



March 27, 2019

To: Finance and Administration Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Fiscal Year 2018-19 Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report

Overview

The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes grant activities for the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. This report focuses on activity for the period of October through December 2018.

Recommendation

Receive and file as an information item.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has secured grant funding from federal and state grant agencies to deliver programs, projects, and services to improve mobility in Orange County. The use of these funds is consistent with capital programming policies approved by the OCTA's Board of Directors. The Quarterly Grant Reimbursement Status Report summarizes awarded/executed, current, pending-closed, and closed grant agreements.

Awarded/Executed Grant Agreements:

OCTA awarded/executed five discretionary grants during the second quarter, which are summarized below.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Section 5309 New Starts - Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) - OC Streetcar: Santa Ana/Garden Grove Project: Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

In this quarter, OCTA executed a grant agreement with the FTA to secure \$148.9 million in federal New Starts funds for construction of the OC Streetcar Project. OCTA held a groundbreaking ceremony on November 30, 2018, where FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams and OCTA CEO Darrell E. Johnson signed the FFGA at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center. OCTA will begin seeking reimbursements for this grant in the next quarter.

FFY 2019 Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Account – Sustainable Communities: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

OCTA executed a grant agreement with Caltrans to secure \$264,000 in competitive Sustainable Communities Grant funds. The goal is to improve safety by prioritizing infrastructure improvements, promote transportation safety education, enforcement partnerships, and encouragement programs that will benefit families throughout the County. The grant will support Walk to School Day events, walk audits, identify and reduce barriers for participation, and develop an action plan for next steps. This grant funding will be matched with \$36,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program Planning, Programming, and Monitoring funds, for a total project value of \$300,000, consistent with the submitted grant application.

FFY 2019 Adaptation Planning Grant – Orange County Rail Infrastructure Defense Against Climate Change Plan: Caltrans.

Caltrans awarded OCTA \$461,771 in Adaptation Planning Grant funds to evaluate the negative effects of storm activity, sea levels, temperature, and other environmental change stressors on the OCTA-owned rail right-of-way (ROW) in Orange County, as well as to develop strategies to ensure the resilience of transportation assets and services. The study will address needs along the OCTA-owned Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor from approximately the City of Irvine to the Orange County and San Diego County line.

FFY 2019 California Office of Safety (OTS) – Safety Education Classes.

OCTA secured \$75,000 in competitive Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Grant Program funding from the OTS for bicycle safety education classes. The grant award will support implementation of bicycle and pedestrian education classes, which are intended to raise public awareness of safe pedestrian and bicycling practices.

FFY 2018-2020 Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) – Orange County Signal Synchronization: California Transportation Commission (CTC).

OCTA was awarded \$6.85 million in SB1 LPP grant funds by CTC to fund four signal synchronization projects along the following corridors:

- Katella Avenue/Villa Park Road/Santiago Canyon Road;
- Main Street;
- Los Alisos Boulevard; and
- Garden Grove Boulevard.

The goal of these projects is to improve the flow of traffic by developing and implementing regional signal coordination programs that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Current Grant Agreements:

OCTA's FTA formula grant agreements total 13, and FTA discretionary grant agreements total three (Attachment A).

The 13 FTA formula grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$303.9 million. A total of \$275.5 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of approximately \$28.4 million. The balance of these 13 FTA formula grant agreements will primarily fund the OC Streetcar, Orange Parking Structure, fixed-route bus procurements, rideshare and vanpool programs, the Laguna Niguel/San Juan Capistrano passing siding project, and rail rehabilitation projects.

The three FTA discretionary grant agreements have a total federal amount of \$17.9 million. A total of \$13.6 million has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$4.2 million. The balance of these three FTA discretionary grant agreements will primarily fund slope stabilization improvements on the railroad ROW from the City of Laguna Niguel to the City of Lake Forest. The balance will also fund security camera surveillance systems for commuter rail stations and transit facilities located in the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, and Santa Ana.

The total FTA formula and discretionary grant agreements amount to \$317.5 million. The total amount reimbursed through the second quarter under these grant agreements is \$284.9 million, leaving a balance of \$32.6 million.

OCTA also has 44 State and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) formula grant agreements (Attachment B) and 14 State discretionary grant agreements (Attachment C).

The 44 State and FHWA formula grant agreements total \$372.9 million. The total amount reimbursed through the second quarter under these other grant agreements is \$273.7 million, leaving a balance of \$99.2 million.

The 14 State discretionary grant agreements total \$11.9 million. A total of \$1.3 million of these discretionary grant agreements has been reimbursed, leaving a balance of \$10.6 million. These State discretionary grant agreements have a defined grant expiration date. Project expenses must be fully paid and reimbursed prior to the grant agreement expiration date.

Combined, the State and FHWA formula and discretionary grants total \$384.8 million. The total amount reimbursed across all of these grant agreements equals approximately \$275 million, leaving a remaining balance of \$109.8 million.

This report activity is as of December 31, 2018, any grants with a deadline between the quarter end and the date this report is published will be fully reimbursed and closed out. This activity will be reflected in next quarter's report. Additionally, for all of these grants, staff anticipates each of the remaining balances to be fully reimbursed prior to the grant agreement expiration date.

Grant Agreements Pending Close-out:

There are three grant agreements totaling \$74.1 million which are pending close-out in the second quarter of FY 2018-19. All invoices for these grant agreements have been submitted to the external funding agency for reimbursement and OCTA is pending final payment and/or approval of close-out documentation. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment D.

Closed Grant Agreements:

There are six grant agreements totaling \$4.7 million that were closed out in the second quarter of FY 2018-19. These grant agreements are summarized in Attachment E.

Summary

This report provides an update of the grant agreement funded activities for the second quarter of FY 2018-19, October through December 2018. Staff recommends this report be received and filed as an information item.

Attachments

- A. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, October through December 2018, Federal Transit Administration Formula and Discretionary Grant Agreements
- B. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, October through December 2018, State and Federal Highway Administration Formula Grant Agreements
- C. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, October through December 2018, State Discretionary Grant Agreements
- D. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, October through December 2018, Grant Agreements Pending Close-out
- E. Second Quarter Grant Reimbursement Status Report, October through December 2018, Closed Grant Agreements

Prepared by:



Sam Kaur
Department Manager,
Revenue and Grants Administration
714-560-5889

Approved by:



Andrew Oftelie
Chief Financial Officer,
Finance and Administration
714-560-5649