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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Funding, Programs & Legislation Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: Award Quick Build Funding from Innovation Program Funds (Action), Agenda Item No. 7

RECOMMENDATION

The Funding, Programs & Legislation (FPL) Executive Committee reviews and recommends to the TAM Board the proposed award of Quick Build Grants.

BACKGROUND

The Measure AA Expenditure Plan directed TAM to set aside 0.5% under Category 2: Maintain, Improve and Manage Marin’s Local Infrastructure to support operational improvements to local streets and roads through innovative technology. These “Innovation Program” funds are to be distributed through a call for projects. As discussed at the TAM Board meeting on June 25, 2020, staff proposes (and the TAM board indicated support for) the development of a quick build program for local jurisdictions to support active transportation and business community during the Covid-19 recovery process.

This proposal to use the initial round of Innovation Program funding is intended to spark a series of small-scale projects that can be constructed quickly in order to meet the current demand for public spaces generally making use of public streets and sidewalks. While not necessarily technology focused, these quick-build projects represent a new way of thinking about transport and public space, and about the nature and scale of construction projects. TAM staff through the years have developed innovative approaches to addressing Marin’s transportation challenges and will continue to support the use of technology and innovation to address transportation needs.

DISCUSSION

To help meet local health guidance and social distancing requirements, and to support businesses, services and institutions in Marin County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Thursday June 18, 2020, TAM announced the availability of one-time grants to support quick build redesign efforts on public streets. Notifications of funding were sent to eligible applicants, including local jurisdictions public works and planning directors, regarding this program and highlighting the compressed schedule of events for award. Approximately \$100,000 has been collected to date program under Category 2.4 for the innovation program.

In developing this grant program, staff reviewed the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Streets for Pandemic Response & Recovery guidance (released 5/21/2020 and available [here](#)) as well as similar programs administered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Based on this review, TAM staff recommended a maximum grant award of \$20,000 per project, to provide funding for up to 5 projects in Marin County.

Applications for these funds were received on July 2 for the following projects:

Project Applications	Total Project Cost	TAM Grant Request
1. Sausalito - Caledonia Street Closure	\$45,000	\$20,000
2. Mill Valley - Temporary Road Closure Toolbox	\$17,796	\$17,796
3. Tiburon - Main Street "Outdoor Dining/Market"	\$13,680	\$13,680
4. Fairfax - Outdoor Dining and Retail Public Space Improvements	\$16,000	\$16,000
5. Novato - Sunset Parkway Neighborhood Speed Management Project	\$28,674	\$20,000
6. San Rafael - Downtown Parking Space Outdoor Dining Project	\$19,980	\$19,980
7. San Anselmo - San Anselmo Ave Improvements for Pedestrian Access, Comfort and Usability	\$35,200	\$20,000
8. Corte Madera - Old Corte Madera Square Outdoor Dining and Seating Program	\$23,000	\$15,000
9. Ross - Redwood Drive Seasonal Market	\$52,518	\$20,000
10. County of Marin - Quick build for Various Schools	\$20,000	\$20,000
Totals	\$271,848	\$182,456

TAM staff reached out to all eligible applicants who did not apply, to affirm the full list of applicants above. An evaluation panel of TAM staff was convened to develop scoring criteria for this funding process, as well as review and evaluate applications. The selection committee determined that applications would be considered on a pass/fail basis for the following criteria:

- The ability to quickly implement the project, with expected implementation this summer.
- The project will complete a public engagement process to support the project implementation.
- The long-term viability of the project, either through operation or future potential capital projects.
- The project's ability to advance project typology identified in the NACTO guidance
- The project's ability to repurpose existing infrastructure to improve the bike/pedestrian environment.

The total grant request for all 10 projects totaled \$182,456 out of the total project cost of \$271,848. The selection committee determined that all applicants submitted eligible projects for consideration and will bring forth this recommendation to the TAM Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) at its Wednesday July 8, 2020 meeting for their input. Based on input received from the TAM BPAC, staff may revise its recommendation to the FPL Executive Committee for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The current funding balance for the Innovation program is just over \$100,000 available for immediate distribution to awarded projects. Current year revenue projections are anticipated to be sufficient to cover the full costs of this program. Based on the staff recommendation, the budget will need to be amended to reflect the recommended awards, possibly up to \$182,456 in expenditures this fiscal year.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Board, staff will notify awarded jurisdictions and enter into all necessary funding agreements.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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