scope of the project.

Eligible Applicants

Project X funds can be used to implement street and highway-related water quality improvement projects to assist Orange County cities and the County of Orange to meet federal Clean Water Act standards for urban runoff and State Water Resources Control Board requirements for trash capture. Applicants eligible for Project X funds include the 34 Orange County cities plus the County of Orange. Eligible applicants must meet the transportation requirements discussed in the M2 Ordinance.

Third parties, such as water and wastewater public entities, environmental resource organizations, nonprofit 501(c) environmental institutions, and homeowners' associations cannot act as the lead agency for a proposed project, however; these agencies can jointly apply with an Orange County city and/or the County of Orange.

Two or more agencies may participate in a project. If a joint application among agencies and/or third-party entities is submitted, a preliminary agreement with joint or third-party entities must be provided as part of the application. In order to meet Ordinance requirements, an eligible applicant must be the lead agency for the funding application. If a project includes more than one jurisdiction and is being submitted as a joint application, one agency shall act as lead agency and must provide a resolution of support from all joint applicants.

Each eligible jurisdiction must meet the eligibility criteria as set forth in Chapter 1 of these guidelines.

Project Programming

The Tier 1 Grant Program approach is designed to be consistent with Chapter 2 of these CTFP Guidelines regarding the provisions below:

- Program Consolidation
- Funding Projections
- Programming Adjustments
- Project Cost Escalation
- Programming Policies

- Schedule Change Requests
- Project Advancements
- Semi-Annual Review

Refer to Chapter 2 for explanations of the above provisions.

Funding Estimates

Approximately \$2.8 million is available for the 2021~~0~~ Tier 1 call for projects.

The maximum amount for the Tier 1 Grant Program is \$500,000 per project. The maximum amount that an eligible local agency can receive in this funding period is \$500,000.

Matching Funds

For the Tier 1 Grant Program, a minimum local match of 20 percent (20%) of the eligible project cost is required. The matching funds shall be provided as a cash contribution.

Retroactive expenditures cannot be credited towards the matching fund threshold [or project expenditures](#).

Overmatch

For the Tier 1 Grant Program, administering agencies may “overmatch” Project X projects; that is, additional cash match may be provided for the project. Applicants will receive additional points in the evaluation process for matching with cash above the minimum requirement. Proposals that exceed the 20 percent (20%) minimum funding match will be given an additional one-half point for every five percent (5%) over the minimum cash match (up to five bonus points).

Additionally, administering agencies must commit to cover any future cost overruns if the project is underfunded. Any work not eligible for Project X reimbursement must be funded by other means by the project applicant and cannot count as match. These non-eligible items should not be included in the cost estimate breakdown in the application.

Reimbursements

For the Tier 1 Grant Program, OCTA will release funds through two payments. The initial payment will constitute 75 percent (75%) of the contract award or programmed amount at contract award. OCTA will disburse the final payment, approximately 25 percent (25%) of eligible funds, after approval of the final report. Further information on reimbursements can be located within Chapter 9 of these Guidelines.

Scope Reductions/Modifications and Cost Savings

Any proposed scope modifications, such as a change in BMP device quantities and/or the adjustment of device locations of an approved project must be submitted to OCTA for review and approval in advance of the change to ensure consistency with Tier 1 Grant Program

requirements. The proposed modifications must mitigate the same pollutants, affect the same waterways, and meet all other provisions as stipulated in these guidelines.

If the proposed scope modification is approved by OCTA, any cost savings will be proportionally shared between OCTA and the grantee; for example, a reduction in Project X funds must be applied proportionally to maintain the approved local match percentage. All cost savings will be returned to the Tier 1 Grant Program for reallocation for subsequent calls for projects.

2021 Tier 1 Call for Projects

2021 Tier 1 Call for Projects applications must be received by OCTA **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021**. Projects that do not award construction contracts by June 30, 2022 will not be considered. OCTA allocates funds on July 1 of each year. **Tier 1 projects are not eligible for delay requests**; please refer to Precept 17 for additional information. Funds will become available upon execution of a letter agreement.

After Tier 1 applications are reviewed by OCTA, an advisory panel will review and rank projects. Following a review by the ECAC, a recommended priority list of projects will be forwarded to the OCTA Board for approval in summer 2021. Funds allocated for projects are final once approved by the OCTA Board. No additional funds will be allocated to the project. Grantees are responsible for any costs exceeding the allocated amount.

Tier 1 Selection Criteria

OCTA will evaluate all proposals that meet the mandatory prerequisites based on competitive selection criteria (Exhibit 11-1) with the following categories:

- Project Need, Transportation Nexus, and Water Quality Benefits (15 points)
- Cost/Benefit (16 points)
- Pollutant Reduction Benefits (12 points)
- Effectiveness Against More Visible Forms of Pollutants (10 points)
- Justification for Project Devices Considered and Proposed (5 points)
- Proposed Device Performance Efficiency and/or Effectiveness (6 points)
- Project Readiness (6 points)
- Secondary attributes* (5 points)
- Methodology for Measuring Pollutant Reduction Before and After Implementation (10 points)
- Operations and Maintenance Plan (15 points)

**Note: Project elements which may qualify for points under the "secondary attributes" category do not need to be eligible expenditures. See Eligible Expenditures and Ineligible Expenditures sections for further information.*

Each proposal can receive a maximum of 100 points, exclusive of five bonus points for cash overmatch. See Exhibit 11-1 for scoring categories and point distribution.

Exhibit 11-1 (Tier 1 Scoring Criteria)

Scoring Criteria	Points Possible												
1. Describe the need for the selected BMP(s), including nexus to transportation pollutants, and detail the benefits to water quality the BMP(s) will achieve. (up to 15 Points)	15												
2. Cost/Benefit (Up to 16 points): Based on information provided by the applicant, a cost/benefit calculation will be conducted to compare the total project cost to the area of priority land uses treated by the proposed BMP(s). Applicant is required to provide ¹ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types(s) of BMP(s) proposed • Number of each BMP type • Total drainage area(s) contributing to each BMP type • Percent of drainage area(s) that is/are considered priority land uses (i.e., high density residential, industrial, commercial, mixed urban, public transportation stations) The applicant must also provide geospatial information (through ArcGIS and/or Google Earth) that identifies the drainage area(s) and BMP location(s) for the project.	16												
3. Pollutant Reduction Benefits: Based on treatment capacity and BMP type, project benefit will be calculated using the scoring equation: $(A \times 3) + (B \times 3) + (C \times 6) =$ (up to 12 points) ¹	12												
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² Examples include high-capacity systems (i.e. hydrodynamic separators), filters/biofilters, or zero-discharge BMPs (i.e., retention/infiltration).													
4. How effective will the proposed project be in dealing with the more visible forms of pollutants, such as a litter and debris? (up to 10 points)	10												
5. What other BMP types were considered for this project? Why was the proposed BMP chosen? (5 points)	5												
6. Provide information on proposed BMP performance efficiency and/or effectiveness, including pollutant capture, storage capacity, flow capacity, etc. (up to 6 points)	6												
7. Project Readiness: The project schedule will be reviewed by the evaluation committee to determine when the proposed BMP will be operational following the OCTA Board of Directors approval. (up to 6 points):	6												
Less than 4 Months (6 points)	8 - 12 months (2 points)												
4 - 8 months (4 points)	More than 12 months (1 point)												

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| 8. Secondary Attributes: Will the proposed project provide any benefits beyond water quality improvement (i.e., water use efficiency, public awareness, flooding control, recreation, habitat, sustainability)? (up to 5 points) | 5 |
| 9. What is the methodology for measuring pollutant reduction before and after the BMP is implemented? How frequently will monitoring and performance assessment occur? (up to 10 points) | 10 |
| 10. Provide an O&M plan for the lifespan of the proposed project. Include schedule of inspections, cleaning, removal and disposal of pollutants, repairs, etc. (up to 15 points) | 15 |

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| <u>11.</u> BONUS: Are local matching funds in excess of the 20% minimum cash being proposed? If yes, at what percentage? (.5 point for each 5% cash overmatch, up to 5 points) | 5 |
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~~Note: overmatch bonus points can only be granted to projects with a cash match.~~

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Application Process

The following information, which is to be completed within the Tier 1 Grant Application Form, available electronically from OCTA, is required to evaluate and select projects. A checklist is included in the Tier 1 Grant Application Form to assist eligible agencies in assembling project proposals. The following project information will be necessary as part of the application process:

- Project Title
- Lead Agency Information
- Proposed Schedule
- Project Management
- Description and Scope of Proposed Project
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) identification (if applicable)
- Project Readiness
- Performance Metrics
- Detailed Project Estimate
- Minimum 20% Local Match (cash match only)
- Joint-Application (if applicable)

In addition to the completed Tier 1 Grant Application, the following documentation is required as part of the application process:

- Project design or concept drawings, including preliminary design calculations, of proposed BMPs.
- Precise maps to show tributary drainage area and proposed location(s) for BMP installation including geospatial information (through ArcGIS and/or Google Earth)
- Digital project site photos
- Preliminary agreements with joint and/or third-party entities if part of the funding application (if applicable)
- A city council resolution specific to each proposed project and funding commitment must be approved by the local jurisdiction's governing body prior to the Board approval of grant funds. A sample resolution is included as Exhibit 11-2. **Local agencies, at a minimum, must include items a-l.** The mechanism selected shall serve as a formal request for CTFP funds and states that matching funds will be provided by the agency. A final resolution authorizing [a](#) request for funding consideration with a commitment of local match funding must be provided with the project application. **If a draft copy of the resolution is provided, the local agency must also provide the date the resolution will be finalized by the local agency's governing body.** A final copy of the City Council approved resolution must be provided at least four (4) weeks **PRIOR** to the consideration of programming recommendations by OCTA's Board.

[OCTA will only be accepting electronic copies of completed application forms and supporting documentation. All application materials are to be submitted by the call for projects deadline to the following OCTA staff email:](#)

[Alfonso Hernandez](#)
[Orange County Transportation Authority](#)
AHernandez@octa.net

[There is no maximum length for proposals. All pages must be numbered, organized, and use the standard ~~and printed on~~ 8 1/2 x 11 format size for the application form pages in PDF format. Supporting documentation, such as ~~maps~~ and drawings can be included in the ~~on~~ 11 x 17 format size. ~~The original proposal should be left unbound for reproduction purposes. An unbound original and two copies \(total of three\) of the completed application form and supporting documentation are to be submitted, plus an electronic copy of the complete application materials.~~ Electronic application materials can be submitted via email as an attachment, via a link to an online storage device site, such as \[DropBox\]\(#\) and/or \[OneDrive\]\(#\), or \[USB drive\]\(#\). \[CD/DVD files will not be\]\(#\) accepted.](#)

[Note:](#)

[Applications are considered final once the electronic application has been submitted. OCTA will document the submittal date and time and download the files for storage and application review. Any applications that do not contain all required information and documentation will be disqualified. Revisions may be allowed if changes are made prior to the application deadline.](#)

Exhibit 11-2 (Tier 1 Sample Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF _____

AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP, TIER 1 GRANT PROGRAM UNDER ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE NO. 3 FOR (PROJECT NAME).

- (a) WHEREAS, Orange County Local Transportation Ordinance No.3, dated July 24, 2006, and is known and cited as the Renewed Measure M Transportation Ordinance and Investment Plan makes funds available through the Environmental Cleanup Program to help protect Orange County beaches and waterways from transportation-generated pollution (urban runoff) and improve overall water quality.
 - (b) WHEREAS, the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program consists of funding purchases and installation to catch basins with Best Management Practices, such as screens, filters, inserts, and other "street-scale" low flow diversion projects.
 - (c) WHEREAS, OCTA has established the procedures and criteria for reviewing proposals; and
 - (d) WHEREAS, (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) possesses authority to nominate water quality improvement projects that have a transportation pollution nexus to finance and construct the proposed project; and
 - (e) WHEREAS, by formal action the (GOVERNING BODY) authorizes the nomination of (PROJECT NAME), including all understanding and assurances contained therein, and authorizes the person identified as the official representative of the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) to act in connection with the nomination and to provide such additional information as may be required; and
 - (f) WHEREAS, the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) will maintain and operate the equipment acquired and installed; and
 - (g) WHEREAS, the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) will give OCTA's representatives access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers or documents related to the funded Tier 1 Grant Project; and
 - (h) WHEREAS, the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification from OCTA and that the project will be carried to completion with reasonable diligence; and
 - (i) WHEREAS, the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) will comply where applicable with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the American with Disabilities Act, and any other federal, state, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations;
 - (j) WHEREAS, the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) must include all projects funded by Net Revenues in the seven-year Capital Improvement Program as part of the Renewed Measure M Ordinance eligibility requirement.
 - (k) WHEREAS, the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) authorizes a formal amendment to the seven-year Capital Improvement Program to add projects approved for funding upon approval from the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.
 - (l) WHEREAS, the City/County of _____ will provide a minimum of 20% in matching funds for the (PROJECT NAME) as required by the Orange County Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City/County of _____ hereby authorizes (NAME OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE) as the official representative of the (ADMINISTERING AGENCY) to accept funds for the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program for (PROJECT NAME).
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City/County of _____ agrees to fund its share of the project costs and any additional costs over the identified programmed amount.

Eligible Expenditures

- Project X funds must be for capital improvements.
- ~~Construction management and project management cannot exceed 15 percent (15%) of total construction costs.~~ For construction management, project management and final design (for Project X Tier 1 projects only), combined costs cannot exceed 15 percent (15%) of total construction cost.
- Project X funds can only be used for facilities that are in public ownership for public use; however, water quality improvements on private property, which are connected to municipal separate storm sewer systems, are eligible. (For example, a homeowner association can apply for funding through an eligible agency if the proposed project is connected to a public facility.)
- Reducing volume of surface flows is an integral factor of improving water quality, therefore, projects that have water-saving features (i.e., drip systems) are eligible for funding considerations.

Ineligible Expenditures

- O&M costs are not eligible expenditures. O&M costs cannot be utilized as a source of matching funds.
- Project X funds are not to be used for planning but can be used for final design, subject to the restrictions above.
- Expenditures prior to the grantee executed letter agreement date cannot be considered eligible for funding or match.
- Landscaping installation and replacement are not eligible for funding consideration.
- Replacement of equipment funded with Project X funds that is still within its anticipated useful life (based on manufacturer's specifications).
- Capital equipment purchases related to regular on-going street maintenance efforts, including, but not limited to: trash receptacles, vacuum trucks and/or equipment, street sweepers, signage, etc.

Reporting and Reimbursement

A final report must be filed within 180 days of the project being completed with information as shown in Form 10-16. See Chapter 9 for the process and requirements regarding reimbursements and reporting for the Tier 1 Grant Program.

Additionally, an exception to Precept #36: Agencies may appeal to the ECAC and the OCTA Board on any issues that the agency and OCTA cannot resolve, as such are the reviewing and approving bodies, respectively, for this program.

Technical and/or Field Review

Once an agency submits a final report for a project, OCTA shall review the report for compliance with the CTFP guidelines and may conduct a field review. OCTA will use the project cost estimate forms submitted with the application and revised where appropriate, project accounting records and the final report as the primary items to conduct the review. Agencies must maintain separate records for projects (i.e., expenditures, interest) to ensure compliance. Only CTFP eligible items listed on a project's cost estimate form will be reimbursed. See Chapter 10 for independent audit requirements beyond the technical and/or field review.

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