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Our Commitment to Equity: *We hold ourselves accountable to the communities we serve. We acknowledge we have much to learn and much to change; and we firmly uphold equity and inclusion for every person in the San Diego region. This includes historically underserved, systemically marginalized groups impacted by actions and inactions at all levels of our government and society.*

We have an obligation to eliminate disparities and ensure that safe, healthy, accessible, and inclusive opportunities are available to everyone. The SANDAG equity action plan will inform how we plan, prioritize, fund, and build projects and programs; frame how we work with our communities; define how we recruit and develop our employees; guide our efforts to conduct unbiased research and interpret data; and set expectations for companies and stakeholders that work with us.

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Regional Planning Committee

Friday, May 6, 2022

Item No.		Action
1.	Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Regional Planning Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comments.	
2.	Agency Report <i>Antoinette Meier, SANDAG</i> Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier will provide an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives.	Discussion
Consent		
+3.	Approval of Meeting Minutes The Regional Planning Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its March 4, 2022, meeting.	Approve
+4.	SANDAG Grant Programs: Quarterly Status Update <i>Tracy Ferchaw, Courtney Pesce, and Kim Smith, SANDAG</i> This report provides a quarterly update on the progress and performance of projects funded through SANDAG's grant programs from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.	Information
Reports		
+5.	TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program Funding Recommendations <i>Jenny Russo and Tracy Ferchaw, SANDAG</i> The Regional Planning Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the funding recommendation for the Cycle 5 TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program.	Recommend
+6.	Housing Acceleration Program Update <i>Allison Wood, SANDAG</i> Staff will provide an overview of the Housing Acceleration Program and current work efforts.	Information

7. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Regional Planning Committee is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

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March 4, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chair Mary Salas (South County) called the meeting of the Regional Planning Committee to order at 12:40 p.m.

Action: Approve

The Regional Planning Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its March 4, 2022, meeting.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

There were no public comments on this item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember George Gastil (East County) and a second by Vice Chair Sean Elo-Rivera (City of San Diego), the Regional Planning Committee voted to approve the minutes from its November 5, 2021, meeting.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Salas, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Councilmember Gastil, and Mayor Rebecca Jones (North County Inland).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego and North County Coastal.

2. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Chairwoman Bernice Paipa, Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association) introduced herself to the Regional Planning Committee.

3. Agency Report (Discussion)

Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier provided an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Discussion only.

Reports

4. Restructuring of SANDAG Working Groups (Information)

Principal Regional Planner Keith Greer presented an overview of the SANDAG working group restructuring and charters for the new Mobility and Sustainable Communities Working Groups. The new Sustainable Communities Working Group will directly report to the Regional Planning Committee.

There were no public comments on this item.

Action: Information only.

5. Housing Acceleration Grant Program Funding Recommendations (Recommend)

Principal Regional Planner Tuere Fa'aola presented the item.

There were no public comments for this item.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Gastil and a second by Mayor Jones, the Regional Planning Committee voted to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the proposed funding recommendations for the Cycle 1 Housing Acceleration Program call for projects.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Salas, Vice Chair Elo-Rivera, Councilmember Gastil, and Mayor Jones.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego and North County Coastal.

7. Upcoming Meetings (Information)

The next meeting of the Regional Planning Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Chair Salas adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Regional Planning Committee Meeting

March 4, 2022

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/Alternate	Attend
South County	Mary Salas, Chair	Member	Yes
	Mona Rios	Alternate	No
East County	Bill Wells	Member	No
	George Gastil	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	Sean Elo-Rivera	Member	Yes
	Stephen Whitburn	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Terra Lawson-Remer	Member	No
	Nora Vargas	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Terry Gaasterland	Member	No
	Lesia Heebner	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Rebecca Jones	Member	Yes
	Joe Green	Alternate	No
Advisory Members			
Caltrans, District 11	Gustavo Dallarda	Member	No
	Ann Fox	Alternate	No
	Mario Orso		No
Metropolitan Transit System	Jill Galvez	Member	No
	George Gastil	Alternate	Yes
North County Transit District	Paul McNamara	Member	No
	Esther Sanchez	Alternate	No
Port of San Diego	Sandy Naranjo	Member	No
	Raphael Castellanos	Alternate	No
Regional Planning Technical Working Group	Tait Galloway	Member	No
	David De Vries	Alternate	No
San Diego County Water Authority	Brian Boyle	Member	No
	Craig Elitharp	Alternate	No
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Bernice Paipa	Member	Yes
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Steve Chung	Member	Yes
	Mary Beth Dreusike	Alternate	No
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Vacant	Member	No
	David Mayer	Alternate	No
Wildlife Conservation Board	John Donnelly	Member	No
	Vacant	Alternate	No
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Michelle Lynch	Member	No
	Kyle Dahl	Alternate	No
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Vacant	Member	No
	Susan Wynn	Alternate	No

May 6, 2022

SANDAG Grant Programs: Quarterly Status Update

Overview

The [TransNet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan](#) provides funding for a variety of regional competitive grant programs available to local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and nonprofit organizations that help implement the 2021 Regional Plan.

Grant programs include the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP), Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP), and Senior Mini-Grant Program (SMG). Additionally, SANDAG distributes funds provided by the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310).

[Board Policy No. 035](#) applies to all competitive grant programs administered through SANDAG and outlines competitive grant program procedures. SANDAG awards grant funds on a competitive basis that consider the applicant’s ability to perform their proposed project on a timely basis. SANDAG holds grantees accountable to completing their awarded project to ensure fairness in the competitive process and to encourage grantees toward implementation for public benefit as soon as possible. Projects are placed on a watch list if a grantee has not made timely progress toward its milestones or key project deliverables, or if the grantee has not implemented any SANDAG-issued corrective actions.

Status reporting on the grant projects is provided on a quarterly basis to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) and one or more policy advisory committees based on which bodies provide oversight for each grant program. For a listing of policy advisory committees and grant project oversight see “Policy Committee Oversight” in Attachment 1.

This quarterly status update provides an overview of progress and performance of projects funded through the following grant programs.

[TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program \(EMP\) Land Management Grants](#)

Through the EMP Land Management Grants, SANDAG provides land managers with funding to help maintain and enhance the integrity and size of regional habitat preserves as well as protect endangered species. Eligible applicants include land managers from private nonprofit organizations, local jurisdictions, and other government agencies. Example land management projects include habitat restoration, habitat preservation (in general or as it relates to the habitat of an endangered species), and non-native plant species eradication. As of the end of the reporting quarter, SANDAG had awarded more than \$16 million to 117 projects throughout the San Diego region and 104 of those grant-funded projects had been completed.

Action: Information

This report provides a quarterly update on the progress and performance of projects funded through SANDAG's grant programs from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

During the reporting period, no grant projects were completed, and one project was on the Watch List.

TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP)

The SGIP provides funding to local jurisdictions for transportation-related infrastructure improvements and planning efforts that support smart growth and transit-oriented development in Smart Growth Opportunity Areas, as shown in the [Smart Growth Concept Map](#). As of the end of the reporting quarter, SANDAG had awarded more than \$57 million to 67 projects throughout the San Diego region, and 47 of those projects had been completed.

Key Considerations

During the reporting period, no projects were completed, and one project was on the watch list. A glossary of key terms for the grant programs is included in Attachment 1 for reference. The Discussion Memo (Attachment 2) details the project status changes during the quarter. Attachment 3 showcases completed projects or projects that met major milestones during the reporting period.

Next Steps

The next quarterly status update on these grant programs is scheduled to be presented to the ITOC, Transportation Committee, and the Regional Planning Committee in summer 2022.

Susan Huntington, Director, Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants

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Attachments:

1. Glossary of Key Terms
2. Discussion Memo
3. Project Showcase

Term	Applicable Grant Program(s)	Definition
Active Project	All	An ongoing project that is neither completed nor pending and will continue being funded and reported on during the next quarter.
Actual Performance	All	Refers to the grantee's performance of the project during the project term, which is in contrast to the proposed performance (see definition below).
Amendment (AM)	All	<p>Refers to no-cost, schedule-only extensions and scope modifications brought about by extenuating circumstances such as COVID-19. The Executive Director can approve time extension requests of up to six months aggregate or that do not miss Project Milestones (see definition). All such amendments are subsequently reported as a delegated action to the SANDAG Board of Directors. Amendments exceeding six months aggregate or that miss Project Milestones are approved by the following Policy Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGIP and EMP - Regional Planning Committee (RPC) • ATGP, SMG and Section 5310 -Transportation Committee (TC)
Capital Project	All	A project to purchase or construct real or personal property such as computers, software, sidewalks, bulb outs, and bike lanes that provide or enhance transportation services.
Completed Project	All	A grantee has completed its project when it has expended all grant and required matching funds or when the grant term has expired. A project that is shaded blue in the quarterly status report connotes a project that was completed in the reporting quarter.
EMP	EMP	Acronym for the <i>TransNet</i> Environmental Mitigation Program
Policy Committee Oversight	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC)</u>: All <i>TransNet</i>-funded grant programs • <u>Regional Planning Committee (RPC)</u>: EMP and SGIP grant programs • <u>Transportation Committee (TC)</u>: ATGP, EMP, and STGP grant programs

Term	Applicable Grant Program(s)	Definition
Project Milestones (Per Board Policy No. 035)	All	<p>Refers to milestones required per Board Policy No. 035, which varies based on project type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planning</u>: consultant contract awarded within one year of grant execution, project completion within two years of consultant contract • <u>Capital</u>: construction contract awarded within two years of grant execution, project completion within eighteen months of construction contract. • <u>Operating and Mobility Management</u>: Service contracts awarded within one year of grant execution, operations commence within six months following grant execution. • <u>Equipment or Vehicles</u>: purchase contracts awarded within one year of grant execution, public use within six months of purchase.
SGIP	SGIP	Acronym for the <i>TransNet</i> Smart Growth Incentive Program
Total Project Cost	All	The sum of the funds provided by the grantee (matching funds plus revenue) and the amount of grant funding awarded.
Watch List	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule (ALL): SANDAG places a project on the Schedule Watch List if the grantee will be unable to fully draw down funds without the approval of an extension request by a Policy Advisory Committee. SANDAG's projection is based on grant draw- down rates and other data reported to SANDAG after the sixth month of the project's start date.

Discussion Memo

This Discussion Memo highlights grant project status changes during the reporting period. The detailed status of each program's projects is located at sandag.org/grants. Project Status Tables for the reporting period can be accessed directly [here](#).

Environmental Mitigation Program – Land Management Grant Program

During the reporting period, no projects were completed, all ten projects were on-schedule, and no projects were on the Watch List.

Completed Projects

- None

Amendments

- None

Projects on the Watch List & Reasoning

- None

Smart Growth Incentive Program

During the reporting period, no projects were completed. All projects were on-schedule, and one project remained on the Watch List.

Completed Projects

- None

Amendments

- County of San Diego – Alpine Community Plan Implementation Financing Tools and Mechanisms Plan
- City of San Diego – College Area Smart Growth Study
- City of San Diego – Claremont Transit Oriented Development Design Concepts
- City of San Diego – Mira Mesa Transit Oriented Development Plan
- City of San Diego – University Community Smart Concept Study

Projects on the Watch List & Reasoning

- City of San Diego – Downtown Mobility Cycle Way Improvements.
 - Project on Watch List due to labor compliance issues.

Attachment 3 Project Showcase

EMP LMG

Mission Resource
Conservation District
Invasive Species
Management for North
County Project

- *Arundo donax* removal



May 6, 2022

TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program Funding Recommendations

Overview

The TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) provides funding to support regional initiatives for smart growth development consistent with the 2021 Regional Plan, the Sustainable Communities Strategy, and smart growth and transit priority areas. The SGIP is a competitive grant program that ranks applications based on their consistency with the goals, objectives, and evaluation criteria established in the call for projects.

The Board of Directors approved the evaluation criteria for the fifth cycle [call for projects](#) on November 19, 2021, and it was released on November 24, 2021. This report describes the evaluation process and the projects recommended to receive funding.

Additional Projects

In January 2022, the cities of Escondido and National City submitted applications for grant funding under SANDAG's new Housing Acceleration Program (HAP). Escondido's application was deemed inconsistent with the HAP legislation and minimum eligibility requirements established by California Department of Housing and Community Development, and portions of National City's application were found ineligible for HAP funding due to conflicts of interest. However, Escondido's application and the remaining portions of National City's application were found to be congruent with the goals and criteria established under the SGIP and eligible for funding. SANDAG staff moved Escondido's HAP application and the remaining portions of National City's HAP application to the Cycle 5 SGIP grant program. This action was consistent with the November 2021 Board approval of the HAP and SGIP and the intent to have the two complementary programs work together.

Evaluation Process

On February 28, 2022, the SGIP solicitation closed and SANDAG received [five applications](#) from local jurisdictions and the County of San Diego. Two applications did not meet the definition of Smart Growth as defined by the TransNet Ordinance and were deemed nonresponsive. The two ineligible projects are not recommended for funding and SANDAG staff have advised those applicants to submit those projects under the California Active Transportation Program where they would be deemed eligible. With the addition of the two HAP projects, five projects were considered eligible to continue in the SGIP evaluation process.

Action: **Recommend**

The Regional Planning Committee is asked to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the funding recommendations for the Cycle 5 TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program.

Fiscal Impact:

Approximately \$1.9 million of TransNet SGIP funds will be awarded to local jurisdictions.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Pending Board approval, SGIP grantees will be issued a Notice to Proceed in June 2022. All project funding must be expended 36 months after Notice to Proceed.

An evaluation panel consisting of five SANDAG staff members scored the qualitative responses of each application based on the evaluation criteria in the call for projects. For each project, the project's quantitative scores were calculated by SANDAG Grants staff and were added to the qualitative scores from each evaluator, forming a total score from each evaluator. SANDAG staff recommends all five projects to receive funding, as shown in Attachment 1.

A social equity analysis (Attachment 2) has been conducted and found the projects do not have a disproportionate effect for low-income populations or disparate impacts for minority populations. All project rankings were independently reviewed by data quality assurance staff to ensure there were no potential errors.

Next Steps

Pending Board approval, staff will begin executing grant agreements, and projects are anticipated to begin in late May or early June 2022. All awarded project funding must be expended within 36 months after Notice to Proceed.

The remaining \$1.1 million in SGIP funding that was not awarded through this competitive process will be returned to the SGIP budget and made available through the next call for projects. The Cycle 6 call for projects is anticipated for release in late 2022 or early 2023, will contain a larger amount of funding from Cycle 5, and will be open to both planning and capital projects. Staff will present the draft goals, objectives, and evaluation criteria for the Cycle 6 call for projects to the Regional Planning Committee and Board later this year.

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Attachments: 1. SGIP Funding Recommendations
 2. Social Equity Analysis

SGIP Funding Recommendations

Agency Name	Final Rank	Project Title	Description	Total SGIP Funding Requested	Amount of Matching Funds	Total Project Cost	% of Matching Funds
San Diego (City)	1	Mid-City Communities Smart Growth Study Areas	The Project will perform a study of existing/planned smart growth and employment areas to increase housing and mobility options in the Mid-City Communities in the City of San Diego. The study will include a public outreach program and recommendations on opportunities for growth and transit-supportive densities in combination with corridor enhancements. The Smart Growth study will serve as a critical first step to facilitate a land use plan to support a healthier, more sustainable community.	\$500,000	\$340,000	\$840,000	40.48%
San Diego (County)	2	Community Based Transportation Program	Four (4) Neighborhood Mobility Plans for four (4) separate unincorporated areas which will analyze how to better connect to SANDAG's Mobility Hubs, and recommendations for future implementation actions.	\$500,000	\$350,000	\$850,000	41.18%
Santee	3	Santee Town Center Specific Plan	The proposed project involves updating the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan, the Town Center Specific Plan, and the Arts and Entertainment District Overlay to promote and encourage new development including commercial, housing, and mixed-use development. The project area is positioned along the San Diego River and Trolley Station and increases the potential to create a mixed-use activity center with residential, commercial, open space, and entertainment oriented uses.	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$800,000	50.00%
Escondido	4	Escondido General Plan Amendments and Environmental Review	City of Escondido is completing amendments to the General Plan's Safety Elements and is creating a new Environmental Justice element. These amendments will reduce VMTs, increase environmental sustainability, and improve housing equity. REAP funds will be used for the environmental review.	\$175,000	\$25,000	\$200,000	12.50%
National City	5	Together We Plan National City	National City is producing a Focused General Plan Update (FGPU) including Land Use and Community Character, Circulation (Transportation), Safety, and Housing. National City is also producing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update that will include a new opt-in floor area ratio-based (FAR) residential density bonus program called House National City.	\$294,477	\$1,102,227	\$1,602,227	68.79%
			Total Amount of Funds Requested	\$1,869,477	\$2,217,227	\$4,292,227	51.66%
			All projects will be awarded 100% of the funds requested				

Social Equity Analysis of the Cycle 5 Smart Growth Incentive Grant Program Funding Recommendations

I. Introduction

Staff conducted a Social Equity Analysis to determine whether the funding recommendations for the Cycle 5 Smart Growth Incentive Grant Program (SGIP) would result in an equitable allocation of funding expenditures and services for low-income and minority areas of the County compared to non-low-income and non-minority areas. Table 1, which is included, shows the funding recommendations; the project service areas determined as low-income, non-low-income, minority, and non-minority based on percentage of population as compared to the County of San Diego; and the resulting expenditure allocation percentages. The data in Table 1 was independently produced by Phoebe Ho, Associate GIS Analyst, and verified for accuracy by Calvin Raab, Quality Assurance Analyst.

II. Steps in the Social Equity Analysis

1. Using GIS, staff mapped the service areas for each project recommended for funding under SGIP. The resulting map is included.
 - Staff used the service area descriptions provided by applicants in their applications to map the project service area of each project recommended for funding.
2. Staff determined the percent low-income and percent minority within the service area of each project recommended for funding using the spatial data mapped in Step 1 and demographic data from the 2020 SANDAG Population and Housing Estimates. Low-income was defined as households with a reported household income of \$44,999 or less, or at or below 200 percent of the 2012 federal poverty level adjusted for inflation. The minority population was defined as any persons not identifying as non-Hispanic White. These definitions of low-income and minority are consistent with those used in the 2021 Regional Plan. Table 1 shows the list of projects recommended for funding under SGIP and the percentage of low-income and minority populations within each of the project's service areas. Next, staff compared these percentages to the percentage averages for low-income and minority populations for the County of San Diego. Table 1 shows a "1" or a "0" next to each recommended project for each category (low-income and minority), where a 1 means the project would serve an area with an equal or higher percentage than the County average, and a 0 means the project would serve an area with a lower percentage than the County average.
3. Based on the funding recommendations, staff next calculated the percentage of recommended funding for projects that would serve identified low-income areas and the percentage of recommended funding to serve identified minority areas. This also is shown in Table 1.
4. The map created in Step 1 were overlaid with the low-income households and minority populations for the County of San Diego. The population groups are displayed as dot densities where 1 dot is equal to 300 people or 100 low-income households.

5. Lastly, staff used the data in Table 1 and the map to determine whether any disparate impacts or disproportionate treatment would be experienced by low-income or minority populations resulting from the proposed funding awards.

III. Summary of Analysis

The analysis shows a broad geographic distribution of program funding would occur based on the service areas of the projects recommended for grant funding.

The analysis also shows that low-income and minority populations would receive an equitable proportion of the SGIP benefits. Below are the more specific findings.

Minority

Table 1 shows that 4 of the 5 SGIP projects recommended for funding have service areas with a percentage of minority population equal to or greater than the County's overall average. Of these 4 projects 2 represent the full city limits of two jurisdictions, with the other 2 representing specific communities within the City of San Diego and the unincorporated County of San Diego. Projects that cover service areas with a percentage of minority population equal to or greater than the County's overall average accounts for 78.60% of SGIP funding to be awarded.

Low-Income

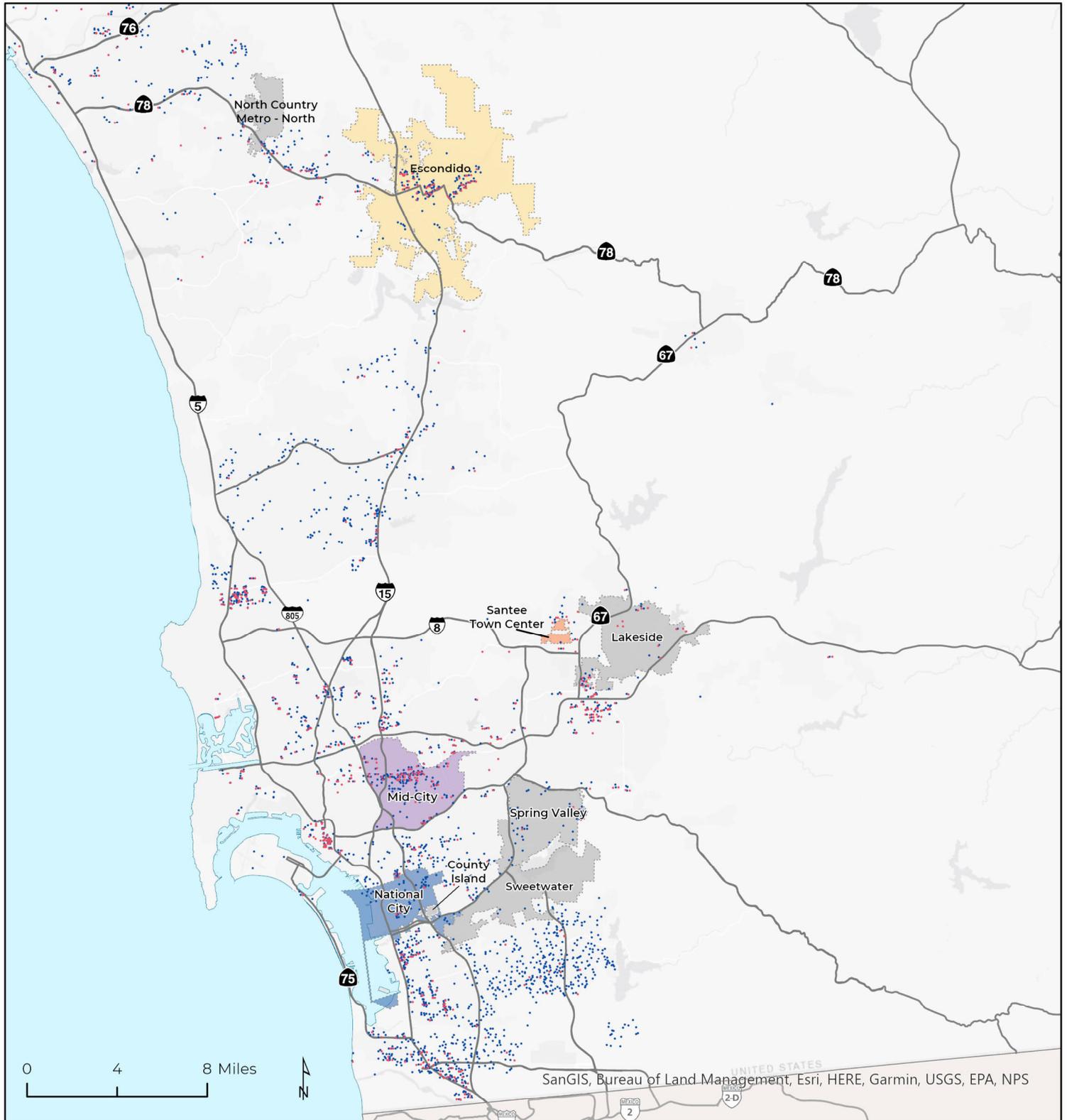
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IV. Conclusions

The analysis found that the funding recommendations proposed by the Evaluation Panel for the SGIP will result in an equitable distribution of funds and services to low-income and minority populations. Additionally, all projects submitted and considered eligible for SGIP funding were recommended for the full award amount requested by the applicant.

SANDAG Social Equity Data

Cycle 5 Smart Growth Incentive Grant Program Recommended for Funding



Project Area

- Escondido
- Mid-City(San Diego)
- National City
- Santee Town Center
- County of San Diego (Sweetwater, Lakeside, North Country Metro, County Island)

Minority Population

● 1 Dot = 300 people

Low Income Households

● 1 Dot = 100 households

SANDAG has prepared this map, data, metadata and information for internal use, but is making it available as a public record. Conclusions drawn from the information are the sole responsibility of the user. SANDAG disclaims all warranties, express or implied, as to the accuracy, reliability, utility or completeness of the information. SANDAG assumes no liability for errors, omissions or inaccuracies regardless of the cause of such, or for any decision made, or action taken or omitted in reliance thereon. Furthermore, SANDAG disclaims all warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to liability for quality, performance, merchantability, and fitness for a particular purpose arising out of the use of or inability to use the information.

Minority Pop is defined as any persons not identifying as non-Hispanic White. Low Income households are defined as households with a reported household income of \$44,999 or less.

Data Source: SANDAG 2020 Demographic and Socioeconomic Estimate

March 2022

Table 1

Cycle 5 Smart Growth Incentive Program													
Grantee	Project Name	Project Area	GIS File (Y/N)	Total Population	Minority Population	% Minority	Total Households	Low Income Households	% Low Income	% Minority at/above County	% Low income at/above County	Recommended Award Amount	% of Total Funding Recommended
City of Escondido	City of Escondido General Plan Amendments and Environmental Review	City of Escondido (city limits)	N	153,008	91,429	59.75%	47,691	47,691	100.00%	1	1	\$ 175,000	9.4%
City of National City	Together We Plan	City of National City (city limits)	N	62,099	49,405	79.56%	16,239	8,270	50.93%	1	1	\$ 294,477	15.8%
City of San Diego	Mid-City Smart Growth Study Areas	Mid-City communities (City Heights, Normal Heights, Kensington-Talmadge, Eastern Area)	Y	141,914	100,949	71.13%	51,013	24,663	48.35%	1	1	\$ 500,000	26.7%
City of Santee	Santee Town Center Specific Plan	Santee Town Center Specific Plan Area	Y	3,561	1,535	43.11%	875	184	21.03%	0	0	\$ 400,000	21.4%
County of San Diego	Community Based Transportation Program	Buena Creek, Lakeside, Spring Valley, Sweetwater and County Islands community areas	Y	149,258	82,679	55.39%	50,386	16,628	33.00%	1	1	\$ 500,000	26.7%

SAN DIEGO COUNTY	3,343,349	1,807,081	54.05%	1,159,436	363,267	31.33%	Total Amount Recommended		\$ 1,869,477	100.0%
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Projects per Category	Minority	Low-Income	Total Projects	5
	4	4		

Cycle 5 SGIP Projects Recommended for Funding	Category	Amount Recommended for Funding	Percent of Total Recommended
	Minority	\$ 1,469,476.89	78.60%
	Low-income	\$ 1,469,476.89	78.60%

May 6, 2022

SANDAG Housing Acceleration Program Update

Overview

The Housing Acceleration Program (HAP) supports implementation of the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and 2021 Regional Plan with funding from the state's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) programs. This report provides an overview of current and upcoming HAP efforts. More information on HAP efforts can be found at: sandag.org/housing.

Key Considerations

With funding from the REAP 1.0 program, SANDAG began developing HAP in 2021 with a focus on resources for local jurisdictions, initiating the Regional Equitable Housing Subcommittee, and launching the Housing Policy Leadership Academy. Staff is also preparing for the REAP 2.0 program, which allows SANDAG to apply for up to \$43 million to significantly expand HAP.

HAP Local Government Support

A primary focus of HAP is to support local governments in completing and implementing their 6th Cycle Housing Elements through grants, technical assistance, and education and outreach. The HAP grant call for projects was released in November 2021 and \$1.9 million was awarded to seven jurisdictions in March 2022. Based on interviews and meetings with local jurisdiction staff, SANDAG is developing technical assistance and best practice resources focused on new state regulations, anti-displacement strategies, data, and case studies.

Regional Equitable Housing Subcommittee

The Board of Directors established the Regional Equitable Housing Subcommittee in December 2021 to discuss and identify voluntary, innovative, and incentive-based housing approaches that address housing needs throughout the San Diego region.

The Subcommittee's work plan focuses on development of a Regional Equitable Housing Framework, evaluating a regional housing finance agency, and investigating possible revenue opportunities to support housing.

Regional Forums and Housing Policy Leadership Academy

In February, SANDAG held a Housing Legislation Forum on current state legislation and policy trends and additional forums are being planned through early 2023. In March, SANDAG launched the Housing Policy Leadership Academy with over 80 individuals participating in the ten-month program. Participants represent diverse stakeholder perspectives and are committed to working together to build local support for prohousing policies.

Action: **Information**

Staff will provide an overview of the SANDAG Housing Acceleration Program and current work efforts.

Fiscal Impact:

Housing Acceleration Program activities are funded in the FY22 budget through OWP 3321900.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

REAP 1.0 funds must be expended by the end of 2023. REAP 2.0 funds must be expended by June 2026.

REAP 2.0

SANDAG must submit its REAP 2.0 application before the end of 2022. In February, the Board approved submittal of a 10% advance application to support education and outreach that will inform SANDAG's full application to the program.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to implement current HAP activities and will bring updates to the Regional Planning Committee through 2022.

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