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Specialized Transportation Grant Program Annual Update

Overview

SANDAG administers multiple, competitive grant programs through its Grants Division. The Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP) funds projects and programs in the San Diego region that expand mobility options for older adults and individuals with disabilities whose needs cannot be met by conventional transit or paratransit services. More information is available on the [STGP web page](#).

Action: Information

Staff will introduce the Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP) and provide an overview of the progress made by STGP grantees and the Grants Division in calendar year 2024.

Key Considerations

- The STGP Program Goal is to improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities by delivering effective, equitable, environmentally responsible, and coordinated specialized transportation solutions.
- Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations and local governmental agencies.
- The STGP funds capital, mobility management, and operating projects.
- Sample projects include accessible vehicle procurements as well as mileage reimbursement for volunteer driver programs.
- STGP funding comes from the TransNet Senior Mini-Grant Program and Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program.
- SANDAG holds a competitive process, or call for projects, about every two years to allocate available STGP funding.
- Staff monitors grantees for grant agreement compliance and provides quarterly status updates to the Transportation Committee and Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Next Steps

Staff anticipates releasing the STGP Cycle 14 Call for Projects in July 2026. Staff welcomes stakeholder input during the development of the call for projects, including feedback on draft evaluation criteria used to score proposed projects. Robust stakeholder engagement began in fall 2025 and will conclude in June 2026.

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Attachment: 1. STGP Factsheet