

Smart Growth Incentive Program

The TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) provides funding to the region's 18 Cities and the County of Diego for transportation-related infrastructure and planning projects that support Smart Growth and transit-oriented development.

Through a competitive process, the SGIP funds projects that catalyze compact, mixed-use development focused around public transit, and increase housing and transportation choices around the region.

Smart growth is a compact, efficient, livable, and environmentally sensitive urban development pattern. It focuses future growth and infill development close to jobs, services, and public facilities to maximize the use of existing infrastructure and preserve open space and natural resources.

The SGIP is funded by TransNet, the regional half-cent sales tax for transportation projects administered by SANDAG. The program was established as part of the TransNet Extension Ordinance, approved by voters in 2004.

Since the program was launched in 2009, five funding cycles have helped create more walkable, bike friendly, and transit oriented communities. The SGIP has awarded more than \$59 million in TransNet funds throughout the San Diego Region funding approximately 72 capital and planning projects. Through the program, downtowns and business districts from Oceanside to Chula Vista have undergone major improvements. Many communities have enhanced downtown streetscapes, built biking and walking paths, created plazas, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and made improvements to transit stations. The program helps to improve the health and quality of life of local communities in the San Diego region and supports climate action plans.

Capital projects can be proposed in areas that meet certain minimum housing and employment density targets and transit service levels. Planning projects such as specific plans can be proposed in infill areas to support more compact, walkable, mixed use communities.



Active Transportation

Walking and Biking



Land Use

Planned Development



Climate

Climate Action Plan, Reduce Green House Gas Emissions

Program Objectives

Key objectives of the program include creating great places, making improvements to the community, and providing incentives to compact mixed-use development. Projects funded by the SGIP serve as catalyst to additional smart growth investment models that act as an asset to communities around the region. The program also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled by encouraging people to walk, bike, or take transit.



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Eligibility

Eligible applicants include the 18 cities within San Diego County and the County of San Diego.

The program promotes collaboration and partnership between multiple jurisdictions and community-based organizations/non-profits.

To see examples of completed projects and an interactive map of grant-funded projects that have been completed or are in progress, please visit the SGIP Website:

<https://www.sandag.org/funding/grant-programs/smart-growth-and-housing/transnet-smart-growth-incentive-program>



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Grant applications are evaluated using the criteria below.

Non-Capital (Maximum \$500,000 per project)	Capital (Maximum \$2.5 million per project)
Relationship to Regional Transit	Intensity of Planned Development in the Project Area
Further Regional Mobility Hub Implementation Strategy	Existing and Entitled Land Development Around the Proposed project
Smart Growth Policy Implementation	Transportation Characteristics and Community Design Features
Smart Growth Equity	Smart Growth Equity
Partnerships	Partnerships
Sustainability	Project Readiness
Regional Housing Needs Assessment: Board Policy No. 033	Regional Housing Needs Assessment: Board Policy No. 033
Matching Funds	Matching Funds

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