

# Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program

- **Community-Based Transportation Plan Project Development Technical Assistance (CBTP TA)**
- **Participatory Budgeting and Project Delivery (PB-PD)**

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# CARE Program & Components

**CARE is a funding and implementation program that centers community voices, strengthens community and multi-sector partnerships, and supports community-led solutions that improve livability for all people in the Bay Area, comprised of three key components:**



## Community Power-Building and Engagement (Pb+E)

- **Total Funding:** \$5 million
- **Objective:** Provide technical assistance and capacity building for/from/with community-based organizations and local government.
- **Timeline:** Fall 2025 – Winter 2026



## Project Development Technical Assistance for CBTP Projects (CBTP TA)

- **Total Funding:** \$12 million
- **Objective:** Advance CBTP concepts to construction-ready projects.
- **Timeline:** Early 2026 – Winter 2026



## Participatory Budgeting and Project Delivery (PB-PD)

- **Total Funding:** \$10 million est.\*
- **Objective:** Implement high-priority neighborhood projects from Participatory Budgeting processes or similar.
- **Timeline:** Winter 2027 - Onward

*\*Dependent on final OBAG 4 program funding level and future programming actions.*

# CBTP TA Overview

- **Background**
  - Builds on the long-standing CBTP program, which funds planning in Equity Priority Communities.
  - CBTPs emphasize meaningful community engagement, while identifying projects/programs that improve access and mobility for EPC residents.
- **Program Objective**
  - Deliver community-identified projects from CBTPs by advancing construction readiness.
- **Funding**
  - **\$12 million** for project development and design.
- **Eligible Activities**
  - Technical assistance to move projects from early to final design stages, and construction-readiness, including public and stakeholder engagement.

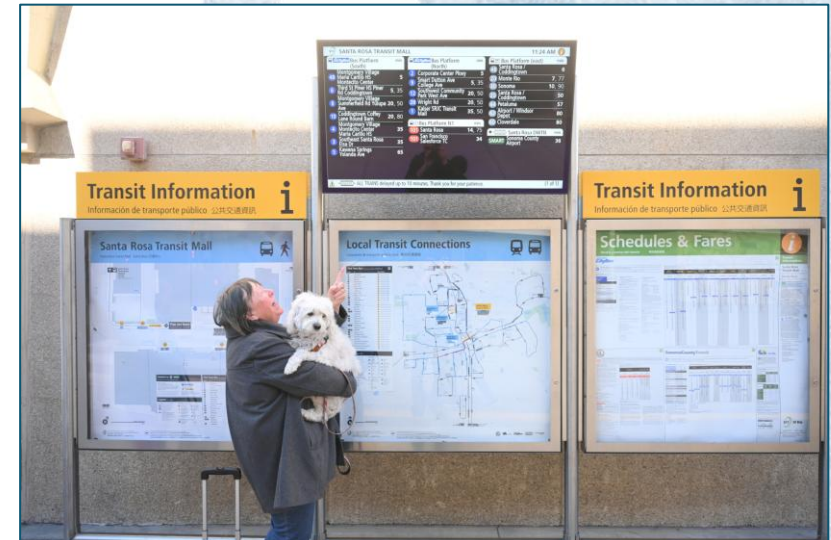


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# Feedback Themes on Program Design

**Funding flexibility** is needed to be able to deliver community projects.

CBTP technical assistance funds should be managed at the **county level**.

Prioritize projects that have **long-lasting impact** within their community.

**Best practices for public engagement** should be incorporated throughout the project nominations process.

# CBTP TA Proposal and Revised Framework

**Proposal:** Revise the CARE Program (MTC Resolution No. 4604) to implement a streamlined delivery framework that ensures timely execution while advancing community projects.

## Revised Delivery Framework

- **Funding:** \$12M in non-federal funds.
- **MTC Role:** Establish county funding targets, program guidelines and review CTA project nominations.
- **CTA Role:** Conduct a project nomination process and develop a project nomination list.
- **Eligibility:** Projects must originate from a CBTP or comparable community-driven process, be located within or clearly serve an Equity Priority Community (EPC), demonstrate meaningful community support\*, and consist of capital transportation projects\*\*. Projects advancing to final design will receive additional consideration.
- **Engagement:** Public outreach requirements will align with the OBAG 4 county framework.

*\*Sponsors will have flexible ways to demonstrate support. \*\*Operational studies may be considered for funding, subject to MTC review.*

# CBTP TA County Funding Targets

- Funding targets are based on the following methodology:
  - Distribute **30%** of funds equally to each county as a base amount.
  - Distribute **70%** of funds according to each county's share of the regional low-income population (<200% Federal Poverty Level).
- CTAs may adjust targets by **up to +/-30%**, with any adjustment reflected as an equal and opposite change to future PB funding targets.

| County        | Funding Target      |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Alameda       | \$2,379,000         |
| Contra Costa  | \$1,692,000         |
| Marin         | \$668,000           |
| Napa          | \$562,000           |
| San Francisco | \$1,456,000         |
| San Mateo     | \$1,095,000         |
| Santa Clara   | \$2,110,000         |
| Solano        | \$1,044,000         |
| Sonoma        | \$994,000           |
| <i>Total</i>  | <i>\$12,000,000</i> |

# PB - Project Delivery Focus Overview

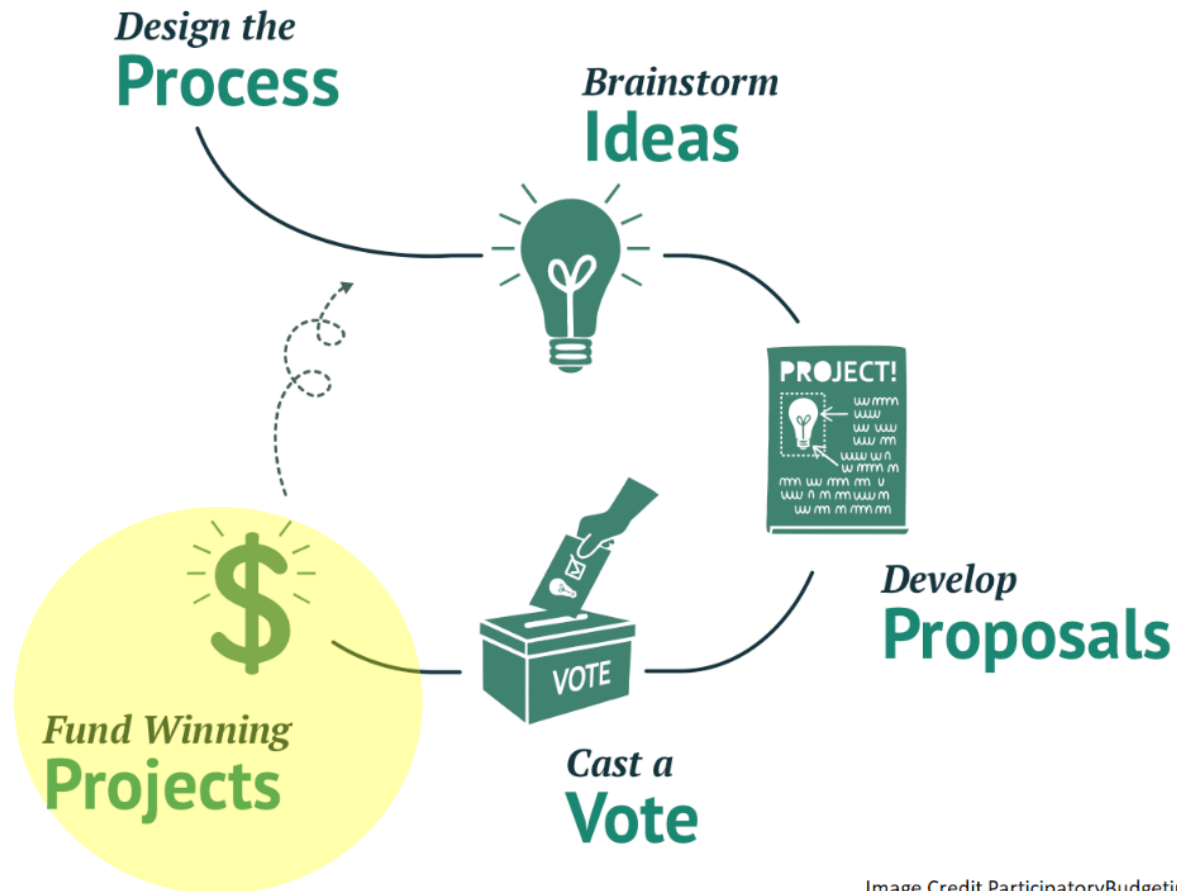


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- **Background**
  - PB is a formal community-driven process where residents and community champions help spend part of a public budget by developing and voting for project ideas to benefit their community.
- **Program Objective**
  - Fund and construct neighborhood projects that have been prioritized through a robust community-driven process.
- **Eligible Activities**
  - Construction of community supported projects developed through the CBTP TA category or derived from an eligible PB / community-driven process.
  - PB process implementation.

# PB-PD Component Framework Development

- **Framework Proposal:** Staff plans to propose revisions to the CARE Program (MTC Resolution No. 4604) this spring to include programming levels and guidelines.
- **CTA Role:** Nominate a prioritized list of community projects and select project teams.
- **MTC Role:** Establish funding targets and guidelines, screen projects, and help facilitate PB processes as needed.
- **Funding:** Staff anticipate funding of approximately \$10 million contingent on future programming actions.
- **Implementation:** Anticipated for Fall/Winter of 2026.

# Staff Recommendation and Next Steps

## ***Current Recommended Action***

- Revise the CARE Program (MTC Resolution No. 4604) to establish CBTP TA funding targets and guidelines for a CTA-led project nomination process.

## ***Next Steps***

- Return to PAC to establish PB-PD funding targets and guidelines, following future programming.