

Local Agencies' Interest in Project V Call for Projects



M2 Community Circulator Program

- Offer competitive grants for local transit options
- Cover areas not adequately served by regional transit
- Provide connections to regional bus and rail services
- Fund capital and operations costs
- Meet productivity standards for continued funding
- Local matching funds

Project

Community Based Transit/Circulators

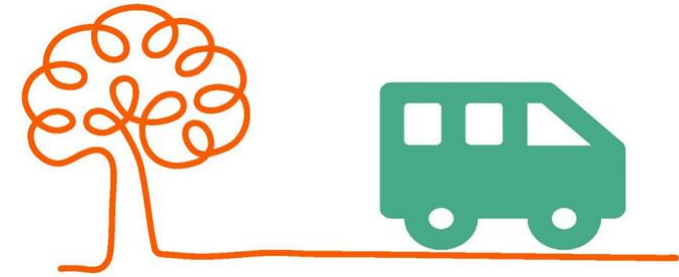
Description:

This project will establish a competitive program for local jurisdictions to develop local bus transit services such as community based circulators, shuttles and bus trolleys that complement regional bus and rail services, and meet needs in areas not adequately served by regional transit. Projects will need to meet performance criteria for ridership, connection to bus and rail services, and financial viability to be considered for funding. All projects must be competitively bid, and they cannot duplicate or compete with existing transit services.

Project V description from
M2 voter pamphlet

Program Status

- \$30 million committed towards active projects
- Year-round and seasonal/special event services
 - Most successful projects = seasonal/special event services
- Most recent program awards completed in 2018
- Current funding commitments expiring between 2020 and 2024



Interest in Future Call for Projects

- 10 letters of interest, 13 potential projects
 - Anaheim, Dana Point, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, La Habra, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Newport Beach, Orange, and San Clemente
 - Letter of Interest not a prerequisite for future grant applications
- Majority interested in new or expansion of seasonal or special event services
- Other areas of interest
 - Demand-responsive/micro-transit service
 - Fixed-route service
 - Extension of existing fixed-route service
 - Feasibility study for future services



Next Steps

- Meet with local agencies
 - Share lessons learned
 - Recap financial commitment requirements
 - Assess project readiness and resource requirements
- Return by November 2019 with revised guidelines that address
 - Successful and expiring services
 - Readiness of demand response/micro-transit (e.g., OC Flex)
 - Planning study eligibility
 - OCTA resource availability

