The Clean California Local Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), provides funding to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers. Its ultimate goal is to restore pride in California's public spaces.

In Cycle 1, Caltrans awarded approximately \$300 million in funds to 105 projects. In Cycle 2, Caltrans will have approximately \$100 million in funds to award. The availability of Cycle 2 grant funding is contingent on the funds being made available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Budget.

Applicants must be local or regional public agencies, transit agencies, or tribal governments. Nonprofit organizations may apply as sub-applicants.

Project Types

Eligible projects are infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects that reduce litter, beautify public spaces, improve public health, and foster place-making.

<u>Funding</u>

The grant program guidelines recognize and provide for the diverse funding needs of potential applicants throughout the state.

- The local match component ranges from 0% to 50% of the grant amount request.
- All program funds will benefit underserved communities.
- The maximum grant amount request is \$5 million.
- Projects must be delivered by June 30, 2026.



Living Green Pittsburg - Trail and Community Outreach Project, City of Pittsburg, Cycle 1 Awardee



The Hanami Line Project at Robert T. Matsui Park, City of Sacramento, Cycle 1 Awardee

Project Selection Criteria

For Cycle 2, Caltrans has refined the project selection criteria to further support:

- Community need
- Potential to enhance and beautify public space
- Potential for greening to provide shade, reduction of the urban heat island effect, and use of native drought-tolerant plants
- Potential to improve access to public space
- Public engagement in the project proposal that reflects community priorities
- Benefit to underserved communities

These funds shall not be used to displace people experiencing homelessness.

Cycle 2 Milestones	Dates
Call for Projects	February 14, 2023
Project Application Deadline	April 28, 2023, by 5:00 PM PST
Project Award Announcement	August/September 2023
Project Completion Date	June 30, 2026



Eel River Trail Project and Rio Dell Gateway Beautification Project, City of Rio Dell, Cycle 1 Awardee



South of Market (SoMa) Transit Gardens Connection Project, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Cycle 1 Awardee

Start Preparing Your Cycle 2 Application(s) Now!

- Identify potential project site(s) and/or educational program concept(s)
- Plan and begin your community engagement
- Develop project/program design plans
- Identify State and/or federal permits or approvals that will be needed
- Stay informed on program updates through stakeholder workshops

For more information, please visit: https://cleancalifornia.dot.ca.gov/local-grants/local-grant-program

Sign up for our mailing list <u>HERE</u>

Questions? Email: <u>CleanCA.LocalGrant@dot.ca.gov</u>