

# Marin Local TLC/HIP Transportation Capital Program Quick Facts



## What is the Local TLC/HIP Capital Program?

Marin’s Local TLC/HIP Capital Program provides grant funding for local transportation projects. It is intended to: support small-scale, community-based transportation projects; create sustainable transportation projects that encourage the use of alternative modes; and protect the environment. Two programs are offered: the Local Transportation for Livable Communities Program (Local TLC) and the Housing Incentive Program Transportation Capital Program (HIP Capital). The Local TLC/HIP Capital program is based on the regional Transportation for Livable Communities program.

## What types of projects qualify?

Project activities eligible for funding, whether they are for the Local TLC or HIP Capital program, include: bicycle and pedestrian paths and bridges; on-street bike lanes; pedestrian plazas; pedestrian street crossings; streetscape enhancements such as median landscaping and pedestrian refuges, street trees, lighting, and furniture; traffic calming design features such as pedestrian bulb-outs and transit bulbs; transit stop amenities; way-finding signage; and gateway features. While these discrete activities are eligible for funding, TAM is looking for a capital project that is well designed, uses a variety of different design features, and results in numerous community benefits. Funds can be used for preliminary engineering (design and environmental), right-of-way acquisition, and/or construction.

## Who is eligible to apply?

Local government agencies, including public transit providers, are eligible recipients. Private developers, non-profit organizations, and other entities may partner on a project, but are not eligible to receive funds.

## How much money is available? How large are the grants?

A total of \$970,000 is available for each funding cycle. Individual grants range in amount from \$150,000 to \$500,000. TLC Capital awards are awarded on a competitive basis. HIP awards are calculated based on the density and characteristics of the associated housing development. TAM requires an 11.47 percent local match for all grants. The following table displays the minimum thresholds for a qualifying \$150,000 HIP grant housing project:

For a \$150,000 Grant, A		Would need to have at least one of the following...			
project of this density...		Market Rate	Lower Income	Very Low Income	Extremely Low Income
Units Per	Award Per	Bedrooms	Unit Bedrooms	Unit Bedrooms	Unit Bedrooms
Acres	Bedroom		(\$800 bonus)	(\$1,200 bonus)	(\$1,600 bonus)
20	\$1,500	100	65	56	48
30	\$2,000	75	54	47	42
40	\$2,500	60	45	41	37
60	\$3,000	50	39	36	33

## **How are grants awarded?**

A two-phased approach is used to award Local HIP Transportation Capital and Local TLC Capital funds. The two-phased approach applies to each 18-month cycle of the program.

### Phase I – Local HIP Transportation Capital Call for Projects

At the beginning of each 18-month period, a Local HIP Transportation Capital “Call for Projects” will be initiated. Applications for Local HIP Transportation Capital are accepted on a continual basis. A special Local TLC Capital Program “Call for Projects” will be issued concurrently to the Local HIP Transportation Capital “Call for Projects” for this phase only. Applications for Local TLC Capital grants are due by November 14, 2005. Proposed projects will be evaluated competitively and grants will be awarded in December 2005.

### Phase II – Local TLC Capital Call for Projects

If funds remain at the end of the 18-month Local HIP Transportation cycle TAM will issue a subsequent Local TLC Capital Program “Call for Projects”. TAM staff accepts applications submitted by the specified deadline then evaluates and competitively ranks applications. The TAM Board awards grants to the most highly qualified projects.

## **How do I apply for a grant?**

Applicants submit a project proposal to TAM for funding consideration. Local TLC applications must be submitted by the deadline specified in a Call for Projects; HIP Capital applications are accepted on a continuous basis. The project proposal should include amount of funds requested, amount and source of local match, brief description of sponsor and study partner(s), detailed description of the specific capital improvements to be funded by the grant, how project fulfills certain evaluation criteria, project finance plan for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction phases, project schedule for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction phases, and project area map and photos.

## **How do I find out more about this program?**

The Local TLC/HIP Capital Program is administered by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). The staff contact is:

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More detailed program information is available in the Local TLC/HIP Capital Program Description, which includes specific information on the application process, HIP grant award matrix, and project review requirements. More detailed information regarding eligibility and evaluation criteria can be found as part of the respective applications for both the Local TLC and HIP Capital programs.