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AGENDA ITEM 7b
TAC Meeting
March 5, 2026

DATE: February 18, 2026
TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
FROM: Oona Smith, Senior Regional Planner
SUBJECT: **Local Matches Due This Fiscal Year for the Humboldt Multimodal & Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning Grant**

STAFF REPORT

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Discussion Item

1. Introduce the item as discussion item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item. Direct staff as applicable.

Staff Summary:

HCAOG was awarded a Caltrans FY 2023-24 Sustainable Communities grant for the “Humboldt Multimodal & Vibrant Neighborhoods Planning” project (“VN” for short). HCAOG won the grant thanks to help from TAC member agencies and other local organizations who committed local matches to generate the required 11.47% minimum grant match.

HCAOG reports grant activity, including local match contributions, to Caltrans each quarter. Through Dec. 30, 2025, the sum of local matches amounts to \$15,690 (rounded up). The remaining balance is \$31,446. Five TAC member agencies have a combined remaining balance of \$20,022. All local matches must be expended/contributed by June 30, 2026.

HCAOG staff is bringing this discussion to the TAC for the opportunity to discuss any agencies’ requests for additional stakeholder engagement or other related work. This is also an opportunity to flag any potential shortages from any jurisdiction, as well as any overages in contributions. Based on the contribution reporting tables below for match, HCAOG staff believe there is time that local agencies have spent on this project that has yet to be reported as match.

The Jarrett Walker + Associates consultants are coming to Humboldt County for the last week of April. They will be holding workshops that could be of value and interest to TAC members.

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Grant Budget Summary:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Grant funds awarded | | \$285,267 |
| Local match—cash (e.g. staff time) | \$44,146 | |
| Local match—in-kind | \$3,089 | |
| Total local match | | \$ 47,235 |
| Percentage local match | 14.21% | |
| Total project cost | | \$332,502 |

| Agencies | Pledged Matches | | Contributions Reported (By Quarter) | | | | | | | | Total Reported | Outstanding Match |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Cash | In-Kind | Q3 23-24 | Q4 23-24 | Q1 24-25 | Q2 24-25 | Q3 24-25 | Q4 24-25 | Q1 25-26 | Q2 25-26 | | |
| HCAOG | 5,500 | - | 2,239.89 | 1,887.76 | 1,372.35 | | | | | | 5,500.00 | - |
| AEP | - | 100 | | | | | | | | | | 100 |
| CRTP | - | 1,125 | | 615.00 | 558.75 | 60.00 | 1,113.75 | - | | | 2,347.50 | (1,222.50) |
| Melanie Williams | - | 364 | | | | | | | | 364.00 | 364.00 | - |
| Arcata | 7,500 | - | | | | | | 1,920.65 | | 837.99 | 2,758.64 | 4,741.36 |
| Fortuna | 4,500 | 1,500 | | | | | | 370.20 | | 255.54 | 625.74 | 5,374.26 |
| RCEA | 10,000 | - | | | | | | | | | - | 10,000.00 |
| DHHS | 2,646 | - | | | | | | | | | - | 2,646.00 |
| Eureka | 7,500 | - | | | | | | | | 1,062.50 | 1,062.50 | 6,437.50 |
| County | 5,000 | - | | | | | | | | 2,610.36 | 2,610.36 | 2,389.64 |
| Blue Lake | 1,500 | - | | | | | | | | | - | 1,500.00 |
| Hoopa | - | - | | | | | | | | 420.70 | 420.70 | (420.70) |
| | \$44,146 | \$ 3,089 | \$2,239.89 | \$2,502.76 | \$1,931.10 | \$60.00 | \$1,113.75 | \$2,290.85 | \$- | \$5,551.09 | \$15,689.44 | \$31,445.56 |

The following grant tasks are how and when jurisdictions would contribute local matches, mostly in the form of staff time. Note that some task work has been completed. Task 3 has work pending from GHD that is expected to be delivered in March.

Task 1: Study Level-of-Traffic-Stress (LTS) for Pedestrians & Bicyclists

- Review inventory of available data, identify gaps
- Define LTS methodology & criteria
- Provide data, collect data as feasible; review LTS draft and revised output
- Share LTS Findings with agency staff, officials, and other stakeholders, public

Task 3. Planning for Sustainable Communities: Integrated Housing, Land Use, & Transportation

- Develop public-engagement approach for areas of study
- Study low-stress access and barriers to essential/major destinations. Identify high-potential areas for increasing walkability, bikeability, and housing or jobs
- Community meetings (for above actions, as applicable)

Task 4: Safe Routes to School Self-Assessment Pilot & Pop-up – This is a local match for City of Arcata and Fuente Nueva Charter School only.

Task 6: Training series on Building High-Performing Streets & Vibrant Communities
(Walk audits and community meetings with Dan Burden, Victor Dover, and Josh Meyer)

- Contribute venue and/or staff time for holding workshop training series
- Advertise events
- Attend primer series (webinars), walk audits, and/or community workshop(s)
- Jurisdictions' individual follow-up workshop/meeting(s) in own community
(This follow-up can provide the same type of community planning assistance to jurisdictions that won't have LTS analysis yet.)

Task 7: Community/Stakeholder Engagement, Outreach, & Input

- Active public engagement and stakeholder collaboration
- Targeted outreach to disadvantaged/underserved populations