

## **PLANNING GRANTS**

### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

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Eligible projects include planning activities that facilitate smart growth in either “Potential” or “Existing/Planned” Smart Growth Opportunity Areas (SGOAs) on the SANDAG Smart Growth Concept Map. Proposed Planning Projects must:

- Encourage transit, pedestrian, and bicycle trips
- Support a community’s larger infill development or revitalization effort
- Improve internal mobility
- Enhance sense of place

Project activities eligible for Planning Grant funding include but are not limited to:

- Comprehensive planning efforts such as:
  - Specific area plans or community plans
  - Amendments to general or specific plans

#### **OR**

- Smaller scale neighborhood planning activities such as:
  - Traffic calming or mobility plans
  - Feasibility studies for future capital improvements
  - Parking management plans
  - Form based codes or design guidelines
  - Planning efforts required to make smart growth zoning changes
  - Health Benefit and Impact Assessment (HIA) to inform development of local planning efforts funded by the SGIP, such as specific plans, area plans, or specific plan amendments. Any proposed HIA’s must be directly connected to a proposed SGIP planning project.

Priority will be given to planning efforts that will result in or allow administrative or expedited approval of smart growth development projects.

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**SCORING CRITERIA MATRIX**

Points calculated by SANDAG are marked with an asterisk (\*) in the Scoring Matrix.

NO.	CATEGORY/CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	WEIGHT	SCORE POSSIBLE	%
<b>1.*</b>	<b>Relationship to Regional Transit</b>				
	Is the transit infrastructure and service within the SGOA existing, programmed, or planned?	5	3	15	7.5%
<b>2.</b>	<b>Smart Growth Development Potential</b>				
	Evidence of opportunities to develop smart growth plans or projects at or above the densities for the area's smart growth place type in the proposed planning area.	5	4	20	10%
<b>3.</b>	<b>Proposed Project Goals and Objectives</b>				
	How well do the proposed objectives support smart growth development in the project area? Would the plan result in development that increases transportation and housing choices?	6.67	3	20	10%
<b>4.</b>	<b>Method to Accomplish Project Objectives</b>				
	How will the planning project accomplish stated objectives? How well does the Scope of Work facilitate meeting the objectives and include public outreach?	6	5	30	15%
<b>5.</b>	<b>Implementation</b>				
	Is the planning project ready to go? Will it result in specific implementation actions such as zoning changes or a master EIR?	7	5	35	17.5%
<b>6.</b>	<b>Evidence of Local Commitment/ Community Support</b>				
	How has the applicant demonstrated a commitment to implement smart growth (ordinances, policies, incentives)? How will the planning process engage the community? Is the proposed project supported by the community?	2.5	4	10	5%
<b>7.*</b>	<b>Matching Funds</b>				
	Points for matching funds are awarded by dividing the total project cost as proposed in the application by the grant request. The project(s) with the largest quotient will receive twenty points, and the project(s) with no matching funds will receive no points.	20	1	20	10%
<b>8.*</b>	<b>Regional Housing Needs Assessment – Policy No. 033 Points</b>				
	Points are awarded per jurisdiction based upon the methodology adopted in Policy No. 033.	50	1	50	25%
<b>TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE</b>				<b>200</b>	<b>100%</b>