

STRATEGIC FUNDING AND GRANT WRITING

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FINDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Where to look.

Staying informed.



***Tip:
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Federal

- [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov) or [Simpler.Grants.gov](https://www.Simpler.Grants.gov)
- Funding Agency Websites
- Earmarks

State

- [Grants.ca.gov](https://www.Grants.ca.gov)
- Funding Agency Websites
- Local Representatives

FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY

I am looking for funding in sector with
at least until the application deadline.

Regional

- Regional Government Websites
- MPOs – Programming Committees
- Air District Websites
- Conservancy Websites

[The 2025-26 California Spending Plan: Proposition 4](https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/5076)
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Funding Newsletter

Delivering Quality Services
and Practical Solutions



Markets Served



Transportation



Aviation



Public Works



Emergency
Management



Water/Wastewater



Aquatics



Environmental

Your Goals, Our Mission: Funding the Future

In the following pages, you will discover a vital resource for seeking innovative funding solutions for your projects, even amid budget constraints. We specialize in securing essential funding for projects across public works, transportation, water, wastewater, parks and recreation, climate resiliency, public safety, and emergency management. This edition highlights two of Ardurra's **Public Works-Transportation** and **Leadership** team members serving the West region. We invite you to explore the opportunities within our newsletter and begin a journey to turn your project aspirations into reality. Reach out today to learn how we can support your priority projects. *Please let us know if there is a specific funding program you would like us to track, as these highlights showcase select opportunities and do not represent all available programs.*

Let's Build Something Beautiful Together

Every great project begins with a spark, an idea ready to be seen, supported, and championed. This February, lead with courage and vision as you set the path for meaningful change. Our Funding Team is here to understand your goals, strengthen your strategy, and connect your passion with the right opportunities. When your mission aligns with our expertise, impactful progress follows. Let this Valentine's season remind you that the best partnerships create space for bold ideas to grow. Consider us your dedicated funding ally, ready to guide, uplift, and help your project flourish with purpose and confidence.



KEY FEDERAL FUNDING DEADLINES (CONT'D)

APPROPRIATIONS

- Varies* » Community Project Funding (CPF). [House](#). *Pending
- Varies* » Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). [Senate](#). *Pending

- 7 FEB** » FY24-25 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program. [DOI](#).
- 17 FEB** » FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Competitive Grant Program [DOI](#).
- 24 FEB** » FY26 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. [DOI](#).
- 28 FEB** » Port Infrastructure Development Program. [DOI](#).
- 1 MAY** » Airport Improvement Program (AIP) FY26 Apportioned Funds. [FAA](#). *Notice of Intent to apply due 2/27/26
- 2026 TBA**
 - » Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration. [DOI](#).
 - » All Stations Accessibility Program. [DOI](#).
 - » Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Funding Reallocation (AFR) Program [DOI](#).
 - » Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants. [DOI](#).
 - » Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI). [DOI](#).
 - » Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development. [DOI](#).
 - » Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT). [DOI](#).
 - » Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities. [DOI](#).
 - » Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program [DOI](#).
 - » Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART). [DOI](#).

- Varies* » Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program. [DOI](#).
- » Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). [DOI](#).
- » Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). [DOI](#).
- *Varies by region - contact us for more information on your regional programs.

- Ongoing** » **Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)**
The TIFIA program provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and national significance. [Build America Bureau](#).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- 3* MAR** » FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program. [EDA](#). *3/3/26 deadline applies to Industry Transformation path, applications for other paths are accepted at anytime until funding is obligated.
- Ongoing** » Public Works Program. [EDA](#).
- Ongoing** » Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program. [USDA](#).
- TBA** » Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP). [USACE](#).

KEY GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Application
Deadline**

**Available
Funding**

Award Range

**Required
Match**

**Eligible
Applicants**

**Eligible
Activities**

**Availability of
Funds**

**Plan
Requirements**

Authorizations

ALIGNING WITH INITIATIVES

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- ✓ Multi-modal transportation features
- ✓ Disaster-resilient projects (flood mitigation)
- ✓ Job Creation
- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Urban Greening or Nature-Based Solutions
- ✓ Strategies to reduce GHG emissions
- ✓ Innovation & Project Delivery

IIJA expiring September 30, 2026

Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- ✓ Safety priorities
- ✓ Project delivery efficiency & reduced permitting delays
- ✓ State flexibility in program implementation

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Risk reduction
- ✓ Cost efficient delivery models (including P3s)

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

A collaborative process



TIPS & CORE PRINCIPLES FOR GRANT WRITING

STRATEGY	PURPOSE
Use relevant stories, data, and history – use program language	Appeal to reviewers
Cite Sources & provide documentation	Reinforce credibility
Personalize letters of support	Show impact
Coordinate with stakeholders	Document and validate community need
Communicate with program officers	Confirm eligibility and address questions
Follow NOFO/guidelines	Ensure compliance and alignment
Use visuals - graphics, maps, photos, tables	Clarify complex information
Complete technical studies and outreach early	Be prepared
Have a Team	Organizational capacity

Project Elements Addressing the RAISE Merit Criteria



- A** Safety
- B** Environmental Sustainability
- C** Quality of Life
- D** Mobility and Community Connectivity
- E** Economic Competitiveness
- F** State of Good Repair
- G** Partnership and Collaboration
- H** Innovation



CUSTOMIZED GRAPHICS *TIE PROJECT TO PROGRAM CRITERIA*

- New Class I Multi-Use Trail
- New Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)
- New Signal
- Connection to Existing Class II Bike Lanes
- Kelvin Pedestrian Bridge
- New Railroad Crossing
- Existing Bus Route
- Future Phase Class I Trail
- Connection to Existing Sidewalk
- Affordable Housing
- Special Needs Housing
- Existing Class I Multi-Use Trail
- Eco-Counter
- Disadvantaged Area

CASE STUDIES

Funding Success Stories



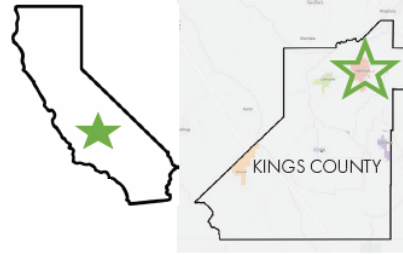
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FAST TRACK HANFORD

CITY OF HANFORD

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in the City of Hanford in Kings County, California.



FY 2024 USDOT RAISE GRANT APPLICATION

FAST TRACK HANFORD: HIGH SPEED RAIL CONNECTIVITY AND HISTORIC DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

RAISE FUNDING REQUEST: \$15,533,000



SUBMITTED BY



FEBRUARY 28, 2024



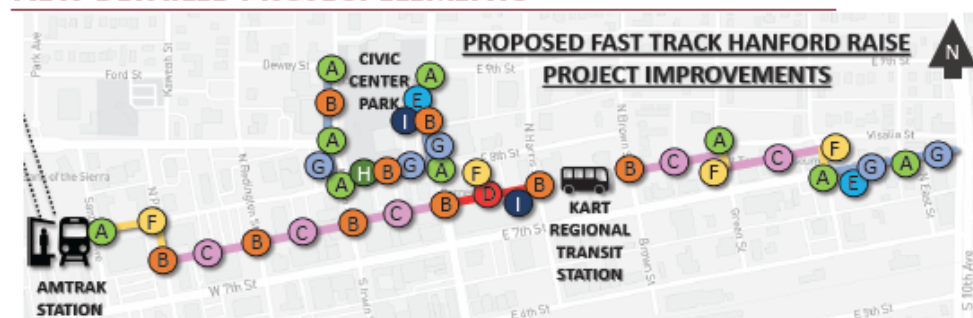
<https://www.ci.hanford.ca.us/1519/Fast-Track-Hanford>

Multimodal Connectivity & Downtown Improvements

FAST TRACK HANFORD PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS & TRANSIT SYSTEM CONNECTIVITY



NEW DETAILED PROJECT ELEMENTS



A INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

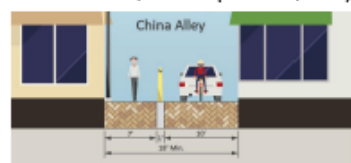
Safety countermeasures will be implemented at intersections including curb extensions, shorter crossing distances, enhanced lighting, intersection control evaluation and upgrades, improved signage and pavement markings, and other potential traffic calming countermeasures.

B MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Speed-reducing mid-block pedestrian crossing will be installed with elevated crosswalk and/or curb extensions, improved lighting, high visibility signage and pavement markings, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB).

C SHARED-USE CORRIDOR

The alley will be enhanced with exclusive space for pedestrians and shared use for bikes, business deliveries, and limited parking access. Decorative and permeable surfaces will produce an inviting aesthetic while enhancing drainage for the area. Other upgrades include landscaping; pedestrian amenities like benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles; safety lighting; and vertical separation between infrequent vehicles and pedestrians (e.g. decorative bollards, raised planters, etc.).



D PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR

Between Douy Street and Harris Street, the alley will be a pedestrian corridor. Upgrades will match other sections of the shared use corridor except vehicular access will be restricted.

E BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS

ADA upgrades; pedestrian amenities like benches, shelters, and trash receptacles; and potential traffic safety improvements like bus turnouts and other geometric changes to increase overall visibility for pedestrians and drivers.

F PEDESTRIAN PATH CONNECTIONS

Existing pedestrian walkways will be improved to allow for continuous ADA path of travel. Renovations could include widened sidewalks, regraded driveway aprons, new curb ramps, increased lighting, and aesthetic features to provide visual continuity in the project area.

G ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Roadway reallocation will be implemented to narrow and reduce vehicular lanes, calm vehicular traffic, provide more space for pedestrians and bicyclists, convert on-street parking from parallel to angled, implement curbless layouts in some areas to optimize walkability, install permeable and/or decorative paving, develop new landscaped areas, and enhance street lighting.

H EV CHARGING STATIONS

New on-street EV charging parking spots along 8th Street. Type of charging, exact locations, and quantity of EV chargers will be determined during the planning and design phases.

I ELECTRONIC INFORMATION KIOSK

Well-placed kiosks will provide pedestrians with locational and other information.

STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Stormwater improvements throughout the project area.

TECHNICAL APPROACH

DOWNTOWN ALLEY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The project proposes improving the alley to provide a continuous shared use connection, linking the Amtrak Station to the new KART regional transit station. Pedestrian pathway safety improvements will be installed throughout the corridor, incorporating a Safe System approach designed for safer people and safer roads. The corridor will have a path for pedestrians and shared path for bikes and local business access. The core pedestrian connection between the new KART transit station and the Civic Center will provide an important link between these two key pedestrian destinations.



Example of curbless crossing

Curbless crossings at key locations improve ADA accessibility and mobility.



Example of shared use alley

The Downtown Alley will be reconstructed with decorative permeable pavement suitable for pedestrians, people with mobility aids, and bicycles.

ROADWAY SAFETY AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Intersection and sidewalk improvements on Douy, Irwin, and Eighth Streets around the Civic Center Park and along Seventh Street will implement a safety and mobility approach that prioritizes non-motorized safety. Curb extensions will enhance safety by reducing crossing distances and improving visibility. They will incorporate tactile paving for the visually impaired, and feature gentle slopes for wheelchair accessibility, fostering inclusive mobility around a primary activity hub in downtown and along the corridor.

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

Bus stops in the project limits will be improved to support mobility and encourage multimodal transportation.

PLACEMAKING

The decorative permeable pavement on the improved Downtown alley corridor will promote placemaking. Lighting, security cameras, benches, and landscaping also will be added where appropriate. Opportunities for public art will be explored to contribute to the historic and cultural context of Hanford.

MICROMOBILITY AMENITIES

Micro-mobility amenities will enhance walking, biking, rolling, and transit use by providing support for first/last-mile connectivity. Bike parking and seating at key locations, including transit stops, will support multimodal trips and encourage mode-shift to active transportation.

EV CHARGING

The project implements the largest public electric vehicle charging stations installed by the City of Hanford, an innovative approach for sustainability.

WAYFINDING

Wayfinding signage will be installed at key locations, with a focus on universal design, to guide people to transit options and destinations. This will ensure seamless navigation for all, regardless of mobility challenges.



Example of Electronic Information Kiosks

Electronic Information Kiosks will be placed at Civic Center Park and on the pedestrian alley. These kiosks will be used to share city updates, safety messages, and transportation information. Resources will be marketed to promote transit, biking, and walking.

SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH

As described in the safety improvements, the project implements a safe system approach for safe roadway users and safe speeds.

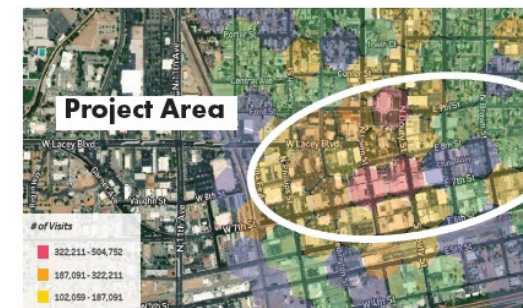
Proven Safety Countermeasures

- Safety Benefits of Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements²:
- High-visibility crosswalks can reduce pedestrian injury crashes up to **40%**
- Intersection lighting can reduce pedestrian crashes up to **42%**
- Advance yield or stop markings & signs can reduce pedestrian crashes up to **25%**
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)³:
- RRFBs can reduce crashes up to **47%** for pedestrian crashes
- RRFBs can increase motorist yielding rates up to **98%**



LOCATION INTELLIGENCE DATA

The City of Hanford utilizes a location intelligence data platform ([Placer API](#)) to gain insight into travel patterns, foot traffic, and demographics. (see Appendix G for Placer API reports.)



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SAFE STREETS FOR VACAVILLE

CITY OF VACAVILLE



Safe Streets for Vacaville 2024 Grant Application

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Safe Streets and Roads for All
(SS4A) Grants



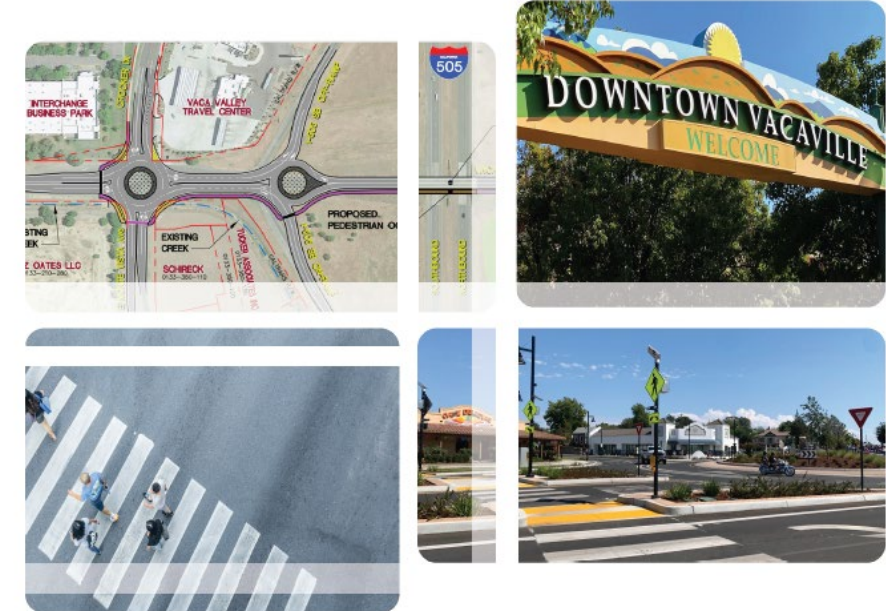
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of Transportation

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Safe Streets for Vacaville

Applicant: City of Vacaville
Vacaville, California

SS4A Award: \$11,020,000



A Proposal from the City of Vacaville for the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program

May 16, 2024

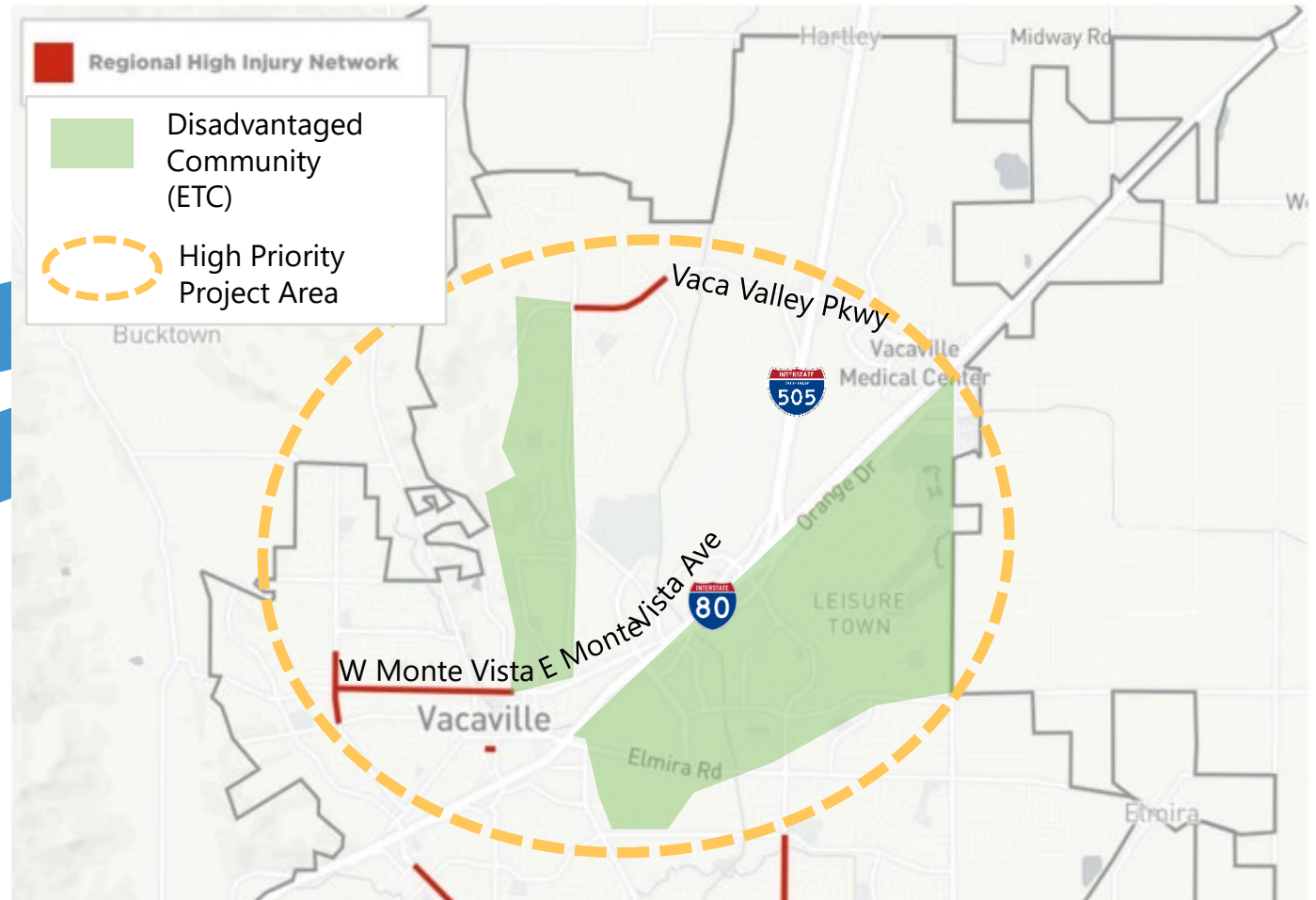
Safe Systems Approach

SAFE STREETS FOR VACAVILLE

Strategic Planning

- Regional Data
- Program Alignment
- Community Needs

*High Priority
Project Area*



SAFE STREETS FOR VACAVILLE PROJECT SCOPE

Supplemental Planning & Demonstration

- ✓ Citywide Equity Analysis
- ✓ Citywide (ADA) Transition Plan update
- ✓ Demonstration project:
 - Vision Zero Campaign
 - Feasibility Study and Engineering Analysis
 - Disadvantaged Community Engagement
 - Temporary Measures (medians, bike lane delineators, crossing enhancements)

Implementation

- ✓ Roadway Safety and Multimodal Improvements:
 - High-impact safety countermeasures (roundabouts)
 - Multimodal improvements (bike & ped)
 - Low-cost high visibility intersection enhancements (reflective backplates)



SAFE STREETS FOR VACAVILLE APPLICATION GRAPHICS



Roundabout Improvements



Reflective Backplates



Demonstration Projects



Vision Zero Safety Promotion

THANK YOU!

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