Eligible Projects

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 bike 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/updates to general or specific plans
  - Updates to climate action plans
  - Updates to complete streets policies

- 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 Smart Growth Incentive Program (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.
  - Environmental planning documents 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.