

**State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Formula Grant**  
**Call for Projects Frequently Asked Questions**  
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Question	Answer
<b>General Program Questions</b>	
What is the Measure M2 Fair Share Grant Matching Program?	The Measure M2 Fair Share Grant Matching program was part of the 2012 Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTPF) Call for Projects. Projects not funded through the CTFP that met the minimum requirements were eligible. Eligible projects are included in Appendix 1 of the guidelines. Only one agency has opted to take advantage of the program. This is priority 1 for the M2 Fair Share Grant Matching program.
What are SLPP Formula Priority Projects?	The SLPP Formula Priority Projects are the second component of the SLPP Formula Grant Call for Projects. Agencies must submit projects that meet the minimum eligibility criteria. Please see Appendix 2 for the formula distribution.
What are Back-Up projects?	The back-up projects are projects that are not prioritized in the SLPP Formula Priority Projects listing and outside of the minimum funding share that the agency can receive. These projects should meet the same minimum requirements. In the event a priority project cannot be funded, a backup project will be nominated in its place.
If projects are already in design do we need to submit back up projects?	Yes. See above.
What is the California Transportation Commission (CTC)?	The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. The CTC, also advises and assists the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. The CTC is also an active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation that seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs
What does "ready-to-list" mean?	Please see the Caltrans Ready-to-List and Construction Contract Award Guide for specific definitions.
How many projects is OCTA expecting?	OCTA expects that all eligible agencies will nominate at least one project.
Does the program follow state or federal requirements?	The SLPP is a state funded program. Federal requirements do not apply. Please contact your Caltrans Local Assistance Engineer for more information.
Can the agency nominate more than one project to use the agency's SLPP formula share	Yes.
Which projects will be submitted for nomination?	There are three priorities to the program. The projects will be nominated in the following order: 1) Measure M2 Fair Share SLPP Grant Matching Program, 2) Priority Projects, 3) Backup projects. Please see above for description of back up projects.
Where can I find the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Transportation Goals?	The SCAG Regional Transportation Goals are located in the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan. The goals can be found on page 13 of the Executive Summary: <a href="http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2012/final/f2012RTPSCS.pdf">http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2012/final/f2012RTPSCS.pdf</a>

<b>Eligibility</b>	
Who is eligible to apply for the program?	The 34 local Orange County Cities and the County of Orange are eligible agencies.
What type of work is eligible?	Projects that consist of rehabilitation, reconstruction, construction, and construction management. Eligible projects include local streets and roads, highway, transit capital, and bicycle capital projects. For specific types of projects, see page 3 of the guidelines or see Article 11, Section 8879.66 of Chapter 12.491 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
What types of improvements are allowed?	See above.
Is construction management eligible?	Yes.
Are projects limited to MPAH facilities?	No.
Are local streets eligible?	Yes, the project must consistent with to the SLPP requirements.
Are public alleys eligible?	Yes, the project must consistent with to the SLPP requirements.
Are Arterial Highways eligible?	Yes, the project must consistent with to the SLPP requirements.
Are bridge projects eligible?	The project must consistent with to the SLPP requirements.
Are private roads eligible?	No. SLPP is a public fund source and must be used on public facilities.
Are drainage projects eligible?	No, SLPP must be used for transportation. For eligible improvements, see Article 11. Section 8879.70 (6) of Chapter 12.491 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
How is 15 year useful life determined?	15 year useful life is determined by the type of facility and type of improvement. For rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, a soil study/geotechnical report will be required to provide back up to the 15 year useful life claim. For more information, see the guidelines and Addendum No.1.
Do we need to a Authorization to Proceed (E-76)?	No, SLPP is a state program.
Does the CTC review the environmental document?	Yes. The CTC must approve the project's environmental document for future consideration of funds.

<b>Funding</b>	
How much funding is available?	\$20 million in SLPP in fiscal year 2012-13.
What is the limit of funds for each project?	There is no limit. Each agency may submit projects up to their formula share See Appendix 2 of the guidelines.
What is the match rate?	One-to-one match rate using ONLY the local agency's M2 Fair Share or M1 Turnback.
What type of work qualifies as match?	Only construction related work funded using M2 Fair Share or M1 Turnback is eligible match. SLPP will only fund 50% of the construction cost.
Can SLPP be used towards design?	No.
Are soft match and in-kind match eligible?	No. Soft-match and in-kind match are not eligible match sources.
Can the agency supplant funds?	Supplanting is only allowed in accordance to Measure M2 and SLPP requirements. Development fees, traffic fees, or other fees cannot be supplanted. Gas tax and other similar funds can be replaced with SLPP.
Will cost savings return to the city?	At this time, the California Transportation Commission has not notified OCTA on its policy for cost savings. Agencies should assume that the funding is not returned to the local agency.
Which agency will process the SLPP funds?	CTC will approve the funding and allocations. Caltrans will process all documentation, invoices, reports, and close out information
Can we advance our future Fair Share funding?	OCTA will evaluate the possibility of advancing future Fair Share revenues on a case by case basis. Please contact Louis Zhao, Associate Transportation Funding Analyst at 714-560-5494 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:lzhao@octa.net">lzhao@octa.net</a>
If there is existing Proposition 1B funding on the project, can I use SLPP on the project?	Yes, as long as there is a one-to-one match using M1 Turnback or M2 Fair Share funds for the SLPP funds.
Who processes the invoices?	Caltrans processes all invoices.

<b>Nomination Materials</b>	
In the Resolution, who is the “administering agency” and the “governing body?”	The City or County is the administering agency. The governing body is the City or County’s Council or Board of Directors.
How much of the application can be filled out online?	All the information can be found on the resource page. The agency must submit a hard copy and electronic copy to OCTA by the May 14, 2012. Please visit <a href="http://www.octa.net/slpp">http://www.octa.net/slpp</a>
Should the agency include back up projects in the certification?	OCTA recommends the agency include the backup projects in the resolution. This will make processing much easier if the priority project does not meet the requirements of the program.

<b>Program Schedule / Timely Use of Funds</b>	
When are nominations due?	Nominations must be received at the OCTA administrative offices in Orange no later than 4:00 PM on May 14, 2012.
When will the program of projects be approved?	OCTA is currently estimating CTC approval for the final program of projects in August 2012.
When are City Council / Board of Supervisors resolutions due?	June 30, 2012
When are the environmental approvals for future consideration of funds due?	Final date of approval for the future consideration of funds is December 31, 2012. Approval for the future consideration of funds includes the approval of the environmental document by the CTC. The agency must submit the environmental document and the environmental document checklist to the CTC.
When must right of way be completed?	December 31, 2012
When is the allocation request due to OCTA?	December 31, 2012
When is the last date to allocate projects?	June 30, 2013
Can the agency award a contract before allocation?	No.
Final date an agency must award a contract?	October 31, 2013
When must the project be completed?	Within 36 months of contract award
How often must the agency submit an invoice?	At minimum once every six months, no more than once a month
What is the earliest allocation date?	October is the earliest date that OCTA can bring the projects for allocation. Please contact Louis Zhao, Associate Transportation Funding Analyst at 714-560-5494 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:lzhao@octa.net">lzhao@octa.net</a> as soon as possible.