

Approve Programming Priorities for San Francisco's FY 2023/24 State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds



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STA County Block Grant Program - Overview

- Established by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in 2018
- Administered by Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs)
- Revenues from state sales tax on diesel fuel, volatile funding source
- Funds may be used for transit operating and capital needs; only transit operators may receive funds
- By May 15 of each year, CMAs must submit distribution policy to MTC

STA County Block Grant Program - Overview

Since 2018, San Francisco has programmed STA County Block Grant funds to Paratransit and projects identified through the San Francisco Lifeline Transportation Program (SF LTP)

- **Paratransit:** To continue funding level when block grant changed funding from a regional to a county program
- **SF LTP:** To support projects that improve mobility for low-income residents by addressing transportation gaps or barriers identified through equity assessments and collaborative and inclusive community-based planning processes

San Francisco STA County Block Grant Program Programming History

FISCAL YEAR(S)	PROJECT (SPONSOR)	STA FUNDS
	Elevator Attendant Program (BART)	\$2,600,000
FYs 2018/19 and 2019/20	San Francisco Community Health Mobility Navigation Project: Removing Health Care Transportation Barriers for Low Access Neighborhoods (SFMTA)	\$396,300
	Continuing Late Night Transit Service to Communities in Need (SFMTA)	\$1,609,700
	Paratransit (SFMTA)	\$3,141,610
FY 2020/21	Paratransit (SFMTA)	\$3,157,152*
	Paratransit (SFMTA)	\$3,012,914
FY 2021/22	Elevator Attendant Program (BART)	\$1,035,626
	Total	\$14,953,302

* The Board programmed up to \$3,794,003 in STA County Block Grant funds for Paratransit in FY 2020/21, but due to decreased revenues the actual amount received by SFMTA was \$3,157,152.

FY 2023/24 STA County Block Grant Recommendation

Due to the uncertainty of forecasting STA revenues, MTC recommends programming 95% of estimated STA revenues

Consistent with past programming cycles, we recommend:

- \$3,300,000 to SFMTA's FY 2023/24 Paratransit program
- \$2,058,039 (up to \$2,340,041 at 100% of the estimate) through SF LTP Cycle 3 for BART's Elevator Attendant Program in FYs 2023/24 and 2024/25

Paratransit (SFMTA)

STA funds recommended: \$3,300,000

Total Cost: \$33,853,026

- Services for seniors and persons with disabilities in FY 2023/24
- ADA services include taxi trips, pre-scheduled van and inter-county trips, group van trips to senior centers
- Non-ADA services include the Essential Trip Card, Shop-a-Round and Van Gogh shuttles, Ramp Taxi Incentives program



Elevator Attendant Program (BART, SFMTA)

STA funds recommended: \$2,058,039, up to \$2,340,041

Total Cost: \$6,785,272 (for two years)

- Improves safety, mobility, and accessibility for BART and SFMTA customers who rely on elevators to access transit systems
- Supports the economic recovery for downtown San Francisco and encourages people to take transit
- Elevators at four downtown shared stations: Civic Center/UN Plaza, Powell Street, Montgomery Street, and Embarcadero
- Funding for FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25, BART/Muni evenly split cost



Thank you.

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