

September 5, 2025

## **SANDAG Grant Programs: Quarterly Status Update and Section 5310 Program Amendment Request**

### **Overview**

The [TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan](#) provides funding for four competitive grant programs available to local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and nonprofit organizations that help implement the Regional Plan: the Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP), the Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program (EMP LMG), the Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP), and the Senior Mini-Grant Program. Additionally, SANDAG distributes funding for the Access for All (AFA) and Section 5310 programs, which are funded from the California Public Utilities Commission and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), respectively.

### **Key Considerations**

The Grant Programs Performance Measures Report (Attachment 1) highlights grant project status changes during the reporting period (April 1 – June 30, 2025), including performance data, project accomplishments, and the Watch List.

The Home of Guiding Hands (HGH) requests an eight-month extension for its vehicle procurement project (Attachment 2). HGH was awarded \$520,000 under the Section 5310 Program in April 2018 to purchase four accessible minivans and three accessible buses. The vehicles were purchased and put into service in June and October 2018, respectively, and are ready for SANDAG disposition since HGH fulfilled their grant scope they have met their FTA useful life requirements. Per FTA useful life requirements, Class D and V vehicles (light-duty transit vans) useful life is at least four years or 100,000 miles and Class A, B, and C buses (medium-sized, light-duty) useful life is at least five years or 150,000 miles. The average age of each of the HGH vehicles is 6 years as of June 30, 2025. The grantee was provided two prior amendments, one for a 12-month extension due to COVID-19 vehicle out-of-service time and another for six months to determine how to dispose of the vehicles. The current grant termination date is September 30, 2025. HGH requests another eight-month extension to work with SANDAG to complete the SANDAG vehicle disposition process.

### **Next Steps**

If the extension is approved and ratified by the SANDAG Board of Directors, staff will execute an amendment with HGH. If the extension is not approved, SANDAG would take ownership of the asset upon termination and be responsible for disposition. The next quarterly status update on the grant programs will be provided to the Transportation Committee in November 2025. The next biannual report to ITOC will be on September 10, 2025, and the update to the Regional Planning Committee will be provided in October 2025.

### **Action: Approve**

The Transportation Committee is asked to approve an eight-month extension for the Home of Guiding Hands vehicle procurement project.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None.

### **Schedule/Scope Impact:**

During the reporting period (April 1 to June 30, 2025), Five projects were completed, and 12 were on the Watch List.

If the Transportation Committee approves the Home of Guiding Hands' extension request, vehicles can be disposed of by May 30, 2026. This extension does not have a scope impact.

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Attachments: 1. Grant Programs Performance Report  
2. HGH Extension Request