



2020-2021

# Sustainable Communities Program

## Overview

The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a technical assistance program that provides direct resources for jurisdictions and agencies for local planning and serves as a key implementation tool for Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The SCP strengthens local partnerships and implements strategies outlined in Connect SoCal to promote healthy, connected, and equitable communities.

The FY 2020/2021 program will fund projects in the following areas that support and implement the policies and initiatives of Connect SoCal: Active Transportation & Safety; Housing and Sustainable Development; Smart Cities, Mobility Innovation & Transportation Demand Management; and Green Region, among others. The first Call for Applications, prioritizing active transportation and safety, opened in **September 2020**. More details and guidelines for subsequent Calls will be released as they become available.

## Program Goals & Community Benefits

Encourage planning strategies to reduce motorized vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, particularly in areas with the highest need for air quality improvements.

Promote, address, and ensure health and equity in regional land use, housing production, and transportation planning and to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve our communities of color.

Increase competitiveness for federal and state funds, including the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

## Example Active Transportation & Safety Project Types



City-wide Active Transportation Plans



Pedestrian Master Plans



Quick Build Projects



Network Visioning & Implementation



Transportation Safety Focused Plans



First/Last Mile Plans



Local Road Safety Plans or Safe Systems Plans

To learn more, visit SCAG's [SCP website](#) to access the Program Toolkit, including example projects, communication templates, and more information about resource opportunities.

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