

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.



**ADVANCE
CARE
MODEL**



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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

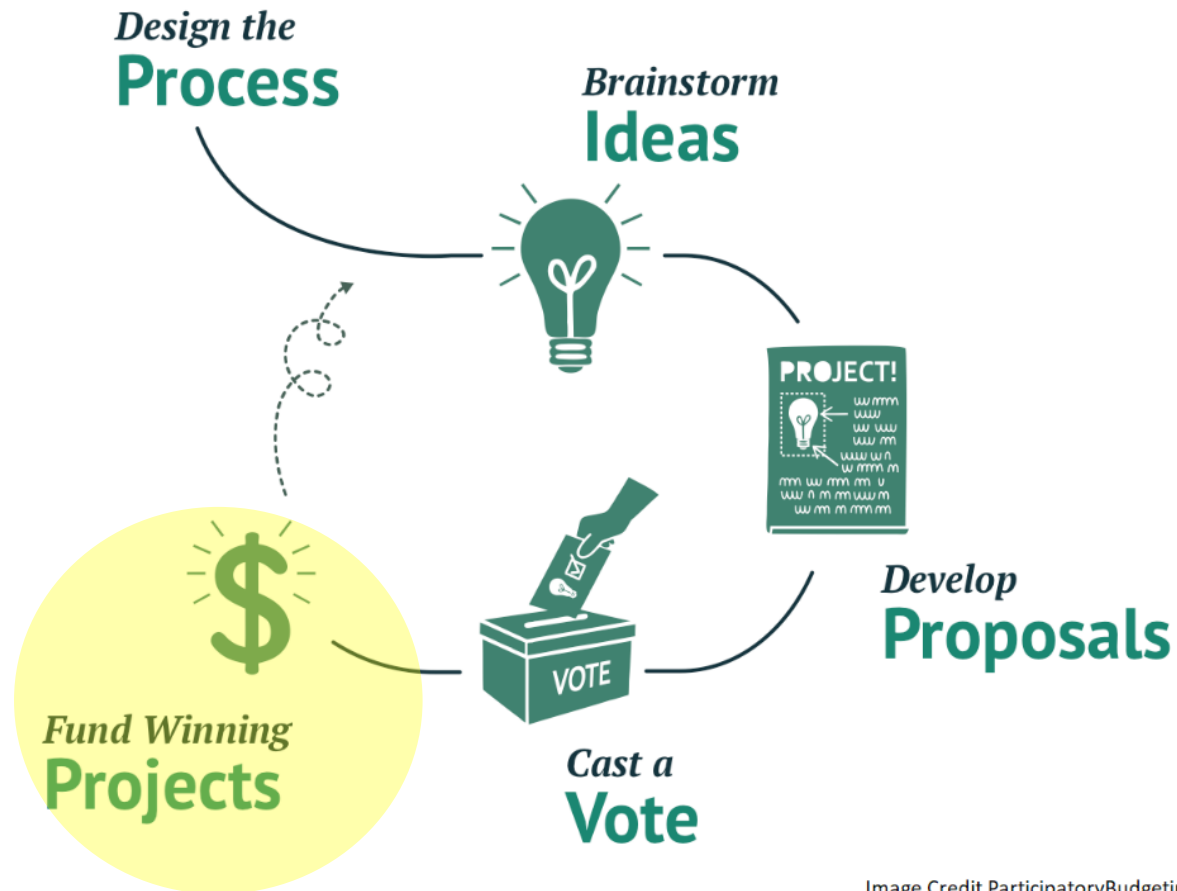


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- **Background**
 - PB is a formal community-driven process where residents and community champions help spend part of a public budget by developing and voting for project ideas to benefit their community.
- **Program Objective**
 - Fund and construct 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.