

Specialized Transportation Grant Program

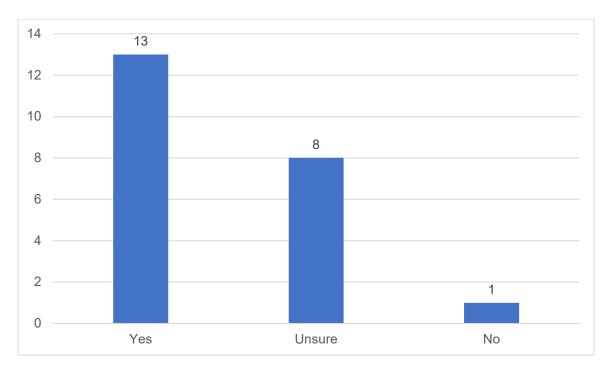
Cycle 13 Call for Projects

Stakeholder Workshop

February 7, 2024

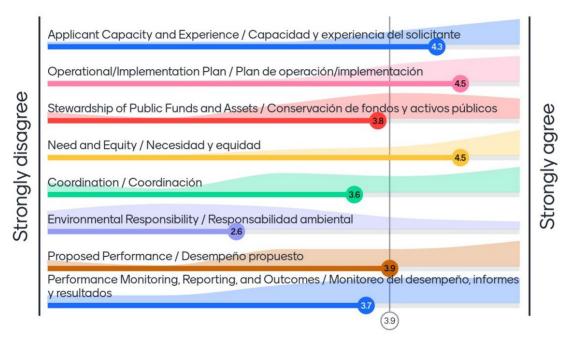
Summary of Feedback

1. During the workshop, SANDAG staff reviewed the STGP Cycle 12 Call for Projects Evaluation Criteria and asked: "Do you think these criteria help us identify the most qualified proposals?"



Based on responses collected through MentiMeter, most participants agreed that the STGP Cycle 12 Call for Projects evaluation criteria help to identify the most qualified proposals.

2. Stakeholders were then asked to indicate how important each criteria category was to them on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 represented least importance and 5 represented highest importance.



Based on responses collected through MentiMeter, participants rated "Operational/Implementation Plan" and "Need and Equity" as the most important criteria and rated "Environmental Responsibility" as the least important of the eight criteria categories.

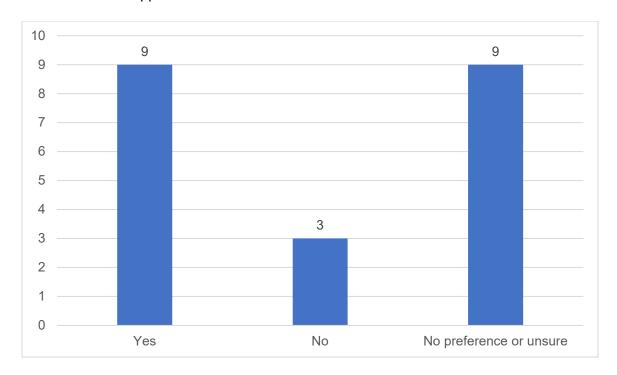
3. What other criteria should we consider?

Participants generated the following Word Cloud using MentiMeter in response to this question:



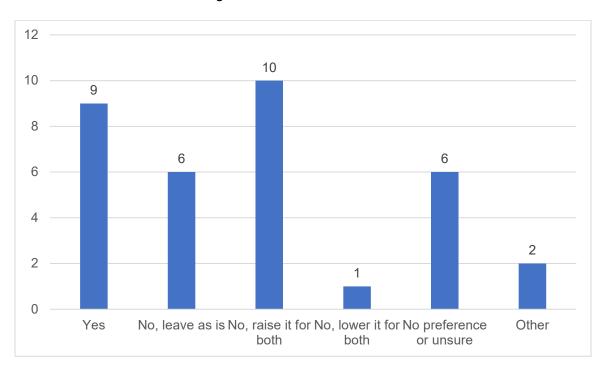
As shown in the Word Cloud, "affordability", "dependability", "reliability", and "efficiency" were the most frequent responses from participants.

4. Should we allow applicants to match Section 5310 with SMG and vice versa?



Based on responses collected from MentiMeter and the chat, most participants thought SANDAG should allow applicants to match Section 5310 with Senior Mini-Grant funding and vice versa or had no preference or were unsure.

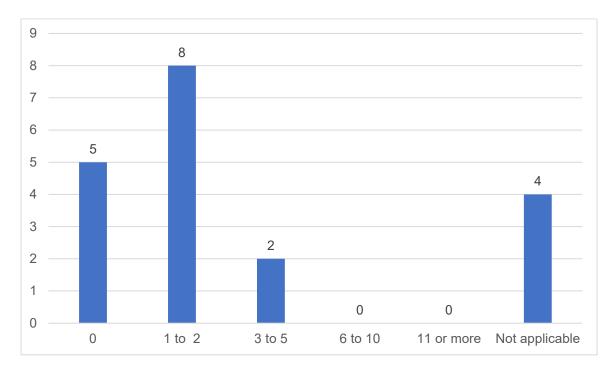
5. Should we raise the maximum grant award for Section 5310 and lower it for SMG?



Based on responses collected through MentiMeter and the chat, the most frequent response was "No, raise it for both." However, one stakeholder shared that "answers may have been impacted by misunderstanding of what was being measured."

Additionally, below are a few responses provided by participants in the chat:

- "I would highly recommend that you do not increase Section 5310 to \$1.6 million.
 Organizations that really need grant do not need grant funding that size. That would cut out eligibility for smaller grass roots organizations that have been started to meet underserved populations such as those with disabilities."
- "It would appear that smaller organizations are at a disadvantage with raising minimums. The Senior Mini Grant program has historically has been inclusive of "mini" request and my question is are we moving away from this."
- "Don't raise it for 5310, should lower it for SMG"
- "Organizations absolutely need larger grants."
- 6. How many electric vehicles would your agency apply for?



Based on responses collected through MentiMeter, many agencies were interested in requesting funding through the STGP to purchase 1 or 2 accessible electric vehicles.