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Review Obstacles and Solutions to Develop Further

Bay Area Stormwater
Management Agencies Association



Regional Roundtable
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Outline

- Review the Draft Obstacles and Solutions (see agenda packet)
- Provide initial input on priorities
- Are there any “non-starters”?

Draft Obstacles and Solutions

Funding Obstacles	Corresponding Potential Solutions
<p>Ineligible Costs – Project Type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Some transportation grants don't allow green infrastructure▪ Some urban greening grants have not allowed bicycle/pedestrian facilities	<p>Modify Eligibility Criteria – Project Type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prioritize or provide points for green infrastructure▪ Consider integrating funding sources for single distribution
<p>Ineligible Costs – Project Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One grant may not cover all project phases, such as planning or maintenance	<p>Modify Eligibility Criteria – Project Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Allow flexibility in grants for all necessary activities and complex projects

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<p>Matches for Multiple Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grants may have restrictions on the source of matching funds<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For example, federal, state, or local• Some transportation grants combine federal and state funds	<p>Coordinate Match Policies Among Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agencies jointly establish match▪ Resource agencies establish standard local match similar to transportation grants
<p>Funding Cycles Not Coordinated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Funding cycles are not coordinated<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within the water sector• Across sectors▪ Opportunistic funding of projects	<p>Coordinate Regarding Funding Cycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Database of grants and upcoming solicitations, including funding source, match requirements, etc.▪ Coordinate among agencies to time solicitations

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Grant Periods May Not Align <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Delay may result from getting new grant▪ Ability to obtain grant extensions not described in solicitations	Advertise Maximum Grant Periods <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Include in the solicitation a description of extensions that may be available
Grant Administration – Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cost of resources to<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track grant opportunities• Package same project for grants with different criteria	Coordinate on Grant Application Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Standardize urban greening solicitations to the extent possible▪ Consider integrating funding across agencies and sectors – one application

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Grant Administration – Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Separate record-keeping and reporting for each grant▪ May require separate contracts for different elements of one project	Coordinate Joint Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Funding agencies would coordinate to allow joint reporting
Scoring of Cost Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Transportation grants seek the most cost-effective transportation solution▪ May reduce score for transportation project with green infrastructure	Broaden Scoring Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prioritize green infrastructure, allowing alternative project designs that provide more benefits than just transportation