



Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program

CALL 4: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Overview

SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) provides resources for local planning and serves as a key implementation tool of [Connect SoCal](#). The SCP strengthens local partnerships to promote healthy, connected, and equitable communities.

This Call for Applications is focused on Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) and prioritizes funding for Priority Populations that are disadvantaged and historically underserved. This program includes a co-applicant structure and encourages partnerships between local agencies and community-based organizations (CBOs).

Program Goals & Community Benefits

Advance the goals in SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan, by prioritizing efforts that directly benefit **Communities of Concern** and **SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities** by encouraging racial equity in local planning practices.

Support a **wide range of eligible** land use and transportation planning activities including housing supportive infrastructure planning efforts.

Support the development of plans to close the **racial equity gap**.

Align with funding objectives including infill development, housing for all incomes, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), RTP/SCS implementation, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction.

Support and encourage equitable partnerships between CBOs and local governments.

Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice Project Categories



Housing & Land Use Strategies

Including and not limited to the following example projects:

- Affordable Housing Plans & Ordinances
- Integrating Infill Housing into General Plan Updates
- Integration of Environmental Justice Goals and/or Policies into General Plan Updates



Multimodal Communities

Plans and projects should increase accessibility, mobility, resiliency, and safety, including and not limited to the following examples:

- Vision Zero Policy and Programs or Safety Plans
- Multimodal Corridor Studies (alongside planning or implementation actions)
- Park and Greenway Connectivity Plans

Please note community engagement strategies are a required component of all projects funded through this program.

To learn more and apply for the program, visit [SCAG's SCP website](#).

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