

## Priority Conservation Area Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Question	Response
What is the expected date for grant agreements to be in place?	Grant agreements are anticipated to be executed in July 2026.
What is the timeline to spend grant funds?	There is no funding expiration date, but projects that will be completed by 2030 will be prioritized.
Under Question 5, where do I find the PCA “Contact Name”?	Just the lead jurisdiction needs to be listed under “Contact Name”. Once the PCA name is identified on the PCA designation map, the lead jurisdiction can be found in the <a href="#">Table of 2025 Adopted PCA Nominations and Amendments</a> .
Are projects in Regionally Identified PCAs eligible for funding?	No, only projects in locally identified and designated PCA’s are eligible for PCA Grant Program funding.
Under Question 11, does the Complete Streets Checklist need to be completed prior to submitting a Letter of Interest?	The Complete Streets Checklist does not need to be completed prior to the PCA Letter of Interest phase but should be completed ahead of the full PCA application, due March 20, 2026. If this is not feasible, due to BPAC scheduling or other issues, applicants would need to detail the status of their efforts to completing the CS Checklist and would need to show proof of completion prior to staff award recommendations in June 2026.
Under Question 11, the Complete Streets Checklist doesn’t seem relevant to my [acquisition / restoration] project – do I still need to complete the Checklist?	<p>In most cases, yes. The <a href="#">Complete Streets (CS) Policy</a> requires that projects in the Public Right-of-Way with a total project cost of \$250,000 or more, applying for MTC regional discretionary transportation funding (including PCA funding) submit a CS Checklist. The CS Checklist is a form designed to help ensure local compliance with CS Policy and applicable laws.</p> <p>Projects should complete the form and under Question 16 of the CS Checklist check if the project qualifies for a Statement of</p>

	<p>Exemption. If the project is a property acquisition or habitat restoration and there is no right-of-way or improvements proposed to the right-of-way, then the project may be exempt from the process entirely – please reach out to <a href="mailto:pcagrants@bayareametro.gov">pcagrants@bayareametro.gov</a> if you require clarification for your project.</p>
<p>What is the source of PCA grant funding?</p>	<p>PCA Grant funding is a program of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program. Projects that are eligible and well-suited to receive federal transportation funds (such as bicycle or pedestrian facilities) may be selected to receive federal funds. For projects recommended for local funds, MTC will exchange federal funds with local funds.</p>
<p>Is there a local match requirement for grants?</p>	<p>This round of PCA grants does not include a match requirement. However, the extent to which the project leverages other resources including local/state/federal funding will be considered in proposal scoring. If the project is eligible and well-suited to receive federal transportation funding, a federal match requirement of 11.47% would apply.</p>
<p>Can a single project include multiple project types (i.e. more than one of: planning/design, implementation, and acquisition)?</p>	<p>Yes, projects are encouraged to be multi-benefit and can include multiple project types and phases.</p>
<p>Are permitting and/or CEQA costs eligible for funding? Is permitting considered planning or implementation?</p>	<p>Yes, environmental review and permitting are eligible for PCA grant funding. Environmental review and permitting activities can be considered either planning or implementation.</p>
<p>Can funds be used for a larger project, or only for stand-alone projects?</p>	<p>Both: funds can be used for stand-alone projects or as portions of larger projects. Multi-benefit projects are encouraged.</p>
<p>Can an agency submit more than one Letter of Interest application?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>