California Federal Lands Access Program: Project Proposal Packet Information

Program Information:

The Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) of the California Federal Lands Access Program is currently soliciting Project Applications for California Federal Lands Access Program funds. The PDC anticipates programming between \$60-70 million from 2021-2022, depending on program needs and future funding.

The PDC will evaluate Project Applications submitted and select those to be programmed using the Project Application evaluation criteria developed by the PDC. The selection criteria is reflective of needs in the state of California and Federal Lands Access Program Implementation Guidance. It is important to note that the top ranked project is not guaranteed funding and the approved list of projects will be agreed upon by the PDC. Project approval resides with the PDC. The PDC will select a balanced program made up of some large projects with smaller projects used to maximize funding and address critical access needs within the state of California.

The California Federal Lands Access Program requires a minimum non-Federal Aid Highway (Title 23) match of 11.47% based on the total project cost has been met.

For Applicants of non-State agencies located within non-MPO Rural Transportation Planning Areas (RTPA), as identified in the 2014 Caltrans MPO/RTPA Map, the project is eligible for the use of toll credits in lieu of minimum match. Additionally, for non-State Agency Applicants a *FLAP Resolution* is required from the applicant's Governing Body that must include:

- a) Certification that body will provide consistent, sufficient maintenance funding for a period of 20 years or the life of constructed facility, whichever is greater.
- b) Commitment that governing body endorses matching funds identified including the timing of availability
- c) For Non-MPO, RTPA Areas that will be requesting to utilize and indicate your minimum request toll credits in lieu of minimum match

If selected, the Applicant will enter into a Reimbursable Agreement (RA) for the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 within **45 days** of notification of selection, for the completion of project scoping by Central Federal Lands to develop an accurate scope, schedule, and budget. This dollar amount will be provided toward the overall match for the project, following award. Please be advised that this may require an approval (Resolution) of RA funds from the governing agency prior to the Project Application deadline. If the PDC and the Applicant agree with the project scope and cost, then a revised RA for the full project matching funds and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be required within **60 days** from approval of funding. Please note this RA is not eligible for use of toll credits or reimbursement..

Instructions:

Project applications must be received by April 7, 2017 May 12, 2017 to be considered.

All project applications must be submitted using the California Federal Lands Access Program Project Application form. Complete the project application to the best of your ability. It is the responsibility of the entity proposing a project to supply the necessary information to complete the project application. It is understood that data may not be available for all of the project application questions, but the agency may use anecdotal information as a substitute. If possible, please keep this form as a writable PDF form, this makes it easier to review your application. This can be done by saving your form as a PDF and attaching it within an e-mail along with all additional attachments.

- 1. Complete Project Application Packet: Project Application, Signature Forms, Letters of Support, and Resolution (as needed)
- 2. Attach this Application Checklist as a Cover Page to the complete the Project Application Packet
- 3. Per the Submittal Instructions (Project Application page 10), e-mail your completed Project Application Packet to cfl.planning@dot.gov

If you require assistance, please contact:

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Additional information on the Access Program is located at http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/ca/

Project Proposal Packet Checklist:
1) Sign and Attach <u>Applicant Project Endorsement Form</u>
2) Sign and Attach FLMA Support Form from all applicable Federal Land Management Agencies
3) Project Map (Must identify project termini, federal lands and federal site(s) the project accesses, is adjacent to or located on)
4) Project Photos (Attach 4 - 6 Photos in jpeg, gif, png format)
5) Supplemental Alternative Transportation Worksheet (Non-construction projects only including Planning, Research, Transit)
6) Optional- Video link highlighting project: Youtube or video file link