The Clean California Local Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will provide approximately \$296 million as part of a two-year program to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to restore pride in public spaces.

Applicants must be local or regional public agencies, transit agencies, or tribal governments. Nonprofit organizations may be sub-applicants.

## **Project Types**

Eligible projects shall include, but not be limited to:

- Community litter abatement and beautification
- Community litter abatement events and/or educational program

### **Funding**

The grant program guidelines are being developed with a framework that recognizes the diverse funding needs of potential applicants throughout the state.

- The local match component will range from 0% to 50% of the project costs.
- Half of the overall program funds will benefit or be located in underserved communities.
- The maximum grant is \$5 million.





110/28th Street, Los Angeles

### **Project Selection Criteria**

Caltrans will develop project selection criteria that will incorporate:

- Community need
- Potential to enhance and beautify public space
- Potential for greening to provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and use native drought-tolerant plants
- Potential to improve access to public space
- Public engagement in the project proposal that reflects community priorities
- Benefit to underserved communities

These funds shall not be used to displace people experiencing homelessness. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2023.

# **Program Guidelines & Call for Projects**

Caltrans is developing program guidelines and will solicit input through stakeholder workshops.

| Event       | Date               |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Workshop #1 | September 1, 2021* |
| Workshop #2 | October 7, 2021*   |

<sup>\*</sup> Pre-Registration for the workshops will be on the website listed below.

#### Projected timeline:

| Milestone                    | Date            |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Call for Projects            | December 2021** |
| Project Application Deadline | February 2022** |
| Project Award Notification   | March 2022**    |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Visit the website listed below for the most up-to-date information.

## Prepare Your Project(s) Now!

- Identify potential project site(s) and/or educational program concept(s)
- Plan and begin your community engagement
- Start project/program design plans
- Stay informed on guideline drafts and updates through workshops and website

For more information, please visit: <a href="https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants">https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants</a>

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