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October 23, 2018

TO: Regional Planning Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Ball
Deputy Director/Planning Director

SUBJECT: KERN SUSTANABLE COMMUNITY GRANTS AND COG ASSITANCE REQUESTS
DUE OCTOBER 31, 2018

DESCRIPTION:

The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) includes a strategy to provide sub regional feedback on SB 375 travel reduction goals, free access to GrantFinder.com, as well as potentially provide resources for grant writing, funding and in-kind staff time to help sub areas of the County that need it most. This item is updated from what was presented to the RPAC and TPPC earlier this month.

DISCUSSION:

A new strategy was proposed in the 2014 RTP to help our member agencies voluntarily monitor their progress toward the region's air emission goals. To help our member agencies develop projects that will better compete under the new project selection policy which emphasizes sustainability, Kern COG has in the past provided technical assistance and grant writing assistance. Kern COG continues the same strategy of providing sub-regional monitoring feedback with the latest travel demand model, and assistance for finding funding and grants.

Assistance - The 2014 RTP was the first to contain a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) as required by the state Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375). Kern COG began work with member agencies immediately after the adoption of the 2008 Kern Regional Blueprint. Local member agency staff suggested the need for a reporting method to provide member agencies with feedback on how they are doing toward regional air emission reduction goals. Kern COG has been providing reports to the RPAC identifying the vehicle miles traveled per capita for each community since 2009 for each RTP.

Since 2009, Kern COG has awarded over \$400,000 in technical assistance grants and/or in-kind staff time/consultant support to provide member agencies with resources to identify transportation projects that would further the goals of the Kern Regional Blueprint and Sustainable Community Strategy. The grant/incentive program has helped fund:

- community bike and complete street plans
- community visioning/design workshops
- 2D/3D community visualizations (requires separate application form – see attachments)
- transportation impact fee programs
- general plan circulation element updates
- Habitat/Natural Community Conservation Planning (HCP/NCCP) in support of transportation

Member Agencies Simply Email Sustainable Community Grant Ideas to Kern COG by Oct. 31 - Under this Kern COG local government assistance program, staff can recommend that limited technical assistance grant resources be prioritized for agencies with the greatest potential need (see monitoring section below). Agencies must request technical assistance grants in writing by October 31, 2018 for consideration. Requests may be made by email and should include a brief preliminary scope and budget regarding the planning or project needed. Agencies are encouraged to contact COG staff for assistance in developing the request for sustainable community grants and planning funds. Staff will provide assistance in deciding which grant resources (see attachment 1) fit your project best. For assistance please contact:

Email your Sustainable Community Grant Ideas to:

Rob Ball, Planning/Modeling Assistance - 661-635-2902, rball@kerncog.org

Linda Urata, Grant Writing Assistance, GrantFinder.com Access - 661-635-2904, lurata@kerncog.org

For Questions about Assistance with Specific Grant Programs:

Becky Napier, Admin. Director/Technical Assistance Grants – 661-635-2910, bnapier@kerncog.org

Mike Heimer, GIS Mapping, 2D/3D visualization Grants – 661-635-2909, mheimer@kerncog.org

Bob Snoddy, Transit/Sustainable Communities Grants – 661-635-2916, bsnoddy@kerncog.org

Peter Smith, ATP, TDA3, SGC TC, AHSC – 661-635-2917, psmith@kerncog.org

Rochelle Invina, HCD NPLH Grant, SGC TC, AHSC – 661-635-2908, rinvina@kerncog.org

Joe Stramaglia, Transportation Programming – 661-635-2914, jstramaglia@kerncog.org

Raquel Pacheco, Transportation Project Delivery – 661-635-2907, rpacheco@kerncog.org

Member Agencies Provided with Free Access to GrantFinder.com - Kern COG has secured GrantFinder software licenses on behalf of the organization, its member agencies, and local public transit agencies for the period ending May 31, 2019, which may be extended. GrantFinder (<http://grantfinder.com>) is a real-time database of federal, state, and private grant opportunities tailored to municipalities and nonprofits. The program allows users to filter their grant searches to their needs. To receive access, the member agency may designate up to two users on the attached form and return it to Linda Urata, Regional Planner. GrantFinder training is available. Program contact: Linda at 661-635-2904 or lurata@kerncog.org.

In November 2012, the Kern COG Board adopted the new project delivery policies and procedure (http://www.kerncog.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/project_selection_policy_20161117.pdf) to assist the region in promoting projects that better match the goals of the RTP. Dependent on the funding category, the procedure provides points for ranking projects for future funding. Based on the ranking, up to half of the points go to projects that promote more livable communities and lower air emissions.

Since the inception of these programs Kern COG has funded park & ride facilities in California City and South Bakersfield, the Golden Empire Transit District has implemented a new/more convenient rapid bus corridor, and the City of Tehachapi has adopted the first city-wide “form-based-code” General Plan in California.

Monitoring - The attached Table 1 shows the current modeling of auto Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per person (household population + employment by place of work). The total shows a 3.2 percent decrease. All regions show lower VMT per capita household population + employment by 2042 compared to 2017. The following regions have seen an increase in VMT compared to the prior RTP: Greater Arvin, Tehachapi, Ridgecrest, Maricopa, Frazier Park, Shafter, McFarland, Wasco, Lake Isabella, and Cal City/Mojave.

This program is a strategy in the 2018 RTP and will continue to be funded as planning funds and grants are available, and subject to the Board’s direction, could be prioritized to communities that may be showing difficulty in making progress towards reducing emissions and passenger vehicle travel. Grants and incentives are subject to state and federal funding restrictions.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources – October 2018

Attachment 2 - Kern COG 2D/3D Community Visualization Application Form

Attachment 3 - Kern COG Free Member Agency Access to GrantFinder.com

Attachment 4 – New SB1 HCD Housing Grant

Attachment 5 - Table 1 - Change in Daily Auto Miles Traveled Compared to the Old Plan

Attachment 6 - Kern Sub Area Map

Attachment 1

Kern Sustainable Community Grant Resources – October 2018

Kern Council of Governments

Technical Assistance Grant Program – Email Request to Rob Ball rball@kerncog.org or Becky Napier bnapier@kerncog.org due by **October 31, 2018**

Requests may be made by email and should include a draft scope, budget and timeline regarding the planning need. Agencies are encouraged to contact COG staff for assistance in developing the request for planning funds and strategizing which sources are most appropriate. Awards are subject to available funding, need, and past geographic distribution of past awards. Past grant awards were around \$30k for consultant or in-kind COG staff time in planning and technical support. Past awards have included:

- community bike and complete street plans,
- community visioning/design workshops,
- transportation impact fee programs,
- general plan circulation element updates,
- Habitat/Natural Community Conservation Planning (HCP/NCCP) in support of transportation,

Planning Visualization Grant Application – Request form from Michael Heimer at mheimer@kerncog.org - due by **October 31, 2018** – awards subject to available funding, need and distribution of past award of funds.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Grants and Incentive Programs - <http://valleyair.org/grants/> - Some applications accepted year-round.

- **Bike Paths** provides funds to establish bicycle infrastructure such as Class I or Class II bicycle paths
- **E-Mobility Commerce** provides funds to develop or expand electronic telecommunication services
- **Public Benefit** provides funds to purchase new, alternative-fuel vehicles and infrastructure and develop advanced transit and transportation systems
- **Charge Up!** Provides funds for businesses and public agencies to purchase and install electric vehicle chargers for public use.
- **Plug in Electric Vehicle Resources Center** provides information about plug-in electric vehicles including available incentive funding, charging infrastructure and locations, and the District's activities to increase and sustain electric vehicles in the Valley
- **Public Transportation Subsidy and Park & Ride Lots** provides funds to subsidize transportation passes for bus, shuttle and commuter rail services. Funds are also available for the construction of park and ride lots
- **Alternate Fuel Mechanic Training - Heavy Duty Waste Haulers - School Bus Programs - more**

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District

DMV Grant and Voucher Program – www.kernair.org – Applications due February 22, 2019

- EV Charging/CNG refilling stations, public education, vanpool, park & ride, bike path. \$50k available.

Caltrans

Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant Program – <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html> -

Applications due November 30, 2018

Eligible projects:

The grant specific objective of the Sustainable Communities Competitive Grants is to encourage local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning that furthers the region's RTP SCS (where applicable), contributes to the State's GHG reduction targets and other State goals, including but not limited to, the goals and best practices cited in the 2017 RTP Guidelines, addresses the needs of disadvantaged communities, and also assists in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives. Applicants should demonstrate how the proposed effort would:

- Integrate Grant Program Considerations
- Advance transportation related GHG emission reduction project types/strategies) i.e., mode shift, demand management, travel cost, operational efficiency, accessibility, and coordination with future employment and residential land use, etc.)
- Identify and address deficiencies in the multimodal transportation system, including the needs of environmental justice and disadvantaged communities including Native American Tribal Governments and rural communities
- Encourage stakeholder collaboration
- Involve active community engagement
- Coordinate transportation, housing, and land use planning
- Promote the region's RTP SCS (where applicable), State planning priorities (Government Code Section 65041.1, and climate adaptation goals (Safeguarding California)
- Result in funded and programmed multimodal transportation system improvements

Active Transportation Program (ATP) – <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/index.html> - Next cycle will be announced in 2019

Strategic Growth Council

Affordable Housing/Sustainable Communities (AHSC) - <http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/ahsc/> - applications due January 2019? – Draft round 4 guidelines out for public review. The program makes it easier for Californians to drive less by making sure housing, jobs, and key destinations are accessible by walking, biking, and transit

Transformative Communities - <http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/> - Applications due **October 30, 2018**

Eligible projects:

1. Evaluating, updating, and streamlining various policies and codes currently enforced by the Planning Department and other local department (e.g., public works, health and safety, fire, parks and open space, etc.).
2. Completing fiscal analysis and studies, such as conducting a fiscal impact analysis to understanding long-term service costs of future development, and determine fee structures.
3. Building capacity both internally, among staff and department, as well as externally, among stakeholders including the development of collaborative and partnerships that connect land use development with environmental, economic and social justice priorities.
4. Preparing climate action and climate adaptation plans.
5. Designing or enhancing community engagement that results in innovative and meaningful programs and practices built upon the input and expertise local public agency staff, community-based organizations, workforce development boards, and overburdened individuals and groups.

California Air Resources Board – <https://www.arb.ca.gov/ba/fininfo.htm>

Air Pollution Incentives, Grants and Credit Programs - Multiple granting programs. Visit the website to obtain project eligibility requirements and application due dates.

UpLift California Resource Guide – <http://upliftca.org/resource-finder/> Whether you're a community group looking to plant trees or expand clean transit, or a family looking to cut your electricity bill,

find electric car rebates or get help with energy conservation, find out how California's climate investments can help you.

Attachment 2



Visualization Application Form

E-mail completed application forms to Michael Heimer at mheimer@kerncog.org / (661) 635-2909

Applications due: October 31, 2018

Project Name: _____
Jurisdiction: _____
Contact Name: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Contact E-mail Address: _____
Planning Director's Name and Email: _____
(if different than above)

Desired Type of Visualization for this Area (select all that apply and rank numerically):

- 3-D Visual Simulation
- 2-D Visual Simulation
- To be determined

CRITERIA

1. **Regional Blueprint:** How does the proposed location relate to the Kern Regional Blueprint principles?

2. **TOD/Transit Corridor:** Is the selected site a location of future transit oriented development or along a transportation corridor?
 Yes No If yes, please describe the TOD/Transit Corridor.

3. **Planning Effort:** Does this area have, or is this area undergoing a planning effort, such as a community or specific plan update, that could inform the community/neighborhood of the simulated scenario?
 Yes No If yes, please describe the established planning effort (e.g., specific plan update, community plan update, neighborhood plan update, general plan update, etc.).

4. **Project Manager:** Will the project manager be available to assist the consultant or photographer with relevant information for the timely completion of the effort?

Yes No If yes please identify project manager:

The person must be available to provide a “de-briefing” on the visual simulation process or photography effort once completed to ensure that KERN COG can continue to improve future visualization efforts.

5. **Support:** Is there support for a visual simulation within your jurisdiction?

Yes No Not Sure If yes, how has this support been demonstrated? (e.g., statement of support from your KERN COG Board representative, your City Council/Board of Supervisors, etc.)

6. **Justification:** Please explain why KERN COG should select the proposed location or project for a visualization (How will the visualization be used as a tool for the community and why is a visualization valuable for the community). Kern COG has budgeted \$10,000 for 3D, and \$2,500 for 2D visualizations

7. **Estimated Completion Date:**

8. **Additional Comments (optional):**

Send any questions or comments to Michael Heimer at mheimer@kerncog.org



GrantFinder License Request



Licensed User #1

Agency _____

Department _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Title _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Optional: Licensed User #2

Agency _____

Department _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Title _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Manager's Name and Title _____

Manager's Signature & Date _____

Kern Council of Governments has contracted for up to 26 licensed users of GrantFinder Software (www.grantfinder.com) for the period June 2018 through May 2019.

Kern COG will administer the contract and reserve two licenses for its use. The remaining licenses will be issued as follows: (a) up to 2 per member agency. Any remaining licenses will be issued as follows: (b) Public Transit Agencies in Kern County. All requests considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to the approval of the Executive Director. The licenses will be issued annually, pending renewal of the contract between Kern COG and GrantFinder. Agencies assigned a license by Kern COG must comply with GrantFinder user agreements and may be asked to renew their request to Kern COG annually. Contact Linda Urata, 661-635-2904 with any questions regarding this program.

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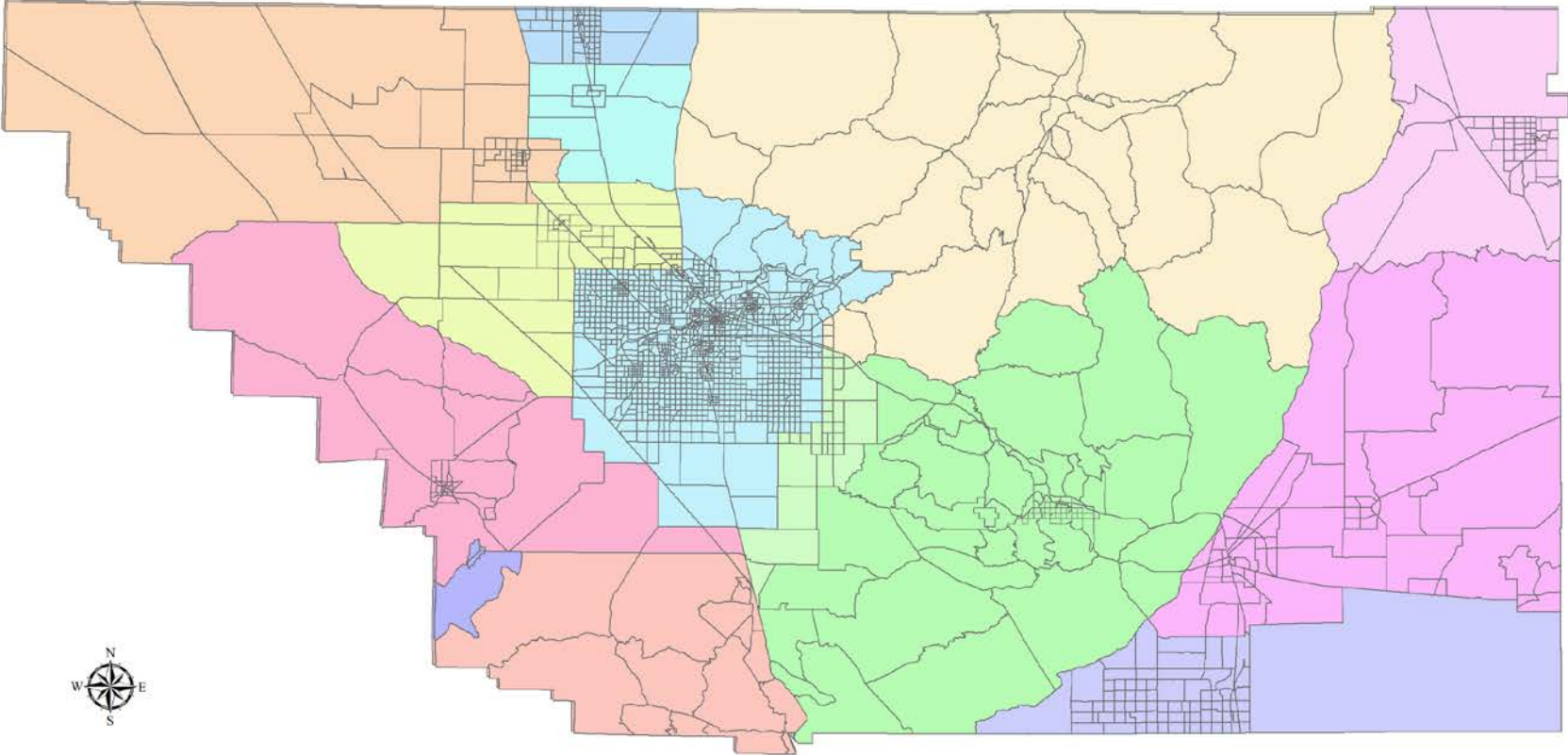
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	Auto Vehicle Miles Traveled within Kern (no pass thru travel)			Persons = Household Population + Employment (by place of work)			Auto Miles Traveled/Person			% Change from Base 2017		Progress Compared to Old Plan
	Base	Old Plan	Plan	Base	Old Plan	Plan	Base	Old Plan	Plan	2017 & Old Plan	2017 & Plan	
	2017	2042		2017	2042		2017	2042		2042		
	(miles)			(persons)			(miles/person)			(percent)		
Greater Rosamond	1,424,287	2,857,622	1,926,427	32,986	80,062	48,509	43.18	39.71	35.69	-8.0%	-17.3%	-9.3%
Greater Delano	2,896,802	3,314,385	3,570,784	63,899	77,019	78,076	45.33	45.73	43.03	0.9%	-5.1%	-6.0%
Greater Taft	1,322,416	2,024,318	2,115,757	30,996	43,508	44,182	42.66	47.89	46.53	12.2%	9.1%	-3.2%
Metro Bakersfield	14,823,804	22,794,427	23,382,511	773,107	1,184,550	1,204,425	19.17	19.41	19.24	1.2%	0.4%	-0.9%
Greater Cal City/Mojave	1,390,083	3,053,367	2,966,993	26,837	59,127	57,995	51.80	51.16	51.64	-1.2%	-0.3%	0.9%
Greater Lake Isabella	727,496	1,357,489	1,167,005	20,366	33,158	28,940	35.72	40.32	40.94	12.9%	14.6%	1.7%
Greater Wasco	1,729,971	2,504,823	2,467,648	40,350	63,343	66,109	42.87	37.33	39.54	-12.9%	-7.8%	5.2%
Greater McFarland	1,027,697	1,306,578	1,405,134	21,585	27,256	31,270	47.61	44.94	47.94	-5.6%	0.7%	6.3%
Greater Shafter	2,044,258	4,362,884	4,148,898	45,996	102,333	107,422	44.44	38.62	42.63	-13.1%	-4.1%	9.0%
Greater Frazier Park	669,126	1,638,896	1,386,417	12,784	30,084	28,084	52.34	49.37	54.48	-5.7%	4.1%	9.8%
Greater Maricopa	54,688	73,434	62,391	1,523	1,685	1,621	35.90	38.50	43.59	7.3%	21.4%	14.2%
Greater Ridgecrest	1,066,753	2,137,742	1,734,660	48,158	71,568	66,669	22.15	26.02	29.87	17.5%	34.8%	17.4%
Greater Tehachapi	1,703,499	5,361,752	4,765,416	43,286	100,215	102,761	39.35	46.37	53.50	17.8%	36.0%	18.1%
Greater Arvin	870,717	1,400,931	1,455,938	29,633	34,694	42,537	29.38	34.23	40.38	16.5%	37.4%	20.9%
Total / Average:	31,751,596	54,188,649	52,555,979	1,191,506	1,908,604	1,908,600	26.65	28.39	27.54	6.5%	3.3%	-3.2%

Attachment 6 - Kern County Sub Areas and Transportation Analysis Zones (gray lines)



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|---|---|--|---|
|  Greater Arvin |  Greater Frazier Park |  Greater Ridgecrest |  Greater Taft |
|  Metro Bakersfield |  Greater Lake Isabella |  Greater Rosamond |  Greater Tehachapi |
|  Greater Cal City/Mojave |  Greater Maricopa |  Greater Shafter |  Greater Wasco |
|  Greater Delano |  Greater McFarland | | |